LEUVEN LUNG TRANSPLANT SYMPOSIUM 2026

Friday 18 December 2026



Understanding lung injury to improve outcomes

The UZ Leuven department of thoracic surgery and respiratory diseases and the KU Leuven, BREATHE Department cordially invite you to the 2026 Leuven Lung Transplant Symposium

12:30-12:40 hrs **WELCOME** | *Laurens Ceulemans (Leuven, Belgium)*

PART 1 | CHAIRS: SASKIA BOS AND LAURENS DE SADELEER

12:40-13:00 hrs	Past, present and future of primary graft dysfunction	*Jason Christie (Pennsylvania, USA)*
13:00-13:20 hrs	Alchemist's Athanor: how perfusion solutions transcend cellular death to forge a new life beyond PGD	*Ilaria Righi (Milan, Italy)*
13:20-13:40 hrs	Molecular signature of donor lung injury during lung transplantation	*Jan Van Slambrouck (Leuven, Belgium)*
13:40-14:00 hrs	Panel discussion

14:00-14:20 hrs **COFFEE BREAK**

PART 2 | CHAIRS: LORI VAN ROOZENDAAL AND BART VANAUDENAERDE

14:20-14:40 hrs	Chronic lung allograft dysfunction: from omics to precision medicine	*Robin Vos (Leuven, Belgium)*
14:40-15:00 hrs	HLA: how to move forward for improving outcomes in lung transplantation?	*Andrea Zajacova (Leuven, Belgium)*
15:00-15:20 hrs	Applications of artificial intelligence to improve lung transplant outcomes	*Bieke Vercauteren (Leuven, Belgium)*
15:20-15:45 hrs	Panel discussion and closure

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Date Friday 18 December 2026, 12:30-15:45 hrs

Location UZ Leuven campus Gasthuisberg, Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven, auditorium James Ensor (Green street, gate 2, level 2)

Registration Please register before 10 December 2026 by scanning the QR code.

REGISTRATION

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