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1st European Workshop on **Bronchiectasis** **Chronic Cough** and in Children and Adolescents

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Welcome to the 1st European Workshop on Bronchiectasis and Chronic Cough in Children and Adolescents

A decade after the first World Bronchiectasis Conference in Hannover (2016), the Bronchiectasis community has evolved into a global movement with scientists, researchers, and clinicians dedicated to improving the management of this complex disease. Over the past ten years, bronchiectasis has gained significant attention, with international registries enhancing our understanding of its burden and variations.

Updated guidelines have established care standards, new clinical trials have explored anti-inflammatory and anti-infective treatments and advancements in airway clearance, physiotherapy, digital health, imaging and microbiome research are changing how we prevent and manage exacerbations. Notably, the patient voice now plays a crucial role in shaping research and service delivery.

Recent developments have also highlighted the pediatric aspect of bronchiectasis. The Child Bear Network has created an international registry documenting over 1,000 cases of children with bronchiectasis and chronic cough, leading experts to emphasize the need for tailored diagnosis and treatment strategies for this age group.

The upcoming workshop aims to foster collaboration and discussion among the global Bronchiectasis Community to address new challenges and innovations in managing the condition in children and adolescents.

Thank you for joining us in this important initiative for the future of our young patients and their families.

Sincerely,

The Organising Committee

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17:00	WELCOME ADDRESS
17:15	A. Bush (UK), A. Chang (Australia), A. Kantar (Italy)
17:15	OPENING SESSION
19:00	Chairs: A. Bush (UK), A. Chang (Australia), A. Kantar (Italy)
17:15	New game-changing bronchiectasis drugs: what are we learning? M. Shteinberg (Israel)
17:45	Unraveling the cough reflex V. Dicipinigaitis (USA)
18:15	Cough recording devices: opportunities for clinical use P. Marsden (UK)
	Discussion

19:00 20:00 WELCOME RECEPTION
Exhibition area



08:30	SESSION I
09:40	Chairs: A. Gramegna (Italy), F. Midulla (Italy), E. Lombardi (Italy)
08:30	Paediatric bronchiectasis: a global wake-up call A. Bush (UK)
08:50	Risk factors for bronchiectasis: is prevention possible? A. Chang (Australia)
09:10	Paediatric bronchiectasis in China K. Shen (China)
	Discussion
09:40 10:00 COFFEE BREAK	
	LECTURE I
	Chair: L. Garriga Grimau (Spain)
10:00	Promoting resolution of inflammation in bronchiectasis by disarming neutrophils
10:30	S. Aliberti (Italy)
	Discussion
10:30	SESSION II
11:40	Chairs: A. Chang (Australia), M.E. Di Cicco (Italy), S. La Grutta (Italy)
10:30	Improving Management of bronchiectasis in children and adolescents L. Petrarca (Italy)
10:50	ACT and exercise in childhood and adolescence with bronchiectasis: what is the best choice? P. Laird (Australia)
11:10	PCD. Diagnosis can't wait C. Hogg (UK)
	Discussion
	LECTURE II
	Chair: P. Tarsia (Italy)
11:40	Inhaled antibiotics in bronchiectasis
12:10	E. Polverino (Spain)
	Discussion
12:10	ROUND TABLE I LEARNING FROM LEADERS: WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN WITH BE AND PATIENTS UNMET NEEDS
12:40	A. Gramegna (Italy), A. Chang (Australia), A. Bush (UK), M. Shteinberg (Israel), K. Grimwood (Australia), E. Polverino (Spain), E. Powell (UK), D. Nobile (Italy), Z. Powell (UK)
12:40 14:00 LUNCH	

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14:00 15:15	STAGE TALKS Discussants: B. Karadağ (Turkey), K. Grimwood (Australia), F. Cardinale (Italy), M. Ghezzi (Italy)
14:00	Do we need a bronchiectasis gene panel M. Chilvers (Canada)
14:15	INSPIRE CHILD study S. Rubak (Denmark)
14:30	Bronchiectasis in Ukrainian children O. Mazulov (Ukraine)
14:45	Bronchiectasis in Italian children with PCD N. Ullmann (Italy)
	Discussion
15:15 15:45	LECTURE III Chair: V. Daccò (Italy) Nutritional management in children and adolescents with chronic respiratory diseases A. Bulfamante (Italy)
	Discussion
15:45 16:55	SESSION III Chairs: S. Boriçi (Albania), C. Capristo (Italy), S. Rubak (Denmark)
15:45	Tackling the Pros and Cons for inhaled antibiotics in wet cough K. Douros (Greece)
16:05	ICS in chronic cough A. Zacharasiewicz (Austria)
16:25	Mucus and respiratory infection in children and adolescents M. Mall (Germany)
	Discussion
16:55 17:15 COFFEE BREAK	
17:15 18:00	SESSION IV Chairs: A. Farlofi (Italy), G. L. Marseglia (Italy)
17:15	Dispelling the frequently held myths about GER in cough S. Salvatore (Italy)
17:35	OTC cough medicine: why not G. Chatziparasidis (Greece)
	Discussion
18:00 18:15	CONCLUSIONS A. Bush (UK), A. Chang (Australia), A. Kantar (Italy), F. Midulla (Italy), L. Petrarca (Italy)



General Information

VENUE

Radisson Blu Hotel, Bergamo ChorusLife
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- **27 February 2026: 08:00 – 18:30**

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