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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.

We invite you to join us in this important initiative for the future of our young patients and their families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ahmad Kantar (EWPBC Chair)

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16:30 REGISTRATION

17:00 WELCOME ADDRESS

A. Bush (United Kingdom), A. Chang (Australia), A. Kantar (Italy)

17:15 OPENING SESSION

Chairs: A. Bush (United Kingdom), A. Chang (Australia), A. Kantar (Italy)

17:15 OPENING LECTURES

New game-changing bronchiectasis drugs: what are we learning

M. Shteinberg (Israel)

17:45 Unraveling the cough reflex

P. Dicpinigaitisi (USA)

18.15 Cough recording devices: opportunities for clinical use

J. Smith (United Kingdom)

18.45 Discussion

19.00 WELCOME RECEPTION

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SESSION I

Chairs: A. Gramegna (Italy), F. Midulla (Italy), E. Lombardi (Italy)

08:30

Paediatric bronchiectasis: a global wake-up call

A. Bush (United Kingdom)

08:50

Risk factors for bronchiectasis: is prevention possible?

A. Chang (Australia)

09:10

Paediatric bronchiectasis in China

K. Shen (China)

9:30

Discussion

9:40

COFFEE BREAK

10:00

LECTURE I

Chair: Laura Garriga Grimau (Spain)

Promoting resolution of inflammation in bronchiectasis by disarming neutrophils

S. Aliberti

10:20

Discussion

10:30

SESSION II

Chairs: A. Chang (Australia), S. Boriçi (Albania), M.E. Di Cicco (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 (United Kingdom)

11:30

Discussion

11:40

LECTURE II

Chair: P. Tarsia (Italy)

Inhaled antibiotics in bronchiectasis

E. Polverino (Spain)

12:00

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12:10 **ROUND TABLE | LEARNING FROM LEADERS: WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN WITH BE AND PATIENTS UNMET NEEDS**

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 **LUNCH**

14.00 **STAGE TALKS**

Discussants: B. Karadag (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)

15:00 **Bronchiectasis in Egyptian children: major causes**

N. Fasseeh (Egypt)

15:15 **LECTURE III**

Chair: V. Daccò (Italy)

Nutritional management in children and adolescents with chronic respiratory diseases

A. Bulfamante (Italy)

15.35. **Discussion**

15:45 **SESSION III**

Chairs: S. La Grutta (Italy), S. Rubak (Denmark), C. Capristo (Italy)

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**

B. M. Mall (Germany)

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16:45 **Discussion**

16:55 COFFEE BREAK

17:15 SESSION IV

Chairs: A. Farlofi (Italy), G. L. Marseglia (Italy)

17:15 **Dispelling the frequently held myths about GER in cough**

S. Salvatore (Italy)

17:25 **OTC cough medicine: Why not**

G. Chatziparasidis (Greece)

17:45 **Discussion**

18:00 CONCLUSIONS *A. Bush (United Kingdom), A. Chang (Australia), A. Kantar (Italy), F. Midulla (Italy), L. Petrarca (Italy)*

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REGISTRATION

All registrations must be made through the Conference website <https://paediatricbronchiectasis.org>

| Conference Registration Type | Registration Fee (VAT Included) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Healthcare Professionals | 350 Euro |
| Industry Professionals | 600 Euro |

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VENUE

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CME CREDITS

An application will be submitted to the Italian CME Program (E.C.M. Educazione Continua in Medicina).
More information will be available soon.

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