



Subject : Invitation to the first Belgian Lung Paediatrics Day - December 11, 2026 : program and practical information

Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the first edition of the **Belgian Lung Paediatrics Day**, which will take place on **11 December 2026, in Bruges**. For the first time, this will be a **full day dedicated to paediatric respirology** during the Belgian Pneumology Days, the annual congress of the Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS), held on 11-12 December 2026.

Abstracts submission:

We are pleased to invite participants to submit abstracts in two categories: **Clinical cases** and **Scientific abstracts**. Selected abstracts will be presented orally during the *Abstracts Session*, and a prize will be awarded to the best abstract in each category. *Practical information: Submission deadline: October 16th, 2026 (submission to ckempeneers@chuliege.be); maximum 350 words in English, word or pdf format, indication "Clinical case" or "Scientific abstract" category*

New concept: Difficult cases session: invitation to submit a case

As part of this year's program, we are pleased to introduce a new interactive Difficult Cases Platform. This year the focus will be on asthma. We welcome the submission of *Difficult Asthma Cases* concerning diagnostic challenges, care management, or psychosocial issues. The selected cases may be presented either by the submitting physician or, if preferred, by a board member of the Lung Paediatrics Group. *Practical information: Submission deadline: October 16th, 2026 (submission to karin.decaestecker@azdelta.be), text in English maximum 300 words, selected cases will have to prepare a presentation not exceeding 15 slides.*

We look forward to welcoming you to this inspiring inaugural meeting in Bruges.

Warm regards,

On behalf of the Lung Paediatrics Group,

Celine Kempeneers
Chair
BeRS Lung Paediatrics

Mieke Boon
Co-chair
BeRS Lung Paediatrics

P.S. If you would like to stay informed about the activities of the Lung Paediatrics Group and receive updates relevant to Belgian Pediatric Pulmonologists, you may join our mailing list using the following link: <https://forms.gle/hp7CSCRaK4v9zhxFA>



Preliminary program:

MORNING:

1. **BeRS Opening ceremony**
2. **Abstract Session (Lung Pediatrics awards session)**
 1. Clinical cases
 2. Scientific abstracts
3. **Difficult cases session - Focus Asthma** (accreditation Ethics and economics requested)

AFTERNOON:

4. **Scientific Session – Respiratory care in children with neurodisability and neuromuscular disorders**
 1. Respiratory problems in cerebral palsy/severe neurodisability
 2. Use of NIV/physical therapy in neurological and neuromuscular disorders.
 3. Swallowing dysfunction and aspiration
 4. Scientific/basic science topic: Respiratory outcomes in neuromuscular disorders in the era of disease-modifying treatment
5. **Ethics session** (accreditation Ethics and economics requested)
 1. **When the environment harms the lungs**
 - Impact of the environment on respiratory health
 - Tobacco and Vaping cessation in adolescents
 - Supporting a Smoke-free motherhood: preventing postpartum smoking relapse
 2. **Latest updates in Belgian Pediatric Respiriology and presentation of the Lung Pediatrics Group activities**
6. **BeRS closing Session**

Registration:

BeRS members: Lung Pediatrics Day: €150, Two-day Belgian Pneumology Days: €250

Junior BeRS members: Lung Pediatrics Day: €90, Two-day Belgian Pneumology Days: €150

Non BeRS members: Lung Pediatrics Day: €250, Two-day Belgian Pneumology Days: €400

We encourage you to become a member of the BeRS (Belgian Respiratory Society) <https://belgianrespiratorysociety.be>. As a member, you will benefit from reduced fees for BeRS congresses and educational activities, a significantly discounted membership to the European Respiratory Society (30 euros), and eligibility to apply for scientific awards offered by the BeRS.