



Second Announcement

10th International Pulmonary
Hypertension Forum

**A DECADE OF PROGRESS IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION –
IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR THE FUTURE**

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Dear Colleague,

The 10-year anniversary of the International Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) Forum provides an excellent opportunity to reflect on progress in the field of PH, a group of clinical conditions characterised by increased pressure in the pulmonary circulation. The way we define and classify these conditions has been refined over recent years, and along with better disease awareness and diagnostic techniques, this has led to improvements in PH diagnosis. The recently updated ESC/ERS Guidelines provide robust guidance on treating PH, and the number of pharmacological therapies available has increased dramatically. In particular, substantial progress has been made for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), resulting in the availability of drugs that target three distinct pathogenic pathways. Importantly, these advances have translated into improved quality of life and prognosis for PH patients.

Although progress has moved at an unprecedented pace, there is no room for complacency. Better patient outcomes are being sought by employing optimal management strategies such as a treat to target approach. Setting treatment goals for the patient is central to this approach, and ambitious targets such as achieving and maintaining functional class II are being included to drive improved patient outcomes. Other strategies that aim to benefit PAH patients focus on the importance of early disease identification. Guidelines recommend initiating therapy even in patients with early disease, as evidence suggests that early treatment is a critical component of optimal disease management. An equally important element of a treat to target approach is the use of combination therapy, as recommended in the ESC/ERS Guidelines, to target different pathogenic pathways in patients who do not respond adequately to monotherapy.

At the much anticipated annual PH Forum, renowned experts will provide informative and educational updates on new developments in the field of PH. There will be a strong practical focus to the meeting with an emphasis on transferring evidence-based guidelines to clinical practice. The echocardiography workshop and breakout sessions will allow participants to focus in detail on areas that are relevant to their clinical practice, and patient case presentations will be used to highlight key facets of managing PH. We encourage you to get involved in all aspects of the meeting, which will provide an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and ideas with other clinicians and researchers.

We are delighted to invite you to the 10th International PH Forum where we will celebrate a decade of progress in PH and focus on improving the outlook for our patients.



Prof. Dame Carol Black



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A DECADE OF PROGRESS IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION –

Saturday, 26 March 2011

09:00 – 09:15 A decade of PH Fora

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09:15 – 10:30 Plenary 1:

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) – 10 years of achievements

**Co-Chairs:
J Behr, L Rubin**

- PAH today – Improved diagnosis and understanding
- PAH – A rare disease with multiple aetiologies
- Prognostic factors – Assessing the course of the disease

S Gaine
R Souza
L Howard

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break with poster exhibition

11:00 – 12:40 Plenary 2:

**Improving outcomes in PAH –
A tailored approach for an aggressive disease**

**Co-Chairs:
N Galiè, G Simonneau**

- Applying the treat to target approach in each patient
- Implementing a treat to target approach in PAH associated with congenital heart disease (PAH-CHD)
- A comprehensive therapeutic strategy for severe PAH
- Looking to the future – A new decade of PAH therapy

I Preston
A Manes
O Sitbon
V McLaughlin

12:40 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 Echocardiography workshop – Session 1

- G Habib, A Torbicki, JL Vachiéry

Special registration required

14:00 – 15:15 Parallel breakout sessions:

Addressing challenges in PAH

Co-Chairs:

Exploring the role of the right ventricle in PAH

I Chazova

- G Derumeaux, N Galiè, A Vonk Noordegraaf

E Gruenig

Emerging therapies for PAH

M Hoepfer

- M Delcroix, A Ghofrani, S Mehta

D Vizza

Severe PAH

P Corris

- K Fukuda, J Granton, M Palazzini

K Fukuda

PAH in the paediatric population

R Berger

- R Berger, D Bonnet, I Schulze-Neick

D Schranz

15:15 – 15:30 Switching rooms & coffee break

15:30 – 16:45 Echocardiography workshop – Session 2

- G Habib, A Torbicki, JL Vachiéry

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15:30 – 16:45 Parallel breakout sessions:

From diagnosis to different aetiologies

Co-Chairs:

New developments in the evaluation of PAH

- H Gupta, H Leuchte, R Naeije

**P Jansa
V McLaughlin**

PAH associated with congenital heart disease (PAH-CHD)

- D Celermajer, S Küçüköçlü, L Søndergaard

**D Celermajer
M Gatzoulis**

PAH associated with connective tissue disease (PAH-CTD)

- M Bogdan, E Hachulla, U Mueller-Ladner

**C Black
U Mueller-Ladner**

Beyond PAH – Exploring other forms of PH

- Y Adir, J Pepke-Zaba, A Wells

**J Barberà
J Granton**

Sunday, 27 March 2011

09:00–10:15 Plenary 3:

The reality of managing PAH – Interactive patient cases

Co-Chairs:

- Introduction
- How to implement the guidelines in PAH-CHD
- Treat to target in clinical practice

S Gaine, JL Vachiéry

S Gaine
M Gatzoulis
M Hoepfer

10:15 – 10:45 *Coffee break with poster exhibition*

10:45 – 12:45 Plenary 4:

PH registries – What we can learn from real life analysis

Co-Chairs:

- The ItinérAIR PAH registry
- The REVEAL registry
- The TOPP registry
- The CTEPH registry
- Reflecting on lessons from the PH registries
- Highlights from the 10th International PH Forum

C Black, A Ghofrani

M Humbert
M McGoon
M Beghetti
I Lang
G Simonneau
S Gibbs

12:45 – 14:15 *Lunch*

Abstract/patient case submission:

Participants are invited to contribute to the scientific programme by submitting abstracts/patient cases for poster display by Friday, 11 February 2011.



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