LUNG CANCER – NSCLC
October 5 – 7, 2006
St. Wolfgang, Austria

FINAL PROGRAM

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Welcome Address

The Austrian Society of Surgical Oncology (ACO-ASSO) is honored to announce its 23rd Annual Meeting, which is organized together with the 11th International Thoracic Surgery Congress. For the first time in the history of these two organizations it is an interdisciplinary Central European meeting with the participation of Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Switzerland.

The main topic of the congress is lung cancer, which is the most common cause of death in cancer patients in Europe. In state-of-the-art, free lectures and poster rounds all aspects of non-small cell lung cancer will be discussed – from the molecular level to diagnosis, to treatment and survivorship. Quality of life as well as surgical techniques and multimodal strategies are being considered.

An introductory lecture will remind of the old tradition of lung cancer surgery in Central Europe, also addressing the field of ethics and innovations. A workshop will introduce the participants to the modern field of laser parenchymal surgery. The current state of multicenter studies, their co-ordination in Central Europe and the ambitious aim of research networking will be discussed. A special lecture will bring insight into the role of stem cells in carcinogenesis. Round-table discussants will talk about the topical issue of minimum procedure volumes and the planning of thoracic surgical and oncological units.

This congress emphasizes the necessity of interdisciplinary co-operation of all specialties involved in NSCLC – radiology, pathology, pneumology, oncology, thoracic surgery, radiotherapy and nuclear medicine. It is supported by 32 national and international societies and institutions. Over 150 abstracts from 17 nations cover a wide range of oncological issues; 41 trade exhibitors will inform surgeons, oncologists and pneumologists about new technologies and products. We value your experience and are looking forward to your contributions. Of course, you should also enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Salzkammergut.

Welcome to St. Wolfgang!

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Exhibition
MAW – International Exhibitions & Advertising
Iris Bobal
Maria Hamata, MA
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- Wednesday Oct 4, 17.00 – 20.00
- Thursday Oct 5, 8.00 – 18.30
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**Chair:** A. End (Vienna, A), P. Pafko (Prague, CZ), N. Pridun (Vienna, A)

**O1 Surgery of lung cancer – ethical aspects and innovations** 25'

- **Pinter H. (A)**
  - Dept of Thoracic & Hyperbaric Surgery, Medical University of Graz

**11.00–11.30** Coffee Break – Exhibition

### QUALITY OF LIFE

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<td>Pirker R. (A)</td>
<td>Clinical Div. of Oncology, Dept of Medicine I, Medical University of Vienna</td>
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<td>Kreuzer A. (A)</td>
<td>Dept of Respiratory &amp; Critical Care Medicine I, Otto Wagner Hospital, Vienna</td>
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<td>Eyb I. (A)</td>
<td>Hospital pastoral care, Archdiocese of Vienna</td>
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<td>Ploner F. (A)</td>
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<td>Stephens R. (GB)</td>
<td>Medical Research Council, Clinical Trials Unit, London</td>
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**Thursday, October 5, 2006**

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**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**
Thursday, October 5, 2006

11.15–13.00  WORKSHOP: LASER IN LUNG SURGERY*  Room R. Stolz

Course Director: A. Rolle (Coswig, D)

O10  Laser technology and safety  8'
Amann H. (D)
KLS Martin Group, Tuttingen

O11  Laser surgery – indications and technique  15'
Rolle A. (D)
Dept of Thoracic & Vascular Surgery, Coswig Specialized Hospital,
Center of Pneumology and Thoracic Surgery, Coswig/Dresden

O12  Vienna experience  8'
Hollaus P. H., Lax F., Wurnig P. N., Watzka S. B., Pridun N. S. (A)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Otto Wagner Hospital, Vienna

O13  Laser surgery in Linz – case studies  8'
Tomaselli F., Berenberg-Gossler J., Haroncourt F., Függer R. (A)
Dept of Surgery, Elisabethinen Hospital, Linz

*Program see folder (special fees; registration required)

13.00–14.00  Break – Exhibition

13.20–14.00  POSTER I – QUALITY OF LIFE  Room Benatzky

Chair: J. Eckmayr (Wels, A), T. Lesser (Gera, D)

P1  SF-36 questionnaire and quality of life in patients operated for stage II NSCLC  3'+2'
Miklos B.1, Szentkereszy Z.1, Czimbalmos Á.2, Nagy Z.2, Kiss Sándor S.1 (H)
12nd Dept of Surgery, University of Debrecen Medical and Health Science Center, 2National Health Development Institution, Debrecen

P2  Measurement of pain after thoracotomy for lung cancer  3'+2'
Rzechonek A.1, Pawelczyk K.1, Kołodziej J.1, Adamiak J.2, Łukaszewicz P.2, 
Pawlak I.2, Kacprzak G.2 (PL)
1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Medical University of Wroclaw; 2Lower Silesian Center of Lung Diseases, Wroclaw

P3  Unilateral vocal cord paralysis after thoracic surgery and reduced quality of life  3'+2'
Zumtobel M.1, End A.2, Bigenzahn W.1, Klepetko W.2, Schneider B.1 (A)
1Dept of Otorhinolaryngology, 2Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna

P4  Lung cancer and bone metastases – interdisciplinary management  3'+2'
Fieg1 M.1, Zabernigg A.2, Aubeger T.3, Kendler D.4, Rachbauer F.5, End A.6 (A)
1Dept of Internal Medicine, Academic Hospital Natters, 2Dept of Internal Medicine, County Hospital Kufstein; 3Depts of Radio-Oncology, 4Nuclear Medicine, 
5Orthopedics, Medical University of Innsbruck, 6Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna

P5  Percutaneous cementoplasty of painful bone metastases  3'+2'
Dobrocky I.1, Kettenbach J.2, Scheithauer W.3 (A)
1Private Hospital Döbling, Vienna, 2Dept of Radiology, 3Dept of Medicine I, 
Medical University of Vienna
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### 14.00–15.15 **MOLECULAR BIOLOGY** Room Benatzky

Chair: L.-H. Block (Vienna, A), C. Dittrich (Vienna, A), H.-B. Ris (Lausanne, CH)

| O14 | **Pathology and staging of NSCLC** | Gruber-Mösenbacher U. M. (A) Inst. of Pathology, Academic Teaching Hospital Feldkirch |
| O15 | **Genetic polymorphisms and lung cancer risk** | Micksche M. (A) Inst. of Cancer Research, Dept of Medicine I, Medical University of Vienna |
| O16 | **Gene silencing by DNA methylation in lung cancer** | Zöchbauer-Müller S. (A) Clinical Div. of Oncology, Dept of Medicine I, Medical University of Vienna |
| O17 | **The role of pathology in oncology: Past – present – future** | Popper H. H. (A) Inst. of Pathology, Medical University of Graz |
| O18 | **Molecular targeted therapy** | Hilbe W. (A) Dept of General Internal Medicine, Clinical Oncology, Medical University of Innsbruck |

### 15.15–15.45 **Coffee Break – Exhibition**

### 15.15–15.45 **POSTER II – MOLECULAR BIOLOGY** Room Benatzky

Chair: H. H. Popper (Graz, A), Co-chair: W. E. Eberhardt (Essen, D)

| P49 | **TissueFAXS: A new solution for multicolor tissue cytometry** | Ecker R. C.1, Rogojanu R.2, Oesterreicher K.3, Steiner G. E.1 (A) |
| P8  | **Survivin and p53 gene expression in stage IIB/IIIA NSCLC** | Karczmarek-Borowska B.1, Filip A.2, Wojcierowski J.3, Sawicki M.3, Smolen A.4, Korobowicz E.5 (PL) |
|     | 3'+2'                                                              | 1Oncology Center of Lublin Land; 2Depts of Human Genetics, 3Thoracic Surgery, 4Statistics, 5Pathomorphology, Medical Academy of Lublin |
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P9 Death receptor 5 and survivin in advanced NSCLC
Leithner K.1, Stacher E.2, Wurm R.1, Popper H. H.3, Samonigg H.3, Ploner F.3, Polachova J.1, Olschewski H.1 (A)
1Div. of Pulmonology, 2Dept of Pathology, 3Div. of Oncology, Dept of Internal Medicine, Medical University Graz

P10 N-glycosylated proteins in malignant pleural effusions of lung adenocarcinoma
Soltermann A.1, Ossola R.2, Kilgus-Hawelski S.1, Aebersold R.2, Moch H.1 (CH)
1Inst. of Clinical Pathology, University Hospital Zurich, 2Inst. of Molecular Systems Biology, ETH Zurich

P11 Regressive alterations in lymphatic metastases of lung cancer after induction therapy
Klein J.1, Král V.1, Neoral Č.1, Bohanes T.1, Szkorupa M.1, Tichy T.2 (CZ)
11st Dept of Surgery, 2Dept of Pathology, University Hospital Olomouc

P12 p53-tailored therapy for NSCLC
Kandiolier D. (A)
Dept of Surgery, Medical University of Vienna

15.45–17.15 STAGING OF NSCLC Room Benatzky

Chair: W. Klepetko (Vienna, A), W. Pohl (Grimmenstein, A), I. Troján (Szeged, H)

O19 Radiologic imaging: Screening, diagnosis and staging
Mostbeck G. (A)
Dept of Radiology, Otto Wagner Hospital, Vienna

O20 Bronchoscopic diagnosis
Ambrosch G. (A)
Dept of Pneumology, General Hospital Graz-West

O21 Can PET-CT image fusion replace mediastinoscopy?
T. Schmid1, R. Bale2, Kendler D.3, Bodner J.1, Augustin F.1 (A)
1Dept of General & Transplant Surgery, 2Dept of Radiology I, 3Dept of Nuclear Medicine, Medical University of Innsbruck
Invited discussants: R. J. Downey (New York, USA), C. Pirich (Salzburg, A)

O22 Does 18F-FDG PET predict prognosis of untreated lung cancer?
Downey R. J. (USA)
Thoracic Service, Dept of Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York
Invited discussant: C. Pirich (Salzburg, A)

O23 Surgical and endoscopic ways to pathologically based mediastinal staging
Witte B., Wolf M., Hürtgen M. (D)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Catholic Hospital Koblenz
Invited discussant: G. Friedel (Stuttgart, D), M. Zieliński (Zakopane, PL)

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<td>1Dept of Radiology, Medical University of Vienna, 2Academic Medical Center Amsterdam, 3Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna</td>
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<td>CT- and US-guided transthoracic biopsy of peripheral pulmonary nodules</td>
<td>Panko S., Karpitsky A., Boufalik R. I., Ryzhko A. V., Nikitjuk L. A.</td>
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<td>Decker S., Schultze R., Haas V., Laufer J., Geiger D., Wex P., Graeter T., Spechtenhauser B.</td>
<td>1Dept of Thoracic &amp; Vascular Surgery, 2Dept of Medicine I/Pneumology, Hospital of Löwenstein, 3Institute of Pathology, Klinikum am Gesundbrunnen Heilbronn, 4Dept of Medicine II/Oncology, Hospital of Löwenstein, 5Dept of Surgery, County Hospital Kufstein</td>
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<td>F-18 FDG PET(-CT) in the routine clinical work up of lung cancer: An initiative of the Austrian Society of Nuclear Medicine</td>
<td>Pirich C., Gallowitsch H.-J.</td>
<td>1Dept of Nuclear Medicine &amp; Endocrinology, Paracelsus Private Medical University Salzburg, Salzburg, 2Dept. of Nuclear Medicine &amp; Endocrinology, General Hospital Klagenfurt</td>
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<td>Somatostatin receptors and 99mTc-depreotide SPECT in pulmonary nodules</td>
<td>Sagan D., Sawicki M., Sawa A., Chrapko B.</td>
<td>1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, 2Dept of Nuclear Medicine, Medical University of Lublin</td>
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<td>Preoperative lung perfusion scintigraphy in stage III lung cancer</td>
<td>Kostic S., Galler Z., Heiler Z., Csekeö A.</td>
<td>Dept of Thoracic Surgery, National Korányi Institute of Pulmonology, Budapest</td>
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<td>Kirschbaum A., Friedel G.</td>
<td>Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Schillerhöhe Hospital, Center for Pneumology &amp; Thoracic Surgery at Robert Bosch Hospital, Gerlingen, Stuttgart</td>
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<td>Peštál A., Čapov I., Jedlička V., Doležel J., Veselý M.</td>
<td>1st Dept of Surgery, St. Anna Teaching Hospital, Faculty of Medicine, Masaryk University, Brno</td>
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**19.30–21.30**  Reception – Get-together at the Congress Center (see p. 43)
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8.00– 9.45  SURGERY FOR NSCLC  Room Benatzky

Chair:  D. Branscheid (Großhansdorf, D), W. Rzyman (Gdańsk, PL), F.-M. Smolle-Jüttner (Graz, A)

O24  Standard and limited resections  
Passlick B., Sienel W. (D)  
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, University of Freiburg

O25  Complete lymphadenectomy vs. sampling  
Smolle-Jüttner F.-M., Maier A. (A)  
Theo of Thoracic & Hyperbaric Surgery, Medical University of Graz

O26  Intraoperative 99m Tc-marked sentinel lymph node evaluation  
Tomaselli F., Ziegerhofer J., Berenberg-Gossler J., Függer R. (A)  
1Dept of Surgery, 2Dept of Nuclear Medicine, Elisabethinen Hospital, Linz

O27  Perioperative risks and functional results after bronchoangioplastic sleeve resection  
Schirren J., B cgi R., Boulukbas S., Bergmann T., Trainer S., Fisseler-Eckhoff A. (D)  
1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, 2Inst. of Pathology & Cytology, Horst-Schmidt-Kliniken, Wiesbaden

O28  Video-assisted thoracoscopic lobectomy – pro  
Leschber G. (D)  
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, ELK Chest Hospital Berlin

O29  Video-assisted thoracoscopic lobectomy – con  
Lampl L. (D)  
Div. of Thoracic Surgery, Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery I, Zentralklinikum Augsburg

O30  Video-robotic lobectomy  
Melfi F. (I)  
Div. of Thoracic Surgery, Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pisa  
Invited discussant: T. Schmid (Innsbruck, A)

O31  Complications and their management  
Linder A. (D)  
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Chest Hospital Hemer

8.00– 9.45  FREE PAPERS I  Room R. Stolz

Chair:  J. Furák (Szeged, H), H. Hauck (Bad Reichenhall, D), W. Hilbe (Innsbruck, A)

O32  35 years of medical therapy of lung cancer in an oncologic center  
Ulsperger E., Benold U., Fischer G., Geissler K. (A)  
5th Medical Dept & Oncology, Hospital Hietzing, Vienna

O33  Preoperative attitudes, fears and expectations of NSCLC patients  
Watzka S. B. C., Pucher-Matzner I., Wilfing G., Wurnig P. N., Pridun N. S., Hollaus P. H. (A)  
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Otto Wagner Hospital, Vienna

O34  Raised postoperative complication rate due to tobacco-addiction in patients with NSCLC undergoing pneumonectomy  
Kirschbaum A., Kyriss T., Friedel G. (D)  
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Schillerhöhe Hospital, Center for Pneumology & Thoracic Surgery at Robert Bosch Hospital, Gerlingen, Stuttgart
O35  Microparticles in patients with lung cancer – an important pathogenetic mechanism for tumor induced thrombosis? 7'+4'
Simanek R.1, Vormittag R.1, Weinstabl H.1, Ay C.1, Alguel G.1, Pirker R.2, Zielinski C.2, Pabinger I.1 (A)
1Div. of Hematology & Hemostaseology, 2Div. of Oncology, Dept of Medicine I, Medical University of Vienna

O36  Microvascularization and growth/adhesion-regulatory lectins in stage I/II NSCLC 7'+4'
Szöke T.1, Kayser K.2, Troján I.1, Kayser G.3, Furák J.1, Tiszlavicz L.4, Baumhäkel J.-D.2, Gabius H.-J.5 (H, D)
1Dept of Surgery, University of Szeged, 2 Inst. of Pathology, Charité, Humboldt University, Berlin, 3 Inst. of Pathology, University of Freiburg, 4Inst. of Pathology, University of Szeged, 5 Inst. of Physiological Chemistry, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich

O37  Topoisomerase IIa and chromosome 17 instability in NSCLC 7'+4'
Stamatelopoulos A.1, Adamakidou T.2, Tsiambas E.3, Arnaouti M.4, Bolanos N.1, Chatzimichalis A.1, Karameris A.3, Bouros D.5 (GR)
1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Metaxa Anticancer Hospital, Piraeus, 2Faculty of Nursing, University of Athens, 3Dept of Pathology, 4Dept of Pathology, University of Athens, 5Dept of Pathology, University of Athens, 6Dept of Pathology, University of Szeged, 7Dept of Clinical Molecular Biology, Medical University of Vialystok

O38  Serum vascular endothelial growth factor D (VEGF-D) in NSCLC 7'+4'
Kozlowski M.1, Kovalcuk O.2, Sulewska A.2, Dziegielewski P.1, Lapuc G.1, Laudański W.1, Nikliński J.1, Chyczewski L.2 (PL)
1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, University of Bialystok, 2Dept of Clinical Molecular Biology, Medical University of Bialystok

O39  Vaccination with IGN 101 in patients with NSCLC 7'+4'
Lindenmann J. (A)
Dept of Thoracic & Hyperbaric Surgery, Medical University of Graz

O40  Can FDG PET-CT replace mediastinoscopy in mediastinal staging? 7'+4'
Senbaklavaci Ö.1, Paier S.1, Lind P.2, Wandschner W.1 (A)
1Dept of Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery, 2Dept of Nuclear Medicine & Endocrinology, General Hospital Klagenfurt

9.45–10.15  Coffee Break – Exhibition

9.45–10.15  POSTER IV – SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS Office Area

P21  Intrapleural administration of Pulmozyme® for pleural empyema 3'+3'
Kacprzak G.1, Bobek V.1, Majewski A.1, Kolodziej J.1 (PL)
1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Lower Silesian Thoracic Surgery Center, Medical University of Wroclaw, 2Dept of Molecular Biology, 3rd Faculty of Medicine, Charles University Prague

P22  Treatment of advanced postoperative pleural empyema with dimexidum 3'+3'
Panko S.1, Karpitsky A. S.2, Boufalik R. I.2, Ryzhko A. V.2, Nikitjuk L. A.2, Shestjuk A. M.2, Ishczuk A. V.2 (BY)
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<td>Aigner C., Taghavi S., Lang G., Marta G., Baumgartner H., Klepetko W. (A)</td>
<td>Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Dept of Cardiology, Medical University of Vienna</td>
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10.15–10.45 **SPECIAL LECTURE** Room Benatzky

Chair: A. End (Vienna, A), R. M. Huber (Munich, D)

**O41 Stem cells and epithelial cancers**

Downey R. J. (USA)

Thoracic Service, Dept of Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York

Invited discussants: M. Micksche (Vienna, A), H. H. Popper (Graz, A)

10.45–11.00 Break – Exhibition

10.45–11.15 **POSTER V – MOLECULAR BIOLOGY** Entrance Area

Chair: R. Greil (Salzburg, A), Co-chair: T. Szöke (Szeged, H)

**P26 Carcinembryonic antigen and nodal status: A prospective study of 134 patients with lung cancer**

Boran M., Ustun L. N., Enon S., Cangır A. K., Kutlay H., Akal M., Ozdemir N. (TR)

Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Ankara University School of Medicine, Ankara

**P27 Customized treatment for lung cancer?**

Hofmann H.-S., Bartling B. (D)

Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg

**P28 Breast cancer resistance protein, glutathione S-transferase pi and P-glycoprotein in patients with advanced NSCLC treated with cisplatin-based chemotherapy**

Pawelczyk K., Surowiak P., Kołodziej J., Zabel M., Marzec M., Gębarowska E. (PL)

1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Lower Silesian Thoracic Surgery Center, 2Dept of Histology & Embryology, Medical University of Wroclaw

**P29 Adjuvant therapeutic vaccination in NSCLC: Results of a pilot-phase I trial using an autobiologic tumor cell vaccine**


1Dept of Surgery, 2Dept of Internal Medicine III, Grosshadern Medical Center, 3Inst. of Molecular Immunology, GSF National Research Center for Environment & Health, 4Laboratory of Tumor Immunology, 5Dept of Transfusion Medicine, Grosshadern Medical Center, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, 6Robert W. Franz Cancer Research Center, Earle A. Chiles Research Inst., Providence Portland Medical Center
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11.00–12.30  **LUNG CANCER AND COPD**  Room Benatzky

**O42**  Lung cancer and COPD
Burghuber O. C. (A)
Dept of Respiratory & Critical Care Medicine I, Otto Wagner Hospital, and Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for COPD Research, Vienna

**O43**  Preoperative evaluation and outcome of patients with COPD undergoing lung resection surgery
Lindner M. (D)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Asklepios Clinic, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich

**O44**  Stereotactic radiotherapy of lung tumors – a non-invasive treatment approach
Dieckmann K., Lehnert M., Rottenfusser A., Bogner J., Stock M., Kroupa B., Pötter R., Georg D. (A)
Dept of Radiotherapy & Radiobiology, Medical University of Vienna

**O45**  Results of combined intraoperative radiotherapy and external beam irradiation in functionally inoperable patients with NSCLC: The Graz experience
Geyer E.1, Jakse G.1, Oechs A.1, Kapp K. S.1, Smolle-Jüttner F.-M.2, Maier A.2, Gabor S. E.2, Ratzenhofer B.3 (A)
1Dept of Therapeutic Radiology & Oncology, 2Dept of Thoracic & Hyperbaric Surgery, 3Dept of Anesthesiology & Intensive Care Medicine, Medical University of Graz

**O46**  Surgery for lung cancer in patients with severe emphysema
Lardinois D. (CH)
Div. of Thoracic Surgery, Dept of Surgery, University Hospital, Zurich

**O47**  Lung transplantation for lung cancer and COPD
Müller L., Ruttmann-Ulmer E., Hangler H., Laufer G. (A)
Dept of Cardiac Surgery, Medical University of Innsbruck

Invited discussant: W. Klepetko (Vienna, A)

12.30–13.30  **Break – Exhibition**

12.30–13.00  **POSTER VI – SURGERY**  Staircase

**P30**  Harmonic scalpel in minimally invasive lung surgery
Bohanes T., Szkorupa M., Klein J., Neoral Č. (CZ)
1st Dept of Surgery, University Hospital Olomouc

**P31**  Treatment of multiple lung metastases by bipolar technology (LigaSure™)
Jedlička V., Doležel J., Čapov I., Veselý M., Peštál A. (CZ)
1st Dept of Surgery, St. Anna Teaching Hospital, Faculty of Medicine, Masaryk University, Brno

**P32**  Palliative laser resection of lung cancer is an effective means of disease control
Watzka S. B. C., Wurnig P. N., Pridun N. S., Hollaus P. H. (A)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Otto Wagner Hospital, Vienna

**P33**  AIRFIX®: A novel method for quantification of air leaks after lung surgery
Anegg U., Maier A., Matzi V., Lindenmann J., Sankin O., Smolle-Jüttner F.-M. (A)
Dept of Thoracic & Hyperbaric Surgery, Medical University of Graz
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**P34** Video-assisted lobectomy for stage I NSCLC 3'+2'
Welcker K., Schlolaut B., Schumm F., Hecker E. (D)
Dept for Thoracic Surgery, Center for Pulmonary Diseases, Klinikum Bremen-Ost

**P35** Robotic-assisted thoracic surgery (RATS) – first experiences 3'+2'
Čapov I., Doležel J., Veverková L., Jedlička V. (CZ)
1st Dept of Surgery, St. Anna Teaching Hospital, Faculty of Medicine, Masaryk University, Brno


13.30–14.30 MULTIMODAL THERAPY STAGE I – III NSCLC  Room Benatzky

Chair: R. Pirker (Vienna, A), M. Semik (Münster, D)

O48 Adjuvant therapy 10'+5'
Huber R. M. (D)
Div. of Respiratory Medicine, Dept of Medicine, University of Munich

O49 Neoadjuvant therapy 10'+5'
Mohn-Staudner A. (A)
Dept of Medicine II, Otto Wagner Hospital, Vienna

O50 Surgery after neoadjuvant therapy 10'+5'
Stamatis G. (D)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery & Endoscopy, Ruhrlandklinik, Essen-Heidhausen

O51 Radiotherapy in the adjuvant and neoadjuvant setting 10'+5'
Kapp K. S.1, Geyer E.1, Jakse G.1, Oechs A.1, Smolle-Jüttner F.-M.2, Maier A.2, Gabor S. E.2, Ratzenhofer B.3 (A)
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14.35–15.20 STUDIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE  Room Benatzky

Chair: Z. Heiler (Budapest, H), A. Mohn-Staudner (Vienna, A), C. Zielinski (Vienna, A)

O52 Clinical trials in Austria 3'
Krajnik G. (A)
Dept of Medicine I, Center for Oncology & Hematology, Wilhelminenspital, Vienna

O53 Clinical trials in Germany 3'
Eberhardt W. E. (D)
Dept of Internal Medicine (Cancer Research), West German Cancer Center, Essen

O54 Clinical trials in Switzerland 3'
Stahel R. A. (CH)
Dept of Oncology, University Hospital, Zurich

Upcoming trials:

O55 p53-tailored therapy for NSCLC 2'
Kandioler D. (A)
Dept of Surgery, Medical University of Vienna

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**O56** COST – Intergovernmental instrument of integrating science in Europe 3’+3’
Pascu M. L. (B)
European Science Foundation – COST Office
Biomedicine & Molecular BioSciences (BMBS), Brussels

**O57** Pitfalls in the design, analysis and interpretation of clinical trials 10’+6’
Stephens R. (GB)
Medical Research Council, Clinical Trials Unit, London

15.20–15.45  Coffee Break – Exhibition

15.20–15.45  **POSTER VII – METASTASES**  
Chair: A. Rolle (Coswig, D), B. Witte (Koblenz, D)

- **P36** Lung metastasectomy during 2001-2006 using a Nd: YAG laser system 3’+2’
  Steurer S.1, Setinek U.1, Watzka S. B. C.2, Hollaus P. H.2 (A)
  1Institute of Pathology & Bacteriology, 2Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Otto Wagner Hospital, Vienna

- **P37** Twenty years of experience with pulmonary metastasectomy 3’+2’
  Hanyik J., Kiss J. I., Szücs G., Almássy S., Tóth I., Gyáni K. (H)
  Dept of General & Thoracic Surgery, Semmelweis Teaching Hospital, Miskolc

- **P38** Experiences with treatment of lung metastases from testicular tumors 3’+2’
  Veres L., Kiss S. S., Boros M., Kollár S. (H)
  2nd Dept of Surgery, University of Debrecen

15.20 - 15.45  **POSTER VIII – RADIOTherapy**  
Chair: K. S. Kapp (Graz, A), G. Friedel (Stuttgart, D)

- **P39** 3D-conformal radiotherapy for inoperable NSCLC 3’+2’
  Fromm S.1, Rottenfusser A.1, Pirker R.2, Pötter R.1, Pokrajac B.1 (A)
  1Dept of Radiotherapy, 2Clinical Div. of Oncology, Dept of Medicine I, Medical University of Vienna

- **P40** Implementation of a respiratory gating system for radiotherapy of lung cancer 3’+2’
  Zurl B., Guss H., Stranzl H., Kapp K. S. (A)
  Dept of Therapeutic Radiology & Oncology, Medical University of Graz

- **P41** Permanent 125-iodine brachytherapy and lung resection for NSCLC 3’+2’
  Fanta J., Lang O., Vlachová A., Votrua J. (CZ)
  Dept of Surgery, 3rd Medical Faculty Charles University and Teaching Hospital Královske Vinohrady, Prague

- **P42** Photodynamic therapy in palliation of bronchial carcinoma 3’+2’
  Sankin O. (A)
  Dept of Thoracic & Hyperbaric Surgery, Medical University of Graz

15.45–17.10  **EXTENDED RESECTIONS**  
Chair: S. Haruštiak (Bratislava, SK), A. Linder (Hemer, D), H. H. Pinter (Graz, A)

**O58** Carinal resection 10’+4’
Branischid D. (D)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Center for Pneumology & Thoracic Surgery, Chest Hospital Grosshansdorf
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O59  Resection of T4 tumors infiltrating the aorta  8'+4'
  Wex P. (D)
  Dept of Thoracic & Vascular Surgery, Hospital of Löwenstein

O60  Resection of the superior vena cava  8'+4'
  Lenk M., Graeter T. (D)
  Dept of Thoracic & Vascular Surgery, Hospital of Löwenstein

O61  Pancoast tumors  10'+4'
  Molnár T. F. (H)
  Thoracic Surgery Unit, Dept of Surgery, Medical Faculty, University of Pécs

O62  Resections with cardiopulmonary bypass  8'+4'
  Demmer J. (A)
  Dept of Surgery I, General Hospital Linz

O63  Anesthesiologic considerations  7'+4'
  Bartunek A. (A)
  Dept of Cardiothoracic & Vascular Anesthesia & Intensive Care,
  Medical University of Vienna

O64  The role of extended surgical resections  10'+5'
  Klepetko W. (A)
  Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna

15.45–17.10  PALLIATIVE THERAPY IN NSCLC  Room R. Stolz

  Chair: M. Fiegl (Natters, A), M. Flicker (Leoben, A), D. Kaiser (Berlin, D)

O65  First-line chemotherapy  8'+5'
  Kirchbacher K. (A)
  Dept of Medicine II - Pneumology, Wilhelminenspital, Vienna

O66  Second-line chemotherapy  8'+5'
  Stahel R. A. (CH)
  Dept of Oncology, University Hospital, Zurich

O67  Palliative thoracic surgery  8'+5'
  Kaiser D. (D)
  Dept of Thoracic Surgery, HELIOS Klinikum Emil von Behring,
  Chest Hospital Heckeshorn, Berlin

O68  Surgery for NSCLC with distant metastases  8'+5'
  Dienemann H. (D)
  Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Chest Hospital Heidelberg, University of Heidelberg
  Invited discussant: K. S. Kapp (Graz, A)

O69  Malignant pleural effusions – conservative management  7'+5'
  Eckmayr J. (A)
  Dept of Pneumology, Klinikum Kreuzschwestern Wels

O70  Malignant pleural effusions – surgical management  7'+5'
  Lampl L. (D)
  Div. of Thoracic Surgery, Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Zentralklinikum
  Augsburg

O71  Palliative care  8'+5'
  Watzke H. (A)
  Dept of Medicine I, Medical University of Vienna
O72 **Results after radical resection of NSCLC 1989-2004: The TYROL study** 6'+2'
Fiegl M.1, Bodner J.2, Tzankov A.3, Oberaigner W.4, Jamnig H.1, Hilbe W.5, Aubergert T.6, Greil R.5, Schmid T.2 (A)
1Dept of Internal Medicine & Pneumology, Academic Hospital Natters, 2Dept of General & Transplant Surgery, 3Inst. of Pathology, Medical University of Innsbruck, 4Inst. of Clinical Epidemiology, TILAK, 5Dept of Internal Medicine, 6Dept of Radio-Oncology, Medical University of Innsbruck

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O73 **Cytologic diagnostics of NSCLC** 7'+2'
Schalleschak J. (A)
Central Laboratory, Otto Wagner Hospital, Vienna

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O74 **Neoadjuvant radiochemotherapy for locally advanced stage IIIA/B NSCLC** 6'+2'
Eggeling S. (D)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, University of Freiburg

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O75 **Adjuvant 3D-conformal radiotherapy in node-positive NSCLC patients** 6'+2'
Fromm S.1, Hoke M.1, Rottenfusser A.1, Bartsch R.2, Pötter R.1, Pokrajac B.1 (A)
1Dept of Radiotherapy & Radiobiology, 2Dept of Medicine I, Medical University of Vienna

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O76 **Mediastinal lymph node metastases in left upper lobe cancer: Results of extended radical mediastinal dissection via sternotomy (Hata’s operation)** 6'+2'
Sakao Y., Miyamoto H., Yamazaki A., Ou S., Shiomi K., Sonobe S., Sakuraba M. (J)
Dept of General Thoracic Surgery, Juntendo University of Medicine, Tokyo

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O77 **Vessel ligation order and survival in radically resected NSCLC** 6'+2'
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Regional Hospital for Lung Diseases, Szczecin-Zdunowo

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O78 **Surgery of lung cancer associated with severe emphysema** 6'+2'
Haas V., Decker S., Wex P., Graeter T. (D)
Dept of Thoracic & Vascular Surgery, Hospital of Löwenstein

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O79 **Survival after bronchoplastic operations for malignancies of the main carina** 6'+2'
Kecskés L. I.1, Gehér P.1, Füredi Á.1, Szima B.2, Strausz J.3 (H)
1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, 2Dept of Pulmonology, Markusovszky University Hospital, Szombathely, 3National Korányi Inst. of Pulmonology, Budapest

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O80 **Pericardial fat flap for the prevention of bronchial stump fistula after pneumonectomy** 6'+2'
Welcker K., Scholaut B., Schumm F., Hecker E. (D)
Dept for Thoracic Surgery, Center for Pulmonary Diseases, Klinikum Bremen-Ost
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17.15 - 18.30 VIDEO SESSION Room R. Stolz

Chair: J. Hutter (Salzburg, A), G. Leschber (Berlin, D)

V1 3D animation technique of thoracic surgery procedures 8'
Lindner M. (D)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Asclepios Clinic, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich

V2 Complete lymph node dissection in NSCLC – technique 6'
Maier A., Gabor S. (A)
Dept of Thoracic & Hyperbaric Surgery, Medical University of Graz

V3 Technique of video-assisted mediastinoscopic lymphadenectomy 8'
Witte B., Hürten M. (D)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Catholic Hospital Koblenz

V4a Laser segmental lung resection versus lobectomy for stage I NSCLC 3'
Pereszlényi Á., Rolle A., Huscher S., Koch R., Rudek B. (D)
1Dept of Thoracic & Vascular Surgery, Center of Pneumology & Thoracic Surgery, Coswig Specialized Hospital, 2Dept of Informatics, University Carl Gustav Carus, Dresden

V4b Laser segmental lung resection for stage I NSCLC – technique 3'
Pereszlényi Á., Rolle A., Huscher S., Bis B., Baier B., Rudek B. (D)
Dept of Thoracic & Vascular Surgery, Center of Pneumology & Thoracic Surgery, Coswig Specialized Hospital

V5 Video-robotic lobectomy – technique 7'
Melfi F. (I)
Div. of Thoracic Surgery, Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Pisa

V6 Congenital bilateral tumor of the chest wall – resection and reconstruction 7'
Kerekes L., Veres L., Árkossy P., Kiss S. S., Szegedi I., Németh E., Bálega E., Sápy P. (H)
12nd Dept of Surgery, 2Dept of Pediatrics, University of Debrecen

V7 Carinal resection 5'
Klepetko W. (A)
Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna

V8 Closure of large intrathoracic airway defects using extrathoracic muscle flaps 10'
Meyer A., Krueger T., Lepori D., Dusmet M., Aubert J.-D., Pasche P., Ris H.-B. (CH)
1Div. of Thoracic Surgery, 2Dept of Radiology, 3Div. of Pulmonary Medicine, 4Dept of Head & Neck Surgery, CHUV Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, University of Lausanne

19.00 Bus Departure for the Social Dinner

19.30–23.00 Social Dinner – “Kurhaus” Bad Ischl (see p. 43)

21.00 SPECIAL LECTURE Bad Ischl

F1 Surgical treatment of lung cancer – historical landmarks 15'
Klippe H.-J. (D)
Dept of Anesthesiology, Center for Pneumology & Thoracic Surgery, Grosshansdorf
### Saturday, October 7, 2006

#### 8.30–10.00  STRUCTURE IN THORACIC SURGERY & ONCOLOGY  Room Benatzky

**Moderator:** P. Soswinski (Vienna, A)

**O81 Minimum levels – a complex issue**  
Soswinski P. (A)  
Vice Rector for Clinical Affairs, Medical University of Vienna  

**O82 Demand estimation and planning in thoracic surgery**  
Moritz M. (A)  
Austrian Health Institute (ÖBIG), Vienna  

**O83 Structural needs for general thoracic surgical units**  
Klepetko W. (A)  
Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna  

**O84 Minimum quantities for thoracic surgical centers in Germany**  
Kaiser D. (D)  
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, HELIOS Klinikum Emil von Behring, Chest Hospital Heckeshorn, Berlin  

**O85 High procedure volume is not a gauge of hospital quality**  
End A. (A)  
Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna  

**Round Table:**  
O. C. Burghuber (Vienna, A), M. Gadenstätter (Krems, A), R. Pirker (Vienna, A)  

### 8.30–10.00  FREE PAPERS III  Room R. Stolz

**Chair:** L. Lampl (Augsburg, D), Á. Pereszlényi (Coswig, D), R. Ziesche (Vienna, A)

**O86 Systematic mediastinal lymphadenectomy or sampling in resectable NSCLC?**  
Pawelczyk K., Marciniak M., Kolodziej J., Kacprzak G. (PL)  
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Lower Silesian Thoracic Surgery Center, Medical University of Wroclaw  

**O87 Aortal resections without pump for T4 NSCLC**  
Klein J.¹, Nemec P.², Král V.², Neoral Č.¹, Bohanes T.¹, Szkorupa M.¹ (CZ)  
¹1st Dept of Surgery, ²Dept of Cardiac Surgery, University Hospital Olomouc  

**O88 Palliative laser resection of primary lung cancer – an effective means of disease control**  
Watzka S. B. C., Wurnig P. N., Pridun N. S., Hollaus P. H. (A)  
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Otto Wagner Hospital, Vienna  

**O89 Lung cancer and its cerebral metastases**  
Furák J.¹, Troján I.¹, Szőke T.¹, Agócs L.², Csekeő A.², Kas J.², Svastics E.³, Tiszlavicz L.⁴, Moldvay J.⁴, Lázár G.¹ (H)  
¹Dept of Surgery, University of Szeged; ²Dept of Thoracic Surgery, National Korányi Inst. for Pulmonology; ³Dept of Surgery, Buda MÁV Hospital, Budapest; ⁴Dept of Pathology, University of Szeged; ⁵County Hospital of Pulmonology, Törökbálint  

**O90 Is surgery for the treatment of NSCLC with solitary metastases justified?**  
Tönnies M., Krüger M., Kaiser D. (D)  
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, HELIOS Klinikum Emil von Behring, Chest Hospital Heckeshorn, Berlin
O91 Video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery in the treatment of malignant pleural effusions 6'+3'
Kovács K., Boross G., Oláh C., Szévibis M. (H)
Dept of Surgery, Bács-Kiskun County Hospital, Kecskemét

O92 Parasternal approach for pericardial fenestration 6'+3'
Tóth I., Gyáni K., Hanyik J., Almássy S., Kiss J. I., Szücs G. (H)
Dept of General & Thoracic Surgery, Semmelweis Teaching Hospital, Miskolc

O93 Predictors of postoperative atelectasis following pulmonary lobectomy 6'+3'
3rd Dept of Surgery, University Hospital Motol, Prague

O94 VAC: A new approach to the management of septic complications in thoracic surgery 6'+3'
Matzi V. (A)
Dept of Thoracic & Hyperbaric Surgery, Medical University of Graz

O95 Argon plasma coagulation in the palliative treatment of malignant airway obstruction 6'+3'
Rzechonek A.1, Kacprzak G.1, Kolodziej J.1, Adamiak J.2, Łukaszewicz P.2,
Pawlak I.2 (PL)
1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Lower Silesian Thoracic Surgery Center, 2Dept of Pathology, Lower Silesian Center of Lung Diseases, Medical University of Wrocław

10.00–10.30 Coffee Break – Exhibition

10.00 - 10.30 POSTER IX – PEDIATRICS, MISCELLANEOUS Room Benatzky

Chair: J. Schirren (Wiesbaden, D), Co-chair: K. Welcker (Bremen, D)

P43 The TAKO guideline for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of lung cancer 2'+2'
Zabernigg A.1, Jamnig H.2, Schmid T.3, Aubeger T.4, Gunsilius E.5, Hilbe W.6 –
TAKO – Tyrolean Working Group on Oncology (A)
1Dept of Internal Medicine & Oncology, County Hospital Kufstein, 2Dept of Pneumology, Natters Hospital; 3Dept of General & Transplant Surgery, 4Dept of Radio-Oncology, 5Dept of Hematology/Oncology, 6Dept of Medical Oncology, Medical University of Innsbruck

P44 Mucoepidermoid carcinoma in a 5-year-old boy 2'+2'
Horcher E.1, Huber C.1, Eckersberger F.2 (A)
1Dept of Pediatric Surgery, 2Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical University of Vienna

P45 Acute respiratory emergencies in children with mediastinal tumors 2'+2'
Bagheri R., Haghi Z. (IR)
Mashhad Qua‘em and Omid Hospital, Mashhad University of Medical Sciences

P46 Anterior transcervicothoracic approach for complete resection of mediastinal tumors 3'+2'
Bagheri R., Rajabimashhadi M., Mashhadinejad H. (IR)
Dept of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Mashhad University of Medical Science

P47 Lymphangioleiomyomatosis mimicking a malignant tumour 2'+2'
Rzechonek A.1, Pawelczyk K.1, Kolodziej J.1, Adamiak J.2, Pawlak I.2 (PL)
1Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Lower Silesian Thoracic Surgery Center, 2Dept of Pathology, Lower Silesian Center of Lung Diseases, Medical University of Wrocław

P48 Rare epithelial lung tumors 2'+2'
Rzechonek A.1, Pawelczyk K.1, Adamiak J.2, Kolodziej J.1, Pawlak I.2 (PL)
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10.30–11.30 GUIDELINES FOR NSCLC Room Benatzky

Chair: C. Schwarz (Wels, A), R. A. Stahel (Zurich, CH), M. Zieliński (Zakopane, PL)

O96 Overview of guidelines for diagnosis and treatment – and their practicability
Friedel G. (D)
Dept of Thoracic Surgery, Schillerhöhe Hospital, Center for Pneumology & Thoracic Surgery at Robert Bosch Hospital, Gerlingen, Stuttgart

O97 TAKO guideline
Zabernigg A.1, Jamnig H.2, Schmid T.3, Auberger T.4, Gunsilius E.5, Hilbe W.6 – TAKO/Tyrolean Working Group on Oncology (A)
1Dept of Internal Medicine & Oncology, County Hospital Kufstein, 2Dept of Pneumology, Natters Hospital; 3Dept of General & Transplant Surgery, 4Dept of Radio-Oncology, 5Dept of Hematology/Oncology, 6Dept of Medical Oncology, Medical University of Innsbruck

O98 Evidence-based treatment
Ris H.-B. (CH)
Division of Thoracic Surgery, CHUV Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, University of Lausanne
Invited discussant: R. M. Huber (Munich, D)

11.30–11.45 Break – Exhibition

11.45–13.00 CLOSING SESSION Room Benatzky

TAKE HOME MESSAGES
Chair: G. Friedel (Stuttgart, D), H. Olschewski (Graz, A)

Tobacco – What you need to know for your patients with lung cancer
C. Dresler (Lyon, F)
– Pathology H. H. Popper (Graz, A)
– Radiology G. Mostbeck (Vienna, A)
– Pneumology H. Olschewski (Graz, A)
– Surgery (general) G. Stamatis (Essen, D)
– Surgery (complications) H.-B. Ris (Lausanne, CH)
– Chemotherapy W. Hilbe (Innsbruck, A)
– Radiotherapy K. S. Kapp (Graz, A)

AWARDS
– Poster Award – Eli Lilly
– Georg Stumpf Grant for Cancer Research – ACO-ASSO

13.00 End of Meeting
COoperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research Networking in Europe

Objectives: To initiate studies on lung cancer and to improve their coordination in Europe, and to provide information on the funding of research networks by COST.

Participants: Oncologists, pneumologists, pathologists, thoracic surgeons – clinicians and researchers interested in lung cancer studies.

General information: No admission fee; limited number of participants.

Lung cancer is the leading malignant disease worldwide. Its incidence will rise within the next 50 years. Thus a Pan-European coordination of scientific studies is of utmost importance. In some European countries the problems associated with this significant increase in lung cancer are not even recognized by the national authorities, and there are not enough specialists to serve in this field of medicine.

The COST program is of special interest to a multidisciplinary community such as pneumologists, radiologists, pathologists, oncologists, and researchers involved in the diagnosis, treatment and research of lung cancer. COST offers the possibility of organizing Pan-European collaboration, of exchanging co-workers for training purposes and of increasing people’s knowledge in the field of lung cancer.

This special session aims at assembling clinicians and basic researchers from different central European countries, who are interested in working for a COST proposal.

Professor Mihail L. Pascu, from the COST office in Brussels will give an introductory lecture on the COST program, and afterwards there will be ample opportunity for discussion and for preparing a proposal for a study initiative.

Website: http://cost.cordis.lu
http://ue.eu.int/cost
www.esf.org
Abstracts
Each registered participant will receive a copy at the registration desk.
Subscribers of “European Surgery” and “The Middle European Journal of Medicine” (Wr. Klin. Wochenschrift) will receive a supplement with their subscription at the end of October.
Note: In this program the abstract titles have been shortened. Full titles of all abstracts are published in the supplement.

Continuing Medical Education (CME)
The meeting has been approved by the Austrian Medical Chamber with DFP credit hours: Surgery: 26, Oncology: 35, Pneumology: 10

Guidelines for Presenters
Oral Presentations / Free Papers
Equipment for a final check of the sequence of your presentation is available in the preview room (ground floor). All presenters should bring their electronic presentation (USB-stick or CD) to the preview room preferably in the morning of the day of the talk, but not later than 2 hours before the start of the session.
With regard to the international audience, slides should be prepared in English. The lectures are expected to be given in English, but the use of German is possible too. Selected sessions will be in German (e.g. “Structural needs and minimum volumes”, Saturday, October 7) or in English only (e.g. Free Papers Session, Saturday, October 7).
Lecture rooms are equipped with Windows PCs (XP and Office 2003). On the speaker’s lectern you will find a push button to advance your slides/animations. On a monitor you can control your slides during presentation. Mac-users have been requested to bring their own notebook and to check the compatibility by copying files to Windows.
If you show a video in your presentation, it is important that you only use codecs (WMV, AVI, DivX) that are compatible with PowerPoint (avoid MPEG-2). Please also check your presentation on a PC other than the one you encoded it on.
For any technical question please contact the technical staff in the preview room beside the registration area.

Posters
You are requested to mount your poster by Thursday, October 5, 11.00 at the latest and to take it down on Saturday, October 7, by 13.30. Please note that the organizers do not take any responsibility for posters that are not removed by the time indicated or that are damaged during the dismantling of poster boards. Posters that were not removed after the end of the meeting will be taken down by the staff.
The usable surface of the poster panel measures 130 cm in height x 90 cm in width. Pins and adhesive material will be provided.
Poster presenters were asked to prepare their posters in English.
The posters are grouped in 9 clusters which are placed centrally in the conference center (see map p. 6 and program at a glance, p. 7).

All presenters are requested to strictly adhere to the allotted speaking time!
**Video Session**

All videos will be presented on DVD. Video presenters were asked to save their data on a DVD or to send them as AVI files to Dr Hutter (j.hutter@salk.at). The video session will take place on Friday, October 6, 2006, 17.15 – 18.30, Hall R. Stolz. Presenters are asked to comment on their videos in English. Videos must be limited to the allotted time.

**Workshop “Laser in Lung Surgery”**

On Thursday, October 5, 2006, 11.15–13.00, a workshop on laser surgery will be held in Room Robert Stolz.

It is a basic seminar for thoracic surgeons, oncologists and pneumologists with a theoretical and a practical part (laser in a pig model). Course director is Prof. Axel Rolle, pioneer in parenchymal laser surgery and leader of the renowned laser courses in Coswig/Dresden. Registration is required: fee: EUR 12.– (lunch included). Limited number of participants.

For the detailed program see folder.

**Awards**

**Poster Award**

All posters will be evaluated by a Scientific Jury, the winner will be awarded the Poster prize of EUR 300.- sponsored by Eli Lilly.

**Free Paper Award**

The best oral presentation out of each Free Papers Session will be awarded a book prize. Sponsored by ELSEVIER, SPRINGER and THIEME Publishers.

**Georg Stumpf Study Grant for Cancer Research**

Sponsored by the Austrian Society of Surgical Oncology.

All awards will be presented during the Closing Session on Saturday, October 7, 2006, from 11.45 to 13.00, Room Benatzky.

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**Business Meetings**

**Thursday, October 5, 2006**

17.30–18.30, Room “Robert Stolz” ACO–ASSO General Assembly

**Thursday, October 5, 2006**

18.00–19.15, Room “Benatzky” Working Group on Lung Cancer – Austrian Society of Pneumology (ÖGP)

**Friday, October 6, 2006**

General Information

Date
October 5–7, 2006

Venue
Congress Center “Michael Pacher”
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Congress Languages
English (and German), slides and posters: English
(no simultaneous translation)

Registration Hours
Wednesday, October 4 17.00–20.00
Thursday, October 5 8.00–18.30
Friday, October 6 7.00–18.30
Saturday, October 7 7.30–14.15

Exhibition Hours
Thursday, October 5 10.00–17.30
19.30–21.30 “Get together”
Friday, October 6 8.00–17.15
Saturday, October 7 8.30–13.00

Registration fees

Members of ACO-ASSO and of the International Thoracic Surgery Congress (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, European Non-EU-Countries) EUR 80.– EUR 120.–
Non-members EUR 120.– EUR 150.–
Residents* EUR 100.– EUR 120.–
Physicians on sabbatical or retired, non-medical personnel* EUR 60.– EUR 60.–

* A confirmation of the respective status is required

Day tickets
Thursday, October 5 EUR 60.–
Friday, October 6 EUR 60.–
Saturday, October 7 EUR 50.–
(Lunch included)

Social program (registration required)
Thursday, October 5, 19.30 Reception – Get together no fee
Friday, October 6, 19.30 Social Dinner EUR 20.– p.p.

Payment of registration fees
– By creditcard: VISA – Euro/MasterCard – Diners Club (Amex is not accepted)
– Cash in EUR

Congress Bank Account:
“ACO-ASSO 2006”, Erste Bank Vienna, bank code: 20111, account no.: 280 365 80353
IBAN: AT532011128036580353, Swift code: GIBAATWW

Cancellation policy
Cancellation by July 31, 2006: Full refund (less bank charges)
July 31 – August 31, 2006: Refund of 75% (less bank charges)
after August 31, 2006: No refund
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Badges
Participants should collect name badges from the conference registration desk. As only registered participants will be permitted to attend the scientific sessions, the exhibition and poster areas, you are kindly asked to wear your badge when entering the congress venue. Please recycle the badges and congress bags after the meeting in the boxes provided in the entrance area.

Bank Services
Raiffeisenbank St. Wolfgang, Pilgerstrasse 106
Sparkasse St. Wolfgang, Am Marktplatz 88
Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8.00 to 12.00 and from 14.00 to 16.30, closed on Wednesday afternoon. A cash dispenser is available at both banks.

Book Shop
Medical books will be displayed in the entrance foyer – Bookstore Sorger – during exhibition hours.

Car Parking
Car park right beside the venue at the West Exit of the tunnel (bypass St. Wolfgang). Day-ticket: EUR 8.–.

Certificate of Attendance
Confirmations of attendance will be issued at the registration desk.

Cloakroom and Luggage
A cloakroom and luggage storage is available in the entrance area.

Coffee Breaks and Lunch
During coffee breaks refreshments (coffee, tea, cakes) will be served free of charge to participants wearing name badges in the exhibition area (foyers, exhibition room and tent).
Lunch: a list of nearby restaurants and snack bars will be provided at the registration desk.

Conference Center
The Michael Pacher Haus is located directly at the West Exit of the tunnel (bypass St. Wolfgang), and within walking distance to the village center (2 min.)

Currency
The official currency in Austria is the EURO (€).

Dress code
Informal, dark suit or national costume for the Social Dinner

Electricity
220–240 V – 50 Hz AC.

Exhibition:
40 companies will display products for thoracic surgeons, oncologists and pneumologists. Exhibition area: Foyers (on the ground and the first floor), Exhibition Room on the first floor and the Inner Court (tent).
Scientific societies (ACO-ASSO, EACTS, ESTS), the Austrian Cancer League and the COST office (European Research Networking, see p. 35) will be represented with a booth.

GSM cell phone roaming
GSM cell/mobile phone roaming is available without any problems for all major international providers. It is advisable to contact your provider and find out which roaming company in Austria offers the cheapest rates.
Insurance
By registering for the congress participants agree that neither the organizing committee nor the con-
gress office assume any liability whatsoever. Participants are requested to make their own arrange-
ments for health and travel insurance.

Internet Access
WLAN is available in the Michael Pacher-Haus and the Hotel Weisser Hirsch. Complimentary inter-
etnet access will be provided during opening hours (Wednesday through Friday from 9.00 to 18.00, 
Saturday from 9.00 to 15.00) at the Protravel office: Pilgerstrasse 152, St. Wolfgang.
In addition, the following hotels have internet access: Weisses Rössl, Cortisen, Furian, Seevilla, 
Weisser Hirsch.

Lost and Found
At the cloakroom/luggage storage

Medical Aid
Please contact the registration desk or the receptionist in your hotel. A defibrillator (sponsored by 
Philips) is available at the ground foyer (registration area) – see p. 57.
Note: the venue is accessible to disabled people.

Message Board
A message board is available in the registration area. Program changes and a list of participants will 
be displayed here.

Post Office
Address: Am Postplatz, St. Wolfgang (near the Michael Pacher Haus)
Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 08.00 - 12.00 and from 14.00 - 17.00, closed on Wednesday 
afternoon.

Program Changes
Will be displayed on the message board in the registration area.

Smoking Policy
The meeting has been declared a “Non-smoking Conference”.

Sports
A morning run will take place on Friday, October 6, 6.00 am in front of the Michael Pacher Haus. 
Anybody interested is welcome (see p. 16).

Staff
If you have any questions, the congress staff – they have a red dot on their badge – will be pleased to 
help you.

Taxis/Transfers
Please contact the ProTravel desk onsite (at the entrance) or your hotel reception desk to enquire 
about taxis and transfers.

Telephones
Nearest phone boxes (walking distance one minute) at the post office: Am Postplatz, St. Wolfgang.
Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 08.00 to 12.00 and from 14.00 to 17.00, closed on Wednesday 
afternoon. The country code for Austria is +43 and the area code for St. Wolfgang is (0) 6138.

Tipping
Tips are not obligatory, but they are welcome. Normally a 5 – 10 % tip is added to the bill.

Weather Conditions
Weather during the first half of October is usually variable, from 6° to 16° Celsius, humidity: 60%.

Website
www.medacad.org/aco2006
Social Events

Thursday, October 5, 2006

19.30–21.30  **Reception – Get together at the Congress Center**

All participants and accompanying persons are cordially invited to join the Welcome Reception at the Michael Pacher-Haus which is supported by the Mayor and the Health Resort Director of St. Wolfgang. Drinks, buffet and music. The exhibition will be open throughout the reception.

*Guest of Honor:*
*Michael Kretz, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Salzburg*

Friday, October 6, 2006

19.30–23.00  **Social Dinner, “Kurhaus” Bad Ischl**

Fee per person: EUR 20.–
Registration required
19.00 Bus departure to Social Dinner in front of the Michael Pacher Haus

*Guests of Honor:*
*Julia Röper-Kelmayr MD, Representative of the Upper Austrian Parliament*
*Helmut Haas, Mayor of Bad Ischl*
*Reiner Bretenthaler, MD, President of the Austrian Medical Chamber*

*Co-sponsored by Wyeth, Salinen Austria, Tyco and the Mayor of Bad Ischl*

For many years Emperor Franz Joseph spent his summers in Bad Ischl. The “Kurhaus” was built in 1875. Top artists and scientists used to meet here; festive events like concerts and balls took place here. After the reception on the hotel’s terrace dinner will be served in the “Theatersaal”.

As a highlight you will hear a lecture on “Surgical treatment of lung cancer – historical landmarks” by Heinz-Jürgen Klippe from the Chest Hospital Großhansdorf, Germany.

During dinner you will be entertained with swinging melodies by the “Salzkammergut Salonquintett”.

Accommodation, Optional Program, Transfers & Travel

The ProTravel desk at the Congress Center (entrance) will be staffed during official registration hours. For the optional program please register here.

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Optional Program

SHUTTLE BUS TO SALZBURG
A minibus will take you to the center of Salzburg. It is a one-hour-drive. Enjoy the day in one of the most fascinating and beautiful cities of the world. A walk around the historical center of the city will bring you to some of the architectural highlights of the place, such as the residence square, the “Getreidegasse” (a shopping street) with its old iron signs, the festival hall, the horse pond and finally the birth-place of the most famous composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The building now houses a museum.

October 5 - 7, daily 10.00 / return 16.00
price (return ticket) EUR 25.00 p.p.
admission “Mozart’s birthplace” EUR 6.00 p.p.

TRIP TO BAD ISCHL
A minibus will take you to Bad Ischl. It is a 20-minute-drive to the town center. Take a walk around the town with its lovely houses and parks. The famous spa town was visited by Emperor Franz Joseph I and his wife Sisi many times. One of the coffee houses of that time is still an attractive place to take a break. Make yourself at home at the coffee house “Zauner” or enjoy a tour around the house in the Emperor’s Villa.

October 5 - 7, daily 10.30 / return 15.00
price (return ticket) EUR 12.00 p.p.

GUIDED TOUR IN THE VILLAGE OF ST. WOLFGANG
The former president of the culture association, a native surgeon and the Health Resort director will take you around the village. St. Wolfgang is famous for its impressive gothic altar in the pilgrimage church. There is a famous operetta called the “White Horse Inn” which made the village well known internationally. You will visit the place in front of today’s hotel and the tour will end at Austria’s oldest gingerbread maker right in the old center of the village.

October 6 - 7, daily 10.00
free of charge

GUIDED WALK ACROSS THE “FALKENSTEIN” TO ST. GILGEN
Meeting point at the congress center with hiking equipment. With the mayor of St. Wolfgang and an experienced surgeon you will start walking along the lake towards the “Falkenstein”. You will pass romantic viewpoints and enjoy the scenery. Get to know the area where Saint Wolfgang lived as a hermit. The tour carries on to St. Gilgen. With a boat ride in a relaxed atmosphere you will finish your walk.

October 5 - 6, 13.00 / return about 17.00
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