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32nd ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE
EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF THORACIC IMAGING

JUNE 04-06, 2026
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*Welcome
to Salzburg!*

FINAL PROGRAMME

DEAR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS,

On behalf of the European Society of Thoracic Imaging, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of ESTI, which takes place from June 04-06, 2026, in Salzburg, Austria. On Wednesday, June 03, we will offer additional course programme.

The scientific programme will offer a comprehensive overview of current advances and future directions in thoracic imaging. Topics will include state-of-the-art techniques in CT, MRI, and interventional radiology, as well as deep dives into core clinical areas such as lung cancer screening and staging, interstitial lung diseases, bronchiectasis, pulmonary hypertension, and the expanding role of artificial intelligence in diagnosis, quantification, and workflow integration. The programme will also feature interactive sessions, multidisciplinary discussions and industry-sponsored symposia to promote collaboration across specialties and institutions.

The congress venue, Salzburg Congress, is ideally located in the heart of the city, within walking distance of hotels, and restaurants. It provides the perfect backdrop for learning, networking, and reconnecting with colleagues from across Europe and beyond.

We welcome you to ESTI 2026 in Salzburg – for an engaging scientific experience in one of Europe’s most enchanting cities.

With warm regards,
Helmut Prosch
ESTI President



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Bernd Wintersperger, Toronto/CA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 03

HRCT WORKSHOP

11:00-18:00 | Room 1



Moderators: A. Beeskow, Leipzig/DE; F. Molinari, Tourcoing/FR

- 11:00 Small structure, big impact: The secondary pulmonary lobule (interactive)
J. Gruden, New Orleans/US
- 11:30 Lots of dots: Decoding the nodular pattern (interactive)
A. Székely, Debrecen/HU
- 12:15-12:30 Coffee Break
- 12:30 Webs and lines: Making sense of the reticular pattern (interactive)
F. Molinari, Valbonne/FR
- 13:15 Through the haze: Ground glass opacities demystified (interactive)
A.R. Larici, Rome/IT
- 14:00 Solid truths: Interpreting consolidations on HRCT (interactive)
F. Ahlfors, Västra Frölunda/SE
- 14:45-15:00 Coffee Break

Moderators: A.R. Larici, Rome/IT; G. Milanese, Parma/IT

- 15:00 Holes in the picture: Cracking cystic lung disease (interactive)
A. Oikonomou, Toronto/CA
- 15:45 Challenge accepted: Tackling fibrosing lung diseases (interactive)
S. Palmucci, Catania/IT
- 16:30-16:45 Coffee Break
- 16:45 Test your eye: HRCT challenge (interactive)
R. Mura, Vienna/AT
- 17:30 Discussion
- 18:00 End

AI BOOTCAMP FOR THORACIC

RADIOLOGISTS

09:00-18:00 | Room 2



09:00-10:00

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence in Radiology

Moderator: C. Jacobs, Nijmegen/NL

- 09:00 Key concepts and definitions
C. Jones, Brisbane/AU
- 09:20 How does deep learning work?
G. Langs, Vienna/AT
- 09:40 Generative AI
B. van Ginneken, Nijmegen/NL

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-11:15

AI for thoracic oncology: Beyond lung cancer screening

Moderator: G. Chassagnon, Paris/FR

- 10:15 AI in lung cancer screening: Current use and future directions
C. Jacobs, Nijmegen/NL
- 10:35 Predictive AI in lung cancer: From imaging to prognosis
G. Langs, Vienna/AT
- 10:55 EUCAIM
I. Blanquer, Valencia/ES

11:15-11:45

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11:45-12:45 Lunch Break

AI BOOTCAMP FOR THORACIC RADIOLOGISTS

12:45-13:45

AI for chest X-ray: Old modality, new tools

Moderator: G. Langs, Vienna/AT

- 12:45 AI for chest X-ray interpretation
F. Gleeson, Oxford/UK
- 13:05 The tuberculosis screening use case: How AI can help for a global health challenge
B. van Ginneken, Nijmegen/NL
- 13:25 Can AI and chest X-ray replace ultra-low dose CT?
C. Jones, Brisbane/AU

13:45-14:15

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14:15-14:30 Coffee Break

14:30-15:30

AI for diffuse lung diseases

Moderator: C. Jones, Brisbane/AU

- 14:30 AI for interstitial lung diseases: Main applications
J.M. Goo, Seoul/KR
- 14:50 AI for bronchial diseases
G. Chassagnon, Paris/FR
- 15:10 The OSIC consortium
E.M. Estes-Cooper, Saugatuck/US

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-16:45

Bringing AI into your radiology department

Moderator: G. Langs, Vienna/AT

- 15:45 How to choose the right AI tool
G. Chassagnon, Paris/FR
- 16:05 Integration challenges: Making AI work within your hospital
D. Pinto Dos Santos, Frankfurt/DE
- 16:25 Business models for medical AI
J. Sufana, Vienna/AT

16:45-17:00 Coffee Break

17:00-18:00

Legal, ethical, and regulatory considerations

Moderator: G. Chassagnon, Paris/FR

- 17:00 The EU AI act
M. Schmidbauer, Vienna/AT
- 17:30 Ethical reflections for a responsible use
K. Kwiatkowska, Vienna/AT
- 18:00 End

THURSDAY, JUNE 04

ROOM 1

08:00-09:30

Educational Session: From evidence to action: Building a lung cancer screening programme

Moderators: A. Christe, Bern/CH; A. Devaraj, London/UKE

- 08:00 Essential elements of a screening programme
M. Silva, Parma/IT
- 08:12 Measuring success and sustaining impact: Data, outcomes and continuous improvement
S. Hare, London/UK
- 08:24 Nodule clinic – Nodule MDT and screening review meeting
A. Nair, London/UK
- 08:36 Round table discussion
All speakers
- 09:00 Discussion

09:30-09:35 Break

09:35-10:05

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10:05-10:35 Coffee Break

ROOM 2

08:00-09:30

Educational Session: Patterns of inflammation: Organising pneumonia, bronchiolocentric interstitial pneumonia and drug-induced pneumonitis

Moderators: J. Coolen, Leuven/BE; J.R. Inácio, Lisbon/PT

- 08:00 Organizing pneumonia: Imaging features and clinical correlates
O. Moreh-Rahav, Tel Aviv/IL
- 08:25 Bronchiolocentric interstitial pneumonia: Imaging clues and diagnostic challenges
N. Sverzellati, Parma/IT
- 08:50 Drug-induced pneumonitis: The great imaging imitator
C. Romei, Pisa/IT
- 09:15 Discussion

09:30-09:35 Break

10:05-10:35 Coffee Break

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10:35-11:35

Educational Session: Fibrosing lung disease: From diagnosis to disease monitoring*Moderators: A. Nair, London/UK; D.S. Putrins, Riga/LV*

- 10:35 Practical approach to fibrotic lung disease
J. Chung, San Diego/US
- 10:55 How to assess progression in fibrosing lung diseases
A. Devaraj, London/UK
- 11:15 The role of cryobiopsy and histology in the diagnosis of fibrosis lung diseases
V. Poletti, Forli/IT

11:35-11:40 Break

11:40-12:00

Opening Ceremony*H. Prosch, Vienna/AT*

12:00-12:05 Break

12:05-13:05

Industry sponsored symposium

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13:05-13:35 Break



10:35-11:35

Educational Session: Beyond the infiltrate: Radiologic perspectives on pneumonia*Moderators: L. Beer, Vienna/AT; J. Ip, Lisbon/PT*

- 10:35 Infectious Pneumonia: Classical and Emerging Imaging Patterns
R-I. Milos, Vienna/AT
- 10:50 We need to talk about tuberculosis
A.P. Parkar, Bergen/NO
- 11:05 Treatment-Resistant Pneumonia: Radiologic Differential Diagnosis and Pitfalls
E. Kocova, Hradec Kralove/CZ
- 11:20 Discussion

11:35-11:40 Break

12:00-12:05 Break

13:05-13:35 Break

13:35-14:35

Scientific Session 1: Beyond the lung: Comprehensive AI applications in chest imaging*Moderators: L. Morbée, Ghent/BE; K. Tavernaraki, Athens/GR*

- 13:35 Evaluating an AI first-reader workflow of baseline scans in a population-based lung cancer screening pilot
A. Gerris, Antwerp/BE
- 13:43 From CT to MRI: Robust Paediatric Thoracic Organ Segmentation Using a GIN-Augmented 3D U-Net
B. Lassen-Schmidt, Bremen/DE
- 13:51 AI-Based CT Analysis Identifies IMAT as an Independent Predictor of Vascular Calcification and Modulator of the Bone-Vascular Axis in COPD Patients
B.K. Budai, Heidelberg/DE
- 13:59 Can AI Screen for Low Bone Mineral Density on Routine Chest Radiographs? Insights from Irish and International Cohorts
T. Derksen, Cork/IE
- 14:07 Clinical Impact of AI Integration on the Primary Care CXR-to-Fast Track CT Diagnostic Pathway: A Longitudinal Audit
W. Ding, Leeds/UK
- 14:15 Novel AI strategy of combining large dataset training, population specific retraining and confidence estimation to improve pulmonary nodule malignancy risk assessment
E.M. Barbosa Jr., Philadelphia/US
- 14:23 Investigating Low-Dose CT Image Quality with Deep Learning Reconstruction Techniques and Interobserver Variability in Visual Grading
M. Oliveira Diniz, Gothenburg/SE
- 14:31 Discussion

14:35-14:45 Break

13:35-14:35

Scientific Session 2: Advancing precision: Photon-counting CT and functional imaging in lung disease*Moderators: N. Landini, Arezzo/IT; R.E. Ledda, Parma/IT*

- 13:35 Spatial Mapping of Pulmonary Perfusion Defects in Acute Embolism: Automated Analysis of Non-Perfused Vessel Volume using Photon-Counting CT
A.M. Hunkemöller, Hannover/DE
- 13:43 3D PREFUL MRI reveals increased ventilation heterogeneity after pediatric lung transplantation
M. Speth, Hannover/DE
- 13:51 The role of FDG PET-CT for staging T1 part-solid lung nodules. More imaging, same decisions?
I. Telpova, Leeds/UK
- 13:59 Limitations of Opportunistic Osteoporosis Risk Assessment in Lung Cancer Screening using X-Ray-Comparable Photon-Counting CT
J. Kroschke, Zurich/CH
- 14:07 Node Reporting and Data System (Node-RADS) Evaluation for Regional Lymph Nodes in Surgically Treated Primary Lung Tumors
M. Balbi, Orbassano, Turin/IT
- 14:15 Is initial staging of patients with suspected lung cancer using a contrast CT chest safe practice?
I. Sequeiros, Bristol/UK
- 14:23 Clinical Probability-Based Evaluation of an AI Algorithm for Pulmonary Embolism Detection on CT Pulmonary Angiography
A. Ayobi, La Ciotat/FR
- 14:31 Discussion

14:35-14:45 Break

ROOM 1

14:45-16:15

Educational Session: Finding lung cancer early: Pulmonary nodules in lung cancer screening*Moderators: R. Mura, Vienna/AT; D. Penha, Liverpool/UK*

- 14:45 How to establish a low-dose CT protocol
C. De Margerie-Mellon, Paris/FR
- 15:03 ESTI nodule management recommendations
M. Prokop, Nijmegen/NL
- 15:21 Lung cancer screening cases (interactive)
G. Milanese, Parma/IT
- 15:39 AI as concurrent, second or first reader?
C. Jacobs, Nijmegen/NL
- 15:57 Discussion

16:15-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:45

Educational Session: Lung cancer screening in Europe: Current perspectives and emerging strategies*Moderators: J. Chorostowska, Warsaw/PL; M. Prokop, Nijmegen/NL*

- 16:45 European status and major initiatives: SOLACE and ELCSA
H-U. Kauczor, Heidelberg/DE
- 16:57 Guidelines driving practice: European recommendations for lung cancer screening
T.G. Blum, Berlin/DE
- 17:09 Lessons from the field: Implementation studies across Europe
A. Kerpel Fronius, Budapest/HU
- 17:21 Recruitment strategies and patient engagement in lung cancer screening
J. Chorostowska, Warsaw/PL
- 17:33 Discussion

ROOM 2

14:45-16:15

Educational Session: From images to insight: Advances in ILD*Moderators: J. Gruden, New Orleans/US; H. Prosch, Vienna/AT*

- 14:45 Speaking the same language: Fleischner Society consensus on ILD terminology
J.P. Kanne, Middleton/US
- 15:03 Everything new in ILDs? The new classification of interstitial pneumonias
S. Piciucchi, Bologna/IT
- 15:21 Artificial intelligence in ILD: Quantifying fibrosis and predicting progression
J.M. Goo, Seoul/KR
- 15:39 MRI and PET/CT in fibrosing lung disease: Emerging roles and clinical value
J. Biederer, Heidelberg/DE
- 15:57 Discussion

16:15-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:45

Educational Session: Thoracic tumors: Imaging approaches and diagnostic challenges*Moderators: R. Gill, New York/US; D. Murphy, Dublin/IE*

- 16:45 Mediastinal masses: Characterisation and differential diagnosis
Y. Ahn, Seoul/KR
- 17:05 Mesothelioma: Imaging features and diagnostic pitfalls
I. Hartmann, Rotterdam/NL
- 17:25 MRI as problem solving tool in thoracic oncology
Y.J. Jeong, Busan/KR

ROOM 1

17:45-17:50 Break

17:50-18:50

Educational Session: Lung cancer restaging: Imaging strategies and challenges

Moderators: R. Dos Santos, Lisbon/PT; D. Shaham, Mevassert Zion/IL

- 17:50 Re-staging after systemic therapy: What radiologists need to know
L. Beer, Vienna/AT
- 18:10 Response assessment after radiotherapy: Mind the pitfalls
N. Screatton, Cambridge/UK
- 18:30 Imaging of post-surgical complications in thoracic oncology
T. Frauenfelder, Zurich/CH

ROOM 2

17:45-17:50 Break

17:50-18:50

Young ESTI Committee Session "Mentorship, Future Skills & the Next Generation of Thoracic Radiologists"

Moderators: G. Cicchetti, Rome/IT; D. Kifjak, Vienna/AT; E. Pompe, Utrecht/NL; I. Saab, Geneva/CH

- 17:50 Welcome & Introduction
G. Cicchetti, Rome/IT
- 17:55 Mentorship in Thoracic Radiology
D. Kifjak, Vienna/AT; H. Prosch, Vienna/AT
- 18:10 Future Skills for Thoracic Radiologists.
Skill N1: Interdisciplinary communication – How to speak the same language between radiologists and how to communicate with pathologists, pulmonologists, and surgeons
G. Milanese, Parma/IT
- 18:30 Quiz (interactive)
D. Kifjak, Vienna/AT; H. Prosch, Vienna/AT
- 18:40 Discussion

FRIDAY, JUNE 05

ROOM 1

07:30-08:00

ESTI General Assembly

08:00-09:30

Educational Session: Hot topic in fibrosing lung diseases

Moderators: E. Van Beek, Edinburgh/UK; J. Wakulinski, Warsaw/PL

08:00 Interstitial lung abnormalities (ILA): From incidental finding to clinical significance

S. Desai, London/UK

08:25 Connective tissue disease-related ILD: Imaging clues and diagnostic challenges

C. Schaefer-Prokop, Amersfoort/NL

08:50 Progressive pulmonary fibrosis (PPF): Imaging biomarkers and prognostic indicators

G. Cicchetti, Rome/IT

09:15 Discussion

09:30-09:40 Break

09:40-10:10

Crazy Paving Pattern: Cracking the Differential Diagnosis (interactive)

H. Prosch, Vienna/AT

10:10-10:40 Coffee Break

ROOM 2

08:00-09:30

Educational Session: ESTI meets the French Society of Thoracic Imaging: Pulmonary embolism and pulmonary hypertension

Moderators: J. Kroschke, Konstanz/DE; R-I. Milos, Vienna/AT

08:00 State-of-the-art imaging in pulmonary embolism

P. Habert, Marseille/FR

08:25 PE imaging: Diagnostic challenges and dilemmas

G. Aviram, Tel Aviv/IL

08:50 Pulmonary hypertension: Key imaging findings and radiologist's role

O. Meyrignac, Le Kremlin-Bicêtre/FR

09:15 Discussion

09:30-09:40 Break

10:10-10:40 Coffee Break

10:40-11:40

The great Thoracic Imaging Quiz: Pitfalls, pearls and surprises*Moderators: H. Gietema, Maastricht/NL; E. Muscogiuri, Leuven/BE*

10:40 The challenging pulmonary CT pattern: Pitfalls, pearls and surprises (interactive)

C. Schaefer-Prokop, Amersfoort/NL

11:00 The challenging oncologic patient: Pearls and pitfalls (interactive)

C. Pozzessere, Lausanne/CH

11:20 The challenging acute aorta: Pearls and pitfalls (interactive)

S. Patel, Saline/US

11:40-11:50 Break

11:50-12:50

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12:50-13:20 Break

13:20-14:20

Scientific Session 3: Lung cancer screening: Refining the screening pathway: Protocols, guidelines and performance*Moderators: E.M. Barbosa Jr., Philadelphia/US; A.P. Parkar, Bergen/NO*

13:20 Associations Between Emphysema Severity, Sputum Biomarkers, and Cell Composition in Smokers With and Without COPD

J. Zuchowska, Warszawa/PL

10:40-11:40

Educational Session: Common challenges in thoracic imaging*Moderators: G. Aviram, Tel Aviv/IL; S. Nikolova, Skopje/MK*10:40 Sarcoidosis: Imaging patterns and diagnostic pitfalls
*C.A. Ridge, London/UK*11:00 Cystic lung disease: From imaging clues to diagnosis
*P-Y. Brillet, Bobigny/FR*11:20 Micronodular patterns: Narrowing the differential
O. Hamer, Regensburg/DE

11:40-11:50 Break

12:50-13:20 Break

13:20-14:20

Scientific Session 4: Interstitial lung diseases: AI-driven phenotyping and progression biomarkers*Moderators: P. Khafagy, Fribourg/CH; S. Patel, Saline/US*13:20 CT manifestations of interstitial lung disease in Sjögren's disease
M.M. Aabel, Oslo/NO

ROOM 1

- 13:28 AI-based Automated Coronary Artery Calcification Quantification for Accurate and Efficient Reporting in Lung Cancer Screening: Comparison with Semi-automated and Visual Assessment
J. Kroschke, Zurich/CH
- 13:36 Impact of applying Lung-RADS versus ESTI nodule management recommendations to baseline scans in a population-based lung cancer screening pilot
A. Gerris, Antwerp/BE
- 13:44 Cough Before You Scan: A Simple Maneuver Could Reduce Mucus-Induced Indeterminate Airways Nodules In Lung Cancer Screening
C. Bettaieb, Lausanne/CH
- 13:52 Cyst-related lung cancers and Lung-RADS v2022 in three screening trials
G. Picozzi, Pistoia/IT
- 14:00 Beyond the lungs: AI-enabled detection of hepatic steatosis on low-dose chest CT in a european lung cancer screening population
C. Pozzessere, Lausanne/CH
- 14:08 Education and Training in Lung Cancer Screening: Results from a European Survey
R. Mura, Vienna/AT
- 14:16 Discussion

14:20-14:25 Break

14:25-15:55

Educational Session: Airways: Anatomy, function and imaging essentials

Moderators: *R.E. Ledda, Parma/IT; M. Puseljic, Graz/AT*

- 14:25 Trachea: From congenital anomalies to acquired disorders
K. Tavernarakis, Athens/GR
- 14:50 Bronchiectasis: Imaging, etiology and emerging insights
M. Radiké, Liverpool/UK

ROOM 2

- 13:28 Head-to-Head Comparison of Three Visual CT Scores and Two Lung Texture Analysis Software in Systemic Sclerosis-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease
N. Landini, Rome/IT
- 13:36 iLARS: Imaging Biomarkers for Progression of Interstitial Lung Abnormalities to IPF
T. Schnitzler, Aarau/CH
- 13:44 Tracheal Remodeling as a Structural Marker of Progression in Fibrotic Interstitial Lung Disease
A. Poellinger, Bern/CH
- 13:52 Interstitial Lung Abnormalities assessment in first-degree relatives of pathogenic Telomere-Related Gene variant carriers, using Deep Learning based Automated Quantification Tool
E. Caillat, Paris/FR
- 14:00 Chest HRCT Phenotypes in Cardiac Sarcoidosis: Analysis According to "High-resolution CT phenotypes in pulmonary sarcoidosis: A multinational Delphi consensus study"
J. Zuchowska, Warszawa/PL
- 14:08 Quantitative assessment of pulmonary fibrotic tissue volume in interstitial lung diseases using artificial intelligence
A. Oganessian, Moscow/RU
- 14:16 Discussion

14:20-14:25 Break

14:25-15:55

Educational Session: Chest radiographs uncovered: Tips, tricks and pitfalls

Moderators: *T. Niemann, Baden/CH; O. Pettersson, Uppsala/SE*

- 14:25 Common errors and cognitive biases in chest radiograph interpretation (interactive)
A. Barker, Cambridge/UK

ROOM 1

15:15 Diseases of the small airways
F. Doellinger, Hamburg/DE

15:40 Discussion

15:55-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-16:35

Honorary Lecture

Moderator: H. Prosch, Vienna/AT

Pulmonary Embolism: Challenging the Myth of Easy Diagnosis

B. Ghaye, Brussels/BE

16:35-16:40 Break

16:40-18:10

Image Interpretation Session

Moderators: J. Babar, Cambridgeshire/UK; D. Kifjak, Vienna/AT

Team 1 A. Devaraj, London/UK
A. Kerpel Fronius, Budapest/HU
R.E. Ledda, Parma/IT
E. Pompe, Utrecht/NL

Team 2 P-Y. Brilllet, Bobigny/FR
G. Cicchetti, Rome/IT
D. Manos, Halifax/CA
C. Schaefer-Prokop, Amersfoort/NL



ROOM 2

14:50 Small clues, big impact: Subtle findings that change clinical management (interactive)
B. Heidinger, Vienna/AT

15:15 Test your eye: Chest radiograph quiz (interactive)
N. Howarth, Carouge/CH

15:40 Discussion

15:55-16:15 Coffee Break

16:35-16:40 Break

SATURDAY, JUNE 06

ROOM 1

08:00-09:00

Scientific Session 5: Bridging the gap: The impact of radiology reporting and AI on ILD clinical care

Moderators: J. Arenas Jimenez, El Campello/ES; E. Pershina, Moscow/RU

- 08:00 Recognition of Interstitial Lung Disease on Thoracic CT: Impact of initial radiology report on time to specialist referral
R. Patel, London/UK
- 08:08 Relative "Normal Appearing Lung" Volume as a Novel CT Prognostic Biomarker in Patients with Fibrotic Interstitial Lung Disease
D. Juskanic, Nitra/SK
- 08:16 Ultra-High-Resolution Photon-Counting CT for ILD in Systemic Sclerosis
A. Hutt, Lille/FR
- 08:24 Interstitial lung abnormalities in oncologic patients with drug-induced pneumonitis: Prevalence, radiological and clinical correlations
R. Hayoz, Lausanne/CH
- 08:32 Diagnostic yield and complication predictors of CT-guided transthoracic lung biopsy: A single-center retrospective analysis
G.B. Sari, Ankara/TR
- 08:40 Impact of an AI Software in assessing progression of fibrotic pulmonary diseases: Comparison with expert visual scoring
M. Adorna, Catania/IT
- 08:48 Automated Detection of Interstitial Lung Abnormalities on Chest CT: Multi-Center Validation and Clinical Impact Evaluation
T. Schnitzler, Aarau/CH
- 08:56 Discussion

09:00-09:10 Break

09:10-09:40

Industry sponsored slot Please see details on page 31.

09:40-10:10 Coffee Break

ROOM 2

08:00-09:00

Scientific Session 6: KSTR Oral Presentations

Moderators: T. Frauenfelder, Zurich/CH; G.Y. Jin, Jeon-ju/KR

- 08:00 Deep Learning for Quantitative Segmentation of Interstitial Lung Abnormality on Chest CT
E.Y. Kim, Incheon/KR
- 08:06 Prognostic Value of Cystic Morphologic Subtype and CT-Derived Volume Metrics in Lung Cancer Associated with Cystic Airspaces
S. You, Suwon/KR
- 08:12 Post operative change in functional lung volume before and after lobar resection surgery: Correlation according to smoking history
H. Kwon, Daejeon/KR
- 08:18 AI-Quantified Maximum Aortic Diameters on Lung Cancer Screening CT Predict Subsequent Cancer Risk
S.R. Kang, Iksan/KR
- 08:24 Chronic Pulmonary Graft-versus-Host Disease (GVHD): Clinical and Radiologic Insights
H. Kang, Busan/KR
- 08:30 AI-Based Quantitative CT-Derived Fibrosis Progression Predicts Progressive Pulmonary Fibrosis in CTD-ILD After COVID-19
B. Nam, Seoul/KR
- 08:36 Discussion

09:00-09:10 Break

09:40-10:10 Coffee Break

ROOM 1

10:10-11:40

Educational Session: The road ahead: Conquering the challenges of lung cancer screening

Moderators: A. Kerpel Fronius, Budapest/HU; S.M. Mak, London/UK

- 10:10 Incidental findings: The challenges
E.C. Bartlett, London/UK
- 10:35 Incidental findings: The opportunities
R.E. Ledda, Parma/IT
- 11:00 Addressing the broader challenges of lung cancer screening
R. Vliegenthart, Groningen/NL
- 11:25 Radiologists at the core – Shaping the future of lung cancer screening
A. Snoeckx, Edegem/BE

11:40-11:50 Break

11:50-12:10

Awarding Session

Moderator: H. Prosch, Vienna/AT

- 11:50 Best Paper Award 2026 "Optimizing CT pulmonary angiography with patient-adaptive triggering – A novel approach for a "one-stop-shop" evaluation of pulmonary and aortic vasculature"
G. Almeida, Baden/CH
- 11:55 Oral Presentation Awards
- 12:00 Case of the day Winner
- 12:05 ESR Journal Presentation
"European Radiology Cardiovascular and Thoracic"
H. Prosch, Vienna/AT; M.O. Wielpütz, Greifswald/DE

12:10-12:15 Break

ROOM 2

10:10-11:40

Educational Session: ESTI meets the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC)

Moderators: J.M. Goo, Seoul/KR; H. Prosch, Vienna/AT

- 10:10 T-Staging in lung cancer: Challenges and pitfalls (interactive)
R. Gill, New York/US
- 10:35 Lymph node staging: Mistakes to avoid (interactive)
I. Vlahos, Houston/US
- 11:00 Imaging of metastatic disease in lung cancer (interactive)
E. Coche, Brussels/BE
- 11:25 Discussion

11:40-11:50 Break

12:10-12:15 Break

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13:15-13:45 Break

13:45-15:15

Educational Session: ESTI meets ESCR: When the heart meets the lung*Moderators: A.P. Parkar, Bergen/NO; B. Wintersperger, Toronto/CA*

- 13:45 **Cardiooncology: Cardiac complications of systemic therapies**
B. Wintersperger, Toronto/CA
- 14:05 **Incidental Cardiovascular Abnormalities in Lung Cancer Screening CT**
W.G. Jeong, Goyang/KR
- 14:25 **The thickened left ventricle**
M. Pirnat, Maribor/SI
- 14:45 **Acute cardiac chest pain**
C. Loewe, Vienna/AT
- 15:05 **Discussion**

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

13:15-13:45 Break

13:45-15:15

Educational Session: AI in thoracic imaging: Friend or foe?*Moderators: P-Y. Brillet, Bobigny/FR; Y. Simargi, Jakarta Barat/IN*

- 13:45 **AI for pulmonary nodule detection and management**
G.Y. Jin, Jeon-ju/KR
- 14:10 **AI in the diagnosis and quantification of interstitial lung diseases**
G. Chassagnon, Paris/FR
- 14:35 **AI applications in COPD: From imaging to clinical decision support**
M. Occhipinti, Pisa/IT
- 15:00 **Discussion**

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-16:45

Educational Session: Advances in thoracic imaging: Techniques and innovations*Moderators: I. Pulzato, Liverpool/UK; I. Vlahos, Houston/US*

- 15:45 Novel tracers in thoracic imaging
L. McIntosh, Worcester/US
- 16:05 Functional and quantitative MRI techniques
J. Vogel-Claussen, Hanover/DE
- 16:25 Photon counting CT – A game changer?
A. Dubbeldam, Leuven/BE

16:45-16:55 Break

16:55-17:00

Closing Ceremony*Moderators: T. Frauenfelder, Zurich/CH; H. Prosch, Vienna/AT*

15:45-16:45

Educational Session: Imaging COPD: From phenotyping to precision care*Moderators: L. Mlynka, Jena/DE; N. Screaton, Cambridge/UK*

- 15:45 Imaging phenotypes in COPD – Prerequisites for individualized treatment
E. Pompe, Utrecht/NL
- 16:05 Functional imaging in COPD – More than what meets the eye
M.O. Wielpütz, Greifswald/DE
- 16:25 The Big Blender – The many facets of smoking-related lung disease
M. Balbi, Turin/IT

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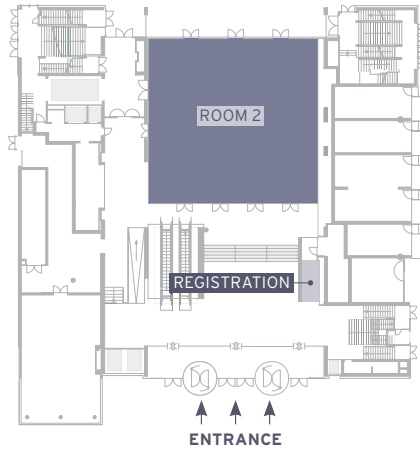
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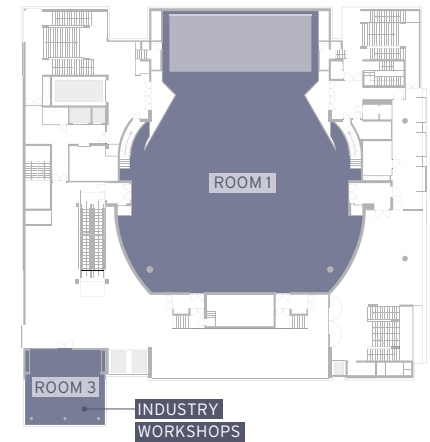
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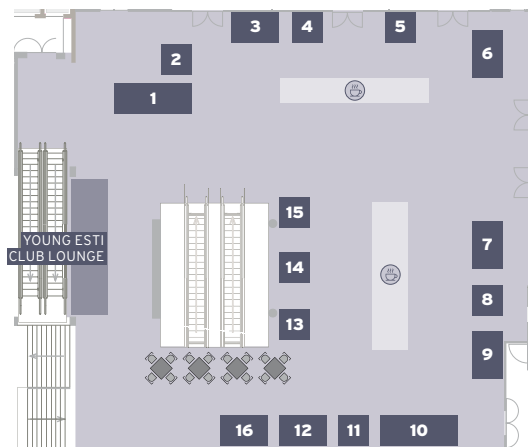
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Thursday, June 04	07:00-18:50
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Thursday, 10:05-10:35

Galit Aviram, Anna Rita Larici (LCS + Diploma)

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Thomas Frauenfelder (ESTI 2027 and future)

Friday, 10:10-10:40

Nicholas Screatton (ESTI 2028 and future)

Friday, 15:55-16:15

Judith Babar, Rebecca Mura, Daria Kifjak (Young Club)

Saturday, 09:40-10:10

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Saturday, 15:15-15:45

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Thursday, June 04, 15:20-16:20 | Room 3



Friday, June 05, 09:40-10:40 | Room 3



Friday, June 05, 11:50-12:50 | Room 3





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Wednesday, June 03, 11:15-11:45 | AI Bootcamp Room (Room 2)

AI and lung cancer screening – what the radiologist needs to know

C. Jones, Brisbane/AU

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Wednesday, June 03, 13:45-14:15 | AI Bootcamp Room (Room 2)

Implementing Lung Cancer Screening in Europe: Progress, Challenges, and Pathways Forward

13:45 Harmonizing Lung Cancer Screening Across Europe: Lessons from Early Adopters
S. Schmidt, Forchheim/DE

13:55 Austria's Journey in Lung Cancer Screening Implementation: Insights and Opportunities
J. Löffler-Ragg, Natters/AT

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Thursday, June 04, 09:35-10:05 | Room 1

Making AI Meaningful in Lung Disease: An Interactive Exploration of the ILA-ILD Transition

Where Does Disease Begin? The Transition from ILA to ILD

E. Estes, Saugatuck/US

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Thursday, June 04, 12:05-13:05 | Room 1

New CT and AI technologies in Lung Cancer Screening | From Accessibility to Nodule Management

Moderator: *M. Prokop, Nijmegen/NL*

12:05 Introduction

M. Prokop, Nijmegen/NL

12:10 Lung Cancer Screening in Motion: Access, Efficiency, Innovation

A. Snoeckx, Edegem/BE

12:30 How technology can help in nodule management and incidental findings

C. Schaefer-Prokop, Amersfoort/NL

12:50 Live Q&A

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Friday, June 05, 11:50-12:50 | Room 1

Advances in Photon Counting CT of the lung utilizing high concentration contrast media

Moderator: C. Schaefer-Prokop, Amersfoort/NL

- 11:50 High-Concentration Contrast in Chest CT: Technical Setup, Image Quality, and Clinical Value in Pulmonary Vascular Imaging
T. Frauenfelder, Zurich/CH
- 12:15 Functional Lung Imaging in CTEPH: Perfusion Quantification, PBV Mapping, and Correlation with Ventilation
H. Shin, Hanover/DE
- 12:40 Q&A

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Saturday, June 06, 12:15-13:15 | Room 1

Tomorrow's Lung Imaging – Photon counting CT and Lung MRI

Moderator: S. Schmidt, Forchheim/DE

- 12:15 Next-generation imaging of ILD with photon-counting CT
A. Dubbeldam, Leuven/BE
- 12:45 LungMaps – New horizons in functional lung MRI
J. Vogel-Claussen, Berlin/DE

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Saturday, June 06, 09:10-09:40 | Room 1

Advancing Thoracic CT: From Low-Dose Screening to Spectral Precision

Moderator: M. Khodaverdi, Hamburg/DE

- 09:10 Lung Cancer Screening in Australia with Low Dose CT
C. Jones, Brisbane/AU
- 09:25 Benefits of Spectral CT in Thoracic Imaging: My Best Cases
E. Coche, Brussels/BE



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