International CTEPH Conference 2026

11-13 JUNE 2026
WARSAW, POLAND

PROGRAMME

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Thursday, 11 June 2026

11:00 – 14:00 Registration

12:00 - 14:00 **LUNCH**

14:00 – 14:10 Welcome
Marion Delcroix *(KU Leuven & University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium),* ***Joanna Pepke-Zaba*** *(Royal Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, UK),* ***Marcin Kurzyna*** *(CMKP & European Health Centre Otwock, Poland)*

SESSION 1:

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF CTEPH

Chairs: Irene Lang (Medical University of Vienna, Austria), **Michał Mączewski** (Centre of Postgraduate Medical Education (CMKP), Poland)

14:10 – 14:20 Definition of CTEPH
Marion Delcroix *(KU Leuven & University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium)*

14:20 – 14:30 From acute PE to CTEPH
Erik Klok *(Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands)*

14:30 – 14:40 The role of exercise testing - diagnostic challenges
Luke Howard *(Imperial College London, UK)*

14:40 – 14:55 Pathophysiology of CTEPH
Irene Lang *(Medical University of Vienna, Austria)*

14:55 – 15:05 Ring finger transcription factor
Hiroto Shimokawahara *(NHO Okayama Medical Center, Japan)*

15:05 – 15:35 Q&A with the panel

15:35 – 16:05 **COFFEE BREAK**

Poster Display& Networking - part 1
(Athens& Amsterdam Room)

SESSION 2:

DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGES

Chairs: Pavel Jansa (Charles University & General University Hospital Prague, Czech Republic)**, Christoph Wiedenroth** (Kerckhoff Clinic, Germany)

16:05 – 16:15 Is nuclear medicine scan still relevant?
Nick H. Kim *(University of California San Diego, USA)*

16:15 – 16:25 CTPA and common traps in interpretation of CTEPH
Nick Screaton *(Royal Papworth Hospital, UK)*

16:25 – 16:40 Reporting of CTPA results – differences between centres
Vladimir Černý *(Charles University, Czech Republic)*

16:40 – 16:50 Pulmonary angiography and visualisation of distal vasculature
Christoph Wiedenroth *(Kerckhoff Clinic, Germany)*

16:50 – 17:00 Impact of AI/new technologies on pulmonary circulation imaging
Olivier Meyrignac *(Hôpital Bicêtre, France)*

17:00 – 17:30 Q&A with the panel

17:30 **CLOSURE OF DAY 1**

Friday, 12 June 2026

08:00-09:00 Sponsored workshop
Athens/Amsterdam room (reservation required)

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome: PERT – a new partner in management of acute pulmonary embolism

SESSION 3:

TREATMENT PARADIGMS IN ACUTE/SUBACUTE PE

Chairs: Adam Torbicki (CMPK & European Health Centre Otwock, Poland), Nick H. Kim (University of California San Diego, USA)

09:10 – 09:20 Pulmonary Embolism Response Team – different models and outcomes
Richard N. Channick *(UCLA Medical Center, USA)*

09:20 – 09:30 Catheter-directed treatments – why not thrombolysis?
Piotr Pruszczyk *(Medical University of Warsaw, Poland)*

09:30 – 09:40 CDT in real-life
Marcin Kurzyna *(CMKP & European Health Centre Otwock, Poland)*

09:40 – 09:50 Outcomes from recent RCTs – PEERLESS
Christian Gerges *(Medical University of Vienna, Austria)*

09:50 – 10:00 Outcomes from recent RCTs – HI-PEITHO
Irene Lang *(Medical University of Vienna, Austria)*

10:00 – 10:10 Outcomes from STORM-PE and STRIKE-PE
Timothy M. Fernandes *(University of California San Diego, USA)*

10:10 – 10:20 Polish National Registry - long term outcomes of mechanical thrombectomy
Aleksander Araszkiewicz *(Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poland)*

10:20 – 10:30 Pitfalls and dangers of catheter-directed treatments
Marion Delcroix *(KU Leuven & University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium),* ***Jenny Yang*** *(University of California San Diego, USA)*

10:30 – 11:00 Q&A with the panel

11:00 – 11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

Poster Display& Networking - part 2
(Athens& Amsterdam Room)

SESSION 4:

MANAGEMENT OF CTEPH

Chairs: Jaroslav Lindner (Charles University, Czech Republic),
Hiromi Matsubara (NHO Okayama Medical Center, Japan)

11:30 – 11:40 Surgical technique
ON-LINE ***Michael M. Madani*** *(University of California San Diego, USA)*

11:40 – 11:50 Perioperative management
David Jenkins *(Royal Papworth Hospital, UK)*

11:50 – 12:00 BPA technique and periprocedural management – insights from the ESC Working Group Consensus Statement
Marcin Kurzyna *(CMKP & European Health Centre Otwock, Poland)*

12:00 – 12:10 PH medical therapies and long-term anticoagulation for CTEPH
Marion Delcroix *(KU Leuven & University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium)*

12:10 – 12:20 Experiences with a staged approach in high-risk patients
Jean-Noël Andarelli *(Hôpital Marie Lannelongue, France)*

12:20 – 12:30 Residual PH after mechanical intervention
Joanna Pepke-Zaba *(Royal Papworth Hospital, UK)*

12:30 – 12:40 New treatment strategies in inoperable CTEPH
Xavier Jaïs *(Hôpital Bicêtre, France)*

12:40 – 13:10 Q&A with the panel

13:10 – 15:10 **LUNCH BREAK**

13:40-14:40 Sponsored Symposium *(Ballroom)*

SESSION 5:

KEY MESSAGES FROM ABSTRACTS

Chairs: Adam Torbicki (CMPK & European Health Centre Otwock, Poland),
Joanna Pepke-Zaba (Royal Papworth Hospital, UK)

15:10 – 15:55 Abstract presentations
Each presenter will have an allocated time of 3 minutes.

Long-Term Outcomes and Prognostic Determinants After Balloon Pulmonary Angioplasty in Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension: A Binational Cohort Study
Yoichi Sugiyama *(Japan)*

Outcomes of Pulmonary Endarterectomy and Long-Term Recurrence of Pulmonary Artery Thrombosis in Patients with Antiphospholipid Syndrome: a UK National Cohort Study
Laurence D'Amours *(UK)*

STOP-RIO: A randomized controlled non-inferiority trial to test the safety of discontinuation of riociguat after balloon pulmonary angioplasty in Chronic Thrombo-embolic Pulmonary Hypertension
Tamara Rodenburg *(The Nederlands)*

Volume-outcome Relationship for Balloon Pulmonary Angioplasty in CTEPH
Ryo Takano *(Japan)*

Risk Factors, Hemodynamic Trends, and Outcomes of VA ECMO After Pulmonary Endarterectomy for CTEPH from the UK National centre
Tommaso Matone *(UK)*

Fast track ICU following Pulmonary Endarterectomy Surgery
Florencia Ares *(UK)*

Right Ventricular Adaptation after Pulmonary Endarterectomy and Balloon Pulmonary Angioplasty in Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension: A comparative Cardiac MRI-Based Study
Tamara Rodenburg *(The Nederlands)*

Pulmonary Endarterectomy: Post-operative Extubation, Analgesia and Mobilisation
Kesavan Sivanesan *(UK)*

Days Alive and Out of Hospital and WHODAS as novel patient-centred outcomes to quantify quality of life in CTEPH patients undergoing PEA
Paraskevi Tsimpoura *(Germany)*

Late perfusion defects after pulmonary embolism and long-term mortality: a weighted cohort study
Stefan Söderberg *(Sweden)*

15:55 – 16:10 Award presentation

16:10 – 16:40 **COFFEE BREAK**

Poster Display& Networking - part 3
(Athens& Amsterdam Room)

SESSION 6:

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM REGISTRIES?

Chairs: **Aleksander Araszkiewicz** (Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poland), **Xavier Jaïs** (Hôpital Bicêtre, France)

16:40 – 16:50 Role of registries and "real world" data in rare and complex disease
Nick H. Kim *(University of California San Diego, USA)*

16:50 – 17:00 ICA registry outcomes: Global CTEPH and BPA
Irene Lang *(Medical University of Vienna, Austria)*

17:00 – 17:30 National CTEPH registries

Poland – Grzegorz Kopeć *(Jagiellonian University, Poland)*
Czech Republic – Pavel Jansa *(Charles University & General University Hospital Prague)*
Spain – Pilar Escribano Subias *(Hospital 12 de Octubre, Spain)*
Turkey – Bedrettin Yıldızeli *(Marmara University, Turkey)*

17:30 – 17:40 How close is our practice to the ERS/ESC guidelines?
Joanna Pepke-Zaba *(Royal Papworth Hospital, UK)*

17:40 – 18:10 Q&A with the panel

18:10 **CLOSURE OF DAY 2**

Saturday, 13 June 2026

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome: ERN-LUNG – a new partner in CTEPH management

SESSION 7:

LEARNING CTEPH THROUGH INTERESTING CASES

Chairs: Iveta Simkova (Slovak Medical University & National CV Institute, Slovakia), Elie Fadel (Hôpital Marie Lannelongue, France)

09:10 – 09:20 Maffucci syndrome and distal CTEPH treated with BPA
Szymon Darocha *(CMKP & European Health Centre Otwock, Poland)*

09:20 – 09:30 Residual PH
Bennet Steudel *(Kerckhoff Clinic, Germany)*

09:30 – 09:40 Unexpected finding of chronic CTEPH deposits at surgical embolectomy due to acute PE
Dariusz Zielinski *(Medicover Hospital, Poland)*

09:40 – 09:50 Catastrophic APL syndrome
Marcel Ourada *(General University Hospital, Prague, Czech Republic)*

09:50 – 10:00 Combination of intravascular lead extraction and epicardial lead placement during PEA
Jenny Yang *(University of California San Diego, USA)*

10:00 – 10:10 Bronchial embolization to reduce competitive flow
Jean-Noël Andarelli *(Hôpital Marie Lannelongue, France)*

10:10 – 10:40 Round table discussion of CTEPH experts related to presented cases

10:40 – 11:10 **COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION 8:

FUTURE OF CTEPH LANDSCAPE

Chairs: Marcin Kurzyna (CMKP & European Health Centre Otwock, Poland), **David Jenkins** (Royal Papworth Hospital, UK)

11:10 – 11:20	Geographical differences in CTEPH management – what could we learn? ***Nick H. Kim*** *(University of California San Diego, USA)*
11:20 – 11:30	Importance of centre experience ***Tom Verbelen*** *(KU Leuven & University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium)*
11:30 – 11:40	Hot topic – training of surgeons ***Choo Ng*** *(Royal Papworth Hospital, UK)*
11:40 – 11:50	Hot topic – training of BPA operators ***Hiromi Matsubara*** *(NHO Okayama Medical Center, Japan)*
11:50 – 12:00	Working under challenging conditions ***Lubomir Kulyk*** *(Lviv Danylo Halytsky National Medical University, Ukraine)*
12:00 – 12:10	Patients' voice ***Luka Pentke*** *(patient, Germany)*
12:10 – 12:40	Q&A with the panel
12:40 – 12:45	**MEETING CLOSURE**
12:45 – 13:45	**LUNCH**

Industry programme, 12.06.2026

08:00 – 09:00 WORKSHOP:

PENUMBRA: FROM GUIDELINES TO PRACTICE – AND BEYOND: A DEEP DIVE INTO PE MANAGEMENT

An interactive hands-on workshop focused on contemporary pulmonary embolism management, with a special emphasis on catheter-directed treatment of acute pulmonary embolism.

Proctors: Professor Marcin Kurzyna / Professor Szymon Darocha (European Centre of Health, Otwock, Poland)

Athens/Amsterdam room (reservation required)

13:40 – 14:40 SYMPOSIUM:

MSD: DEFINING SUCCESS AND OPTIMIZING MULTIMODAL CTEPH MANAGEMENT

Ballroom

Welcome and opening remarks
Marion Delcroix, Adam Torbicki

Surgeon point of view: Defining success after PEA
Christoph Wiedenroth

BPA expert point of view: Defining success after BPA
Hiroto Shimokawahara

Medical management point of view: Defining success and long-term objectives
Nick H. Kim

Interactive panel discussion and Q&A
Moderators: ***Marion Delcroix, Adam Torbicki;***
Panel: ***Christoph Wiedenroth, Hiroto Shimokawahara, Nick H. Kim***

Meeting conclusion: Key takeaways and future directions
Marion Delcroix, Adam Torbicki

The ICC agenda will be supplemented by an industry programme, a virtual and on-site poster exhibition and industry exhibitions.

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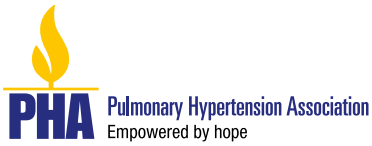

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