



Bridges of PNEUMONOLOGY 2026

Scientific Program

Thursday 4th June 2026

12:00 - 14:00

Registration



Department of Respiratory Medicine | General University Hospital of Patras

12:00 - 14:00

Pre - congress workshops

12:00 - 13:00

Hands on thoracic ultrasound, C. Varsamas

13:00 - 14:00

Bronchoscopy - back to basics, N. Anagnostopoulos, I. Milivojević,
F. Sampsonas, I. Sekulović - Radovanović

14:00 - 15:50

Welcome Session



Bridges with society and primary care.

The transformative impact of medicine - Insights from healthcare
professionals, patients and volunteers

Chair: E. Albani, D. Grassos, P. Kyriazis

- Medical volunteering in action - The role of medical students,
E. Psarros
- The role of primary care physician and pneumonologist in the
screening and prevention of chronic lung diseases,
G. Apollonatos, S. Skliros, E. Symvoulakis (discussion)
- The role of nurse in the management of the chronic respiratory patient,
G. Kipourgos
- PF patient testimony, E. Stamouli
- Lung cancer patient and caregiver testimony, V. Mytilinaiou

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Round Tables of Medical Students

14:50 - 15:50

Parallel Session I

Management of emergencies in primary care - The scope of young physicians

Chair: **A. Christopoulos**, **I. Koulousousa**, **D. Papalexatos**

Emergency Cases in Rural Primary Care

- Acute Coronary Syndrome, **A. Mavromati**
- Pulmonary Edema, **T. Paizis**
- Allergic Rhinitis | Allergic reactions and impeding airway obstruction, **G. Kalantzis**
- Exacerbations of obstructive pulmonary disease, **C. Chatzigrigoriadis**

15:50 - 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:20

Round Table

Bridges of Pulmonology with Infectious Diseases - A journey through time

Chair: **A. Liapikou**, **M. Marangos**, **N. Rovina**

Keynote Lecture

New European Respiratory Society guidelines for the management of adult Bronchiectasis, **A. Dimakou**

- Management of hospital-acquired respiratory tract infections - The milestones of clinical research, **S. Assimakopoulos**
- Viral infections in severe asthma patients under biologic agents, **N. Rovina**
- Management of Tuberculosis - The milestones of clinical research, **C. Moschos**

Commentators: **V. Georgakopoulou**, **M. Lagadinou**, **L. Leonidou**





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Parallel Session II

Pitfalls in diagnosis and management of common pulmonary disease

Chair: I. Papanikolaou, M. Stroumpou, I. Tselepis

- Interstitial Lung Disease, D. – E. Kakolyris
- Tuberculosis, G. – A. Petraki
- Pulmonary Embolism, G. Bakopoulos
- Community acquired pneumonia with pleural effusion, M. – A. Tzouvelekis

17:20 - 17:45

Coffee Break

17:45 - 19:45

Round Table

Current Trends and Future Perspectives in Interventional Pulmonology

Chair: F. Sampsonas, G. Stratakis, I. Titopoulos



Keynote Lectures

- Current trends and future perspectives in Robotic Bronchoscopy, K. Lau
- The role of endosonography - Guided fine needle aspiration in preoperative restaging of lung cancer, S. Bilaceroglu
- Local treatment of peripheral nodules. When and how? What is the role of microwaves, cryoablation & radiofrequencies? N. Anagnostopoulos
- From ILAs to Early - IPF: When to move from observation to cryobiopsy, S. Tomassetti
- Rigid Bronchoscopy in the era of modern Interventional Pulmonology - When and why remains the golden standard, S. Popević

Commentators: M. Angelidis, E. Georgiannakis, L. Papastavrou

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Round Table

Sleep disorders - A journey through time

Chair: **G. Efraimidis, K. Karkoulas, P. Steiropoulos**

State of the Art Lecture

Classification of sleep disorders beyond the conventional criteria,
D. Georgopoulos

Keynote Lecture

Chronotypes in obstructive sleep apnea, **G. Trakada**

- Hypoxic burden in obstructive sleep apnea, **K. Cholidou**
- Polysomnography - Back to Basics, **N. Athanasiou**

Commentators: **M. Katsaras, D. Lykouras**

Parallel Session

09:00 - 11:00

Young Investigator Session - From bench to bedside

Chair: **J. Khoury, M. Mukherjee, V. Sotiropoulou**

Keynote lecture

GPR87 as a novel therapeutic target in IPF, **J. Khoury**

- Pulmonary adipocyte deposits in lung fibrosis - A novel fibrotic regulator, **P. Tsiri**
- The role of monocytes and eosinophils as prognosticators of clinical outcomes in COPD, **A. Assioura**
- Prognostic biomarkers in fibrotic ILDs, **I. Nakou**
- Biologics in severe asthma - The role of biomarkers, **M. Blizou**
- Pulmonary Hypertension associated with Interstitial Lung Diseases - A case-based presentation, **E. Foteinaki**
- Beyond HRCT - Transthoracic U/S and Oscillometry for the Diagnosis of CTD-ILDs, **D. Mylopoulou**

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Coffee Break



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Round Table

Bridges of Pulmonology with Oncology - A journey through time

Chair: A. Christopoulou, I. Gkiozos, A. Koutras



Keynote Lecture

Lung Cancer Screening - Unmet needs and current status,
G. Hardavella

- Targeted Therapy and Immunotherapy Propel - 10 years of progress in NSCLC, **G. Gomatou**
- Lung cancer molecular profiling - Advances and challenges, **V. Tzelepi**
- Smoking pandemic and smoking cessation - Where do we stand? **P. Katsaounou**

Commentators: D. – S. Gkanetsou, D. Komninos, M. Pandi, E. Theochari

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Keynote Lecture

Ethical dilemmas and end-life decisions - A critical challenge for modern medicine

Chair: D. Bouros, G. Kolios, I. Patrikios

Lecturer: I. Pnevmatikos

18:45 - 19:10



Lecture

What Thucydides teaches us about great power rivalry

Chair: G. Tsoukalas, A. Tzouvelekis

Lecturer: A. Platias

19:10



Opening ceremony | Salutations

Opening Lecture

The future of Pneumontology over the next 50 years, N. Tzanakis

Honorary award for Professor Nikolaos Tzanakis,
presented by Epameinondas Kosmas



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08:30 - 09:45

Round Table

Bridges of Pulmonology with Cardiovascular diseases - A journey through time

Chair: **G. Chatzantonis, P. Davlouros, T. Raptakis**



State of the art Lecture

Insights from the HI - PEITHO trial, **S. Konstantinides**

- Challenges and opportunities in the management of post pulmonary embolism impairment, **S. Sarinc**
- Management Heart Failure with preserved EF (HFpEF), **A. Karanasos**
- Challenges and opportunities in the management of Group 3 Pulmonary Hypertension - Milestones of clinical research, **I. Mitrouska**

Commentators: **M. Doumani, R. Koros, E. Tsoni**

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Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:00

Round Table

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Chair: **G. Hillas, S. Loukides, A. Papaioannou**



Keynote Lecture

Mortality trends in COPD, **T. Vassilakopoulos**

A. COPD

- Towards a unified approach for the management of COPD and asthma, **K. Kostikas**
- Impact of climate changes in COPD, **M. Gaga**

Commentators: **D. Chorianopoulos, E. Vrouvakis, G. Zacharis**

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Round Table

Severe asthma - From phenotypes to phenotypes

Chair: E. Fouka, F. Psarros, D. Toumpanakis

Keynote Lecture

Eosinophils as potentiators of autoimmunity - (anti)-bodies of evidence,
M. Mukherjee

B. Asthma

- Unmet needs in severe asthma, **K. Samitas**
- Remodeling in asthma - Diagnostic tools and therapeutic challenges,
K. Domvri
- Chronic rhinosinusitis unmet needs and future perspectives, **M. Makris**
- The role of surgery in nasal polyps in the era of biologic agents,
S. Lygeros

Commentators: I. Christopoulos, A. Georgolios, C. Kontogianni

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Lunch Break

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Keynote Lecture

IPF - From A to Z

Chair: A. Tzouvelekis

Lecturer: D. Bouros



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Round Table

Interstitial Lung Diseases

Chair: **Z. Daniil, E. Manali, V. Tzilas**



Keynote Lecture

Fibrosis across organ systems - From passive comorbidities to active fibrotic mediators, **G. Jenkins**

- Management of CTD-ILDs - From guidelines to everyday clinical practice, **K. Antoniou**
- ERS/EULAR CTD-ILD guidelines - The rheumatologist perspective, **S. - N. Liossis**
- Management of sarcoidosis - Milestones of clinical research, **M. - A. Man**
- Managing the comorbidome in fibrotic lung diseases, **G. Margaritopoulos**
- Management of Interstitial Lung Abnormalities, **A. Gogali**
- Drug induced ILDs - Novel concepts for old ideas, **F. Drakopanagiotakis**

Commentators: **A. Bounas, V. Sotiropoulou, P. Tsiri**

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Closing Ceremony - Concluding Remarks

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Satellite Symposia – Lectures

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Satellite Lecture

COPD with Type 2 Inflammation - Latest Evidence and Contemporary Therapeutic Approaches

Chair: **S. Loukides**

Lecturer: **A. Papaioannou**

11:45 - 12:15

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Satellite Lecture

Extrafine Triple Therapy in Asthma and COPD

Chair: **E. Zervas**

- The role of LAMA in Asthma Management - In which patients and why? **C. Kontogianni**
- The importance of Timely intervention in COPD management - Real-world data from Greece, **I. Voulgareli**

12:15 - 12:45

GSK



Satellite Lecture

RSV and Obstructive Airway Diseases - Dangerous Relationships

Chair: **S. Loukides**

Lecturer: **G. Hillas**

12:45 - 13:15

AstraZeneca



Satellite Lecture

Advancing Sustainable Disease Control in Respiratory Medicine

Chair: **G. Hillas**

- Sustainability begins with disease control - A multidimensional approach to COPD, **S. Tryfon**
- Eosinophils in Severe Asthma - Linking Inflammation and Remodelling, **V. Vitsas**

17:30 - 18:00

GSK



Satellite Lecture

Bridging the latest evidence with clinical practice in Severe Asthma & COPD

Chair / Introduction: **K. Porpodis**

- What do we learn from the latest evidence on IL-5 inhibition in severe asthma? **D. Siopi**
- The clinical value of biologic therapy in COPD, **E. Tzortzaki**

Discussion: **K. Porpodis, D. Siopi, E. Tzortzaki**



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Satellite Lecture

Chair: K. Antoniou

- Epithelial Health - Connecting upper and lower airway disease, **A. Papaioannou**
- Management of severe asthma patients with complex clinical profiles, **D. Papalexatos**

10:15 – 10:45

 Menarini Hellas



Satellite Lecture

From dual bronchodilator to triple therapy in COPD

Chair: S. Loukides

Lecturer: T. Vassilakopoulos

12:00 – 13:00





Satellite Symposium

Latest Data in the Prevention of Pneumococcal Disease and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Chair: P. Steiropoulos

- Prevention strategy for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) - The contribution of the bivalent vaccine (RSVpreF), **T. Vassilakopoulos**
- PCV20 - A strategy for comprehensive pneumococcal vaccination in adults, **K. Kostikas**

13:00 – 13:30

 Guidotti Hellas



Satellite Lecture

Maximal bronchodilation as the cornerstone of current therapeutic COPD management

Chair: A. Tzouvelekis

Lecturer: G. Hillas

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 **Boehringer
Ingelheim**



Satellite Lecture

Aiming at what matters - Early diagnosis and treatment in IPF and PPF

Chair: A. Tzouvelekis

Lecturers: A. Gogali, G. Margaritopoulos