

Royal Belgian Society of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, Head and Neck Surgery



Spring Meeting

14 March 2026

Hotel Mix Brussels

President: Vincent Vander Poorten

Preliminary Program



RBS Poster Award
RBS Lecturer Award in Rhinology
RBS Lecturer Award in Otology-Audiology
RBS Lecturer Award in Laryngology, Head and Neck Pathology
Temporal Bone Contest



Dear Colleagues and dear Friends,

The Spring Meeting of B-ORL - the Royal Belgian Society for Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery - will take place on Saturday 14 March 2026 in the Mix Hotel - Brussels, a particularly pleasant and stimulating setting.

There, we continue our tradition to offer a forum for special clinical experiences that merit public discussion as well as for presentation of the cutting-edge research performed by our Belgian teams. We have received an absolute maximum of almost 80 (!!!) high quality abstracts which will be presented either as an oral presentation or poster. This gives us, as Board of B-ORL, great joy, because this reflects the high activity, passion, and teamwork of the Belgian ENT-HN surgeons.

I would really like to encourage you to actively and constructively participate in the discussion and give our young colleagues all your attention and support! It is so important for those doing all the extra efforts to make progress for our patients, to feel stimulated and supported by you all.

During the breaks, please take time to visit our sponsors and connect with your colleagues.

Please stay also for the "moment suprême", at the end of the day, where the best presentations in Rhinology, Otology, Head-Neck/Laryngology and Posters as well as the best in the Temporal bone contest will be awarded, in each other's company and with a nice drink at the bar.

I wish you a pleasant and interesting meeting!

Kind regards,

Vincent Vander Poorten
President B-ORL 2026

Abstracts

The abstracts of communications will be on-line available at the website of the Society at: www.orl-nko.be.

Information for presenters

We would like to draw your attention to the following points:

- Slides of your presentation must be in English, but the communications can be made either in English, French or Dutch.
- The projection system in the meeting room will include a Personal Computer (PC) along with PowerPoint for Windows and USB port.
- Presentations on USB memory stick must be uploaded in the meeting rooms and this at least one hour before the start of the session in which it is scheduled. Room technicians will be available in the meeting room from 08h15.

Lecturer Awards

- A lecturer award presentation may last a maximum of 9 minutes and will be followed by 2 minutes discussion. The allocated time of 11 minutes per speaker will be strictly enforced.

Free Communications

- A free communication may last a maximum of 9 minutes and will be followed by 1 minute discussion. The allocated time of 10 minutes per speaker will be strictly enforced.

Poster Award / Free Poster Communications & Poster Display

- The allocated time of a
 - **Poster Award presentation** may not exceed 5 minutes and will be followed by 2 minutes discussion. The allocated time of 7 minutes will be strictly enforced.
 - **Free Poster Communications** may not exceed 5 minutes and will be followed by 1 minute discussion. The allocated time of 6 minutes will be strictly enforced.
- Poster display: - Posters should be mounted on Saturday 14 March 2026 (08h30-10h00) and left on display till 17h00.
 - Posters not removed before 18h00 will be considered as paper waste.
- Poster dimensions: The height of the poster boards is 1,80 meter and the width is 0,80 meter (portrait style). Material required to mount posters will be available.

Accreditation

Application for accreditation has been submitted

	ROOM 1	ROOM 2
08:15	Registration - Welcome	
08:40		
08:45	RBS Lecturer Award in Otology-Audiology 1	RBS Lecturer Award in Laryngology, Head and Neck Pathology
10:45	Coffee break - Poster viewing - Visit of the Exhibition	
11:15	RBS Lecturer Award in Otology-Audiology 2 & Free Communications 1	RBS Lecturer Award in Rhinology
13:00	Lunch - Poster viewing - Visit of the Exhibition	
14:00	General Assembly of the SRB ORL KBV General Assembly of the Professional Society	Free Posters
14:55		
15:00	Free Communications : Otology-Audiology 2;	RBS Poster Award
16:40	Laryngology, Head and Neck Pathology; Rhinology	
16:50		
17:00	Closing and Award Ceremony	
18:00		

Chairs: TBA**RBS Lecturer Award in Otology-Audiology – Part 1****08:45 Facial nerve stimulation after cochlear implantation in patients with a cochlear facial dehiscence**

J. Abari, F. Sismono, M. Leblans, J. van Dinther, E. Offeciers, G. De Greve, A. Zarowski
European Institute for Otorhinolaryngology, ZAS Hospitals Antwerp, Wilrijk, Belgium

08:56 Outcome of cochlear implantation in patients with intralabyrinthine schwannoma: a case series study

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³*University Hospitals of Leuven, Department of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Multidisciplinary University Center for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Leuven, Belgium*

09:07 Hearing preservation after cochlear implantation: a comparative analysis of four electrode designs

B. Uzeel¹, F. Swinnen¹, D. Ceuleers¹, I. Dhooge^{1,2}
¹*Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Ghent University Hospital, Ghent, Belgium;* ²*Department of Head and Skin, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium*

09:18 Otorrhea in children with cleft palate after ventilation tube placement: a retrospective study

J. Mortier¹, O.M. Vanderveken^{1,2}, A. Boudewyns^{1,2}
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²*Faculty of Medicine and Translational Neurosciences, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium*

09:29 Long-Term (24-month) outcomes of endolymphatic sac decompression, clipping, and ablation versus intratympanic corticosteroid injection in refractory Ménière's disease

R. Benijts¹, N. Standaert¹, L. De Prins¹, F. Wuyts^{1,2}, C. Blaivie¹, G. De Greve, JJS. Van Dinther¹, FE. Offeciers¹, A. Zarowski¹
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²*LEIA, Universiteit Antwerpen, Antwerpen, Belgium*

09:40 Virtual reality–based optokinetic after-nystagmus as an objective diagnostic tool for PPPD: a pilot study

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²*Department of Neurology, University Hospital Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland*

09:51 Bilateral profound sensorineural hearing loss in sarcoidosis: a case report

M. De Witte, F. Couvreur, AS. Vinck, B. Lerut
AZ Sint-Jan Brugge, Belgium

10:02 Preclinical development of an allele-specific antisense oligonucleotide therapy for late-onset sensorineural hearing impairment DFNA9

F. Aben^{1,2}, D. Verdoodt¹, K. Szewczyk¹, J. Oostrik², P. Ponsaerts¹, E. van Wijk², E. de Vrieze², V. Van Rompaey^{1,3}
¹*University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium;* ²*Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen, the Netherlands;*
³*Antwerp University Hospital, Antwerp, Belgium*

10:13 The value of extended high frequency audiometry in the assessment of inner ear barotrauma

S. Delrue¹, X. Vanaken¹, T. Cammaert¹, A. Deklerck¹, G. De Vos¹, A. Lambert¹, P. Neyt¹, P. Heylbroeck¹, C. Vanclooster¹, M. Henrotte², P. Van der Eecken¹

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10:24 Influence of diameter of stapes prosthesis on functional outcome of stapedotomy in patients with otosclerosis: a retrospective study

E. Dieleman, M.A. de Jong, N. Cannaearts, J. van Dinther, E. Offericiers, A. Zarowski

European Institute for ORL, ZAS Sint-Augustinus, Antwerp, Belgium

10:35 Altered neural pitch encoding in vestibular schwannoma: evidence from frequency-following responses

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10:46 – 11:15 Coffee break, poster viewing and visit of exhibitors

Chairs: TBA

RBS Lecturer Award in Otology-Audiology – Part 2

11:15 Mal de débarquement syndrome: diagnostics and therapy

S. Vits, C. Schoenmaekers, E. Offericiers, G. De Greve, J. van Dinther, A. Zarowski, Choi Deblieck, D. De Smet, F. Wuyts

European Institute for Otorhinolaryngology, ZAS Augustinus Hospital Antwerp, Wilrijk, Belgium

11:26 The impact of multimodal stimulation on the neural tracking of speech in young adults with impaired speech perception in noise

B. Peczenik, X.De Tiège, M. Vander Ghinst, S. Raut

C.U.B., Hôpital Erasme, UNI—ULB Neuroscience Institute, H.U.B.- Hôpital des Enfants Reine-Fabiola, Bruxelles, Belgique

11:37 Possible protective effects of ketamine on noise-induced hearing loss

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11:48 To operate or not to operate: management of traumatic stapedovestibular luxation

Z. Krupa, S. Machiels

CHR Citadelle, Liège, Belgium

Free Communications – Part 1

11:59 Phenotyping vestibulocochlear manifestations in Susac syndrome: a cohort study

A. Roelens, M. Vandekerckhove, L. Maes, D. Hemelsoet, V. Van Driessche, M. Miatton, L. Van Hijfte, J. De Zaeytijd, T. Van Vrekhem, G. Laureys, H. Van Hoecke

University Hospital Ghent, Ghent, Belgium

12:09 Involvement of proprioceptive acuity in sensory reweighting processes in older adults: biomechanical and electroencephalographic correlates

E. Germain, E. Yildiran Carlak, M. Bourguignon, M. Vander Ghinst

ULB – HUB Hôpital Erasme, Brussels, Belgium

12:19 Use of bioactive glass (S53P4) as obliteration material in subtotal petrosectomy: hygienic and otologic outcomes

N. Pollet, G. De Greve, F.E. Offeciers, A. Zarowski, J.J.S. van Dinther
European Institute for ORL-HNS, Sint-Augustinus ZAS, Antwerp

12:29 Two neuroplasticity pathways in tinnitus: distinguishing deafferentiation and trigeminocervical phenotypes

M. Boedts
de Luisterkliniek, AZ Maria Middelaes, Ghent, Belgium

12:39 Sensory trigeminocervical modulation in tinnitus: exploratory observations with bupivacaine

M. Boedts, A. Taevernier
de Luisterkliniek, AZ Maria Middelaes, Ghent, Belgium

12:49 Motor trigeminocervical modulation in pain hyperacusis: exploratory observations with botulinum toxin

A. Taevernier, M. Boedts
de Luisterkliniek, AZ Maria Middelaes, Ghent, Belgium

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch - Poster viewing and visit of exhibitors**

(13:00 – 13:15 Deliberation RBS Lecturer Award in Otology-Audiology : Room 1)

14h00 – 15h00 : General Assembly SRB ORL KBV

General Assembly Beroepsvereniging/ Union Professionnelle

General Assembly SRB ORL KBV

Dagorde van de Algemene Vergadering van 14 maart 2026

Ordre du jour de l'Assemblée Générale du 14 mars 2026

1. Beraadslaging en goedkeuring van de jaarrekening per 31/12/2025 / Délibération et approbation des comptes annuels au 31/12/2025 : *Patrick Levie*
2. Bestemming van het resultaat / Affectation du résultat : *Patrick Levie*
3. Kwijting aan de Bestuurders voor de uitoefening van hun taak gedurende het afgelopen boekjaar / Décharge aux administrateurs pour l'exercice de leur mandat au cours de l'exercice écoulé : *Jean- Baptiste Watelet*
4. Ontslagen en benoemingen / Démissions et nominations : *Jean-Baptiste Watelet*
 - a. Voorstelling ter goedkeuring coöptatie nieuwe bestuurder / Soumission à l'approbation de cooptation nouvel administrateur
 - c. Voorstelling ter goedkeuring van de vergadering van de Voorzitter 2028 / Soumission à l'approbation de l'assemblée du Président 2028
6. B-ORL-activiteiten / Activités de B-ORL
 - a. Welkomstwoord van de Voorzitter / Mot de bienvenue du Président : *Vincent Vander Poorten*
 - b. Verslag van de Afgevaardigd Bestuurder / Rapport de l'Administrateur Délégué : *Jean-Baptiste Watelet*
 - c. Verslag van de Hoofdredacteuren B-ENT / Rapport des Rédacteurs en Chef de B-ENT: *Olivier Vanderveken*
8. Conclusies en afsluiting van de sessie / Conclusions et clôture de la session

General Assembly Beroepsvereniging/ Union Professionnelle

Dagorde van de Algemene Vergadering van 14 maart 2026

Ordre du jour de l'Assemblée Générale du 14 mars 2026

1. Toespraak van de voorzitter / Allocution du président : *Rupal Mehta*
2. Verslag van de secretaris / Rapport du secrétaire : *Klara Van Gool*
3. Verslag van de penningmeester / Rapport du trésorier: *Patrick Levie*
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7. Diversen / Varia

15h00-16h50 : Free Communications

Chairs: TBA

Free Communications: Otology – Audiology – Part 2

15:00 Simultaneous cochlear implantation following translabyrinthine vestibular schwannoma resection guided by intraoperative eABR

L. Couvreur, L. Jacxsens, M. Lammers, L. Jacquemin, G. Mertens, O. Oz, O. Vanderveken, P. Govaerts, T. Menovsky, V. Van Rompaey

Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Antwerp University Hospital; The Eargroup, Antwerp; Department of Neurosurgery, Antwerp University Hospital

15:10 Genetic testing for hearing loss: results of a survey among Belgian ENT specialists

F. Acke, on behalf of the genetic hearing loss workgroup of VNZZ (Flemish Network of Rare Diseases)

Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Ghent University Hospital, Belgium

15:20 Long-term safety and hygienic outcomes of canal wall up bony obliteration tympanoplasty in adult cholesteatoma surgery

E. Hens, J.J.S. van Dinther, F.L. Wuyts, G. De Greve, F.E. Offeciers, A. Zarowski

European Institute for ORL-HNS, Department of ENT-Head and Neck Surgery, ZAS Sint-Augustinus, Antwerp, Belgium

Free Communications: Laryngology, Head and Neck Pathology

15:30 Effectiveness of a standardized treatment including complete tumor and gland removal followed by adjuvant radiotherapy in patients affected by recurrent pleomorphic adenoma

D. Di Santo, B. Cailliau, J. Meulemans, P. Clement, S. Nuyts, V. Vander Poorten

Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium; Department of Oncology, Section Head and Neck Oncology, KU Leuven, Belgium

15:40 Mucocutaneous Leishmaniasis with head and neck involvement in a non-endemic setting: diagnostic challenges in an ENT case series

L. Dullens¹, K. Menten^{1,2}, W. Lemmens¹, J. Meeuwissen¹, L. Jannis¹, S. Schepers¹, E. Hauben², E. Van Wijngaerden², V. Vander Poorten^{1,2}

¹Ziekenhuis Oost Limburg, Genk, Belgium; ²University Hospitals Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

15:50 Office-based blue-laser treatment for Reinke edema and vocal fold polyps

M. Miri¹, AL. Hamdan², L. Sogalow¹, V. Delvaux³, K. Huet³, C. Forges⁴, R. Baudouin⁴, S. Hans⁴, JR. Lechien^{1,4,5,6}

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16:00 Are autoimmune neuropathy and a history of cervical surgery contraindications to laryngeal reinnervation?

M. Sayarh, A. Doyen, C. Hinkeltz, H. Marchant

Wallonie Picarde Hospital Center, Tournai, Belgium

16:10 Pediatric papillary thyroid carcinoma with extensive cervical lymphadenopathy: surgical strategy, radioiodine decision-making, and the role of NIRAF

M. Maes¹, S. Mariën^{1,2}, C. Faris^{1,2}, O. Vanderveken^{1,2}, Van Haesendonck^{1,2}, C. Jorissen²

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16:20 Less bleeding, more safety: the impact of preoperative embolization in a giant infiltrating cervical angiolipoma – A case report

A-S. Bronfort, A. Doyen, J. Bahij, A. Raptis, N. Amini, Y. Steffens

Centre Hospitalier Wallonie Picarde, Tournai, Belgium

Free Communications: Rhinology

16:30 Identifying patients at risk for early dissatisfaction after rhinoplasty: a PROM-based prediction model

F. Declau^{1,2}, C. Bernaerts¹, E. Fransen^{2,3}, G. Bilotta¹, L. Pingnet^{1,2}

¹ZAS Hospitals, Antwerp, Belgium, ²University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium, ³Antwerp University Hospital, Antwerp, Belgium

16:40 Disease-modifying effects of dupilumab on IL-4/IL-13–driven basal cell dysfunction and epithelial barrier remodeling in chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps

D. Rodiers¹, A-S. Viskens¹, E. Ruysseveldt¹, B. Steelant¹, K. Martens^{1,2}, D. Bullens^{1,3}, P.W. Hellings^{1,4,5}

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BAR AREA

17h00 – 18h00 : Closing and Award ceremony – Drinks

17:00 Welcome

17:15 Temporal Bone Contest Prizes

Lecturer Award in Laryngology and Head and Neck Pathology

Lecturer Award in Otology-Audiology

Lecturer Award in Rhinology

Poster Award

17:30 Final Remarks

17:35 Drinks

08h40-10h41 : RBS Lecturer Award in in Laryngology, Head and Neck Pathology

Chairs: TBA

08:40 Mucous versus epidermoid vocal fold cysts: clinical, surgical, and phoniatic outcomesF. Vandenbeylaardt, D. Morsomme, C. Finck*ENT Department CHULiege, Liège, Belgium; Faculty of Medicine, Uliege, Belgium; RUCHE, Department of Speech and Language Therapy, Faculty of Psychology, Uliege, Belgium***08:51 Non-selective unilateral laryngeal reinnervation for unilateral vocal fold paralysis: a retrospective case series**A. Petrosyan, J. Meulemans*KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium***09:02 Study of the PD-L1 expression, T-cells density and immunoscore in paired baseline tumor biopsies and surgical specimens in squamous cell carcinoma of the oral cavity**S. Beyaert^{1,2}, A. Borys¹, P. Baldin³, H. Dahou¹, M. Magremanne⁴, P. Mahy⁴, W. Renwart², JP. Machiels¹, S. Schmitz^{1,2}*¹Institut de Recherche Expérimentale et Clinique (IREC), Pôle MIRO, Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain), Brussels, Belgium; ²Department of Head & Neck Surgery, Institut Roi Albert II & Cliniques universitaires Saint-Luc, Brussels, Belgium; ³Department of Pathology, Cliniques universitaires Saint-Luc, Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium; ⁴Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Institut Roi Albert II & Cliniques universitaires Saint-Luc, Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium; ⁵Department of Head & Neck Surgery, ⁶Department of Medical Oncology Institut Roi Albert II & Cliniques universitaires Saint-Luc, Brussels, Belgium***09:13 A retrospective review of a 4,5-year experience in office based laryngeal procedures**D. Vande Vyvere, M. Rathé*AZ Delta, Roeselare, Belgium***09:24 Multidisciplinary management of paradoxical vocal fold movement in infants: a case series and literature review**S. Aerts, R. Luscan, B. Thierry, A. Boudewyns, K. van Hoorenbeeck, A. C. Jansen, N. van der Poel*Universitair Ziekenhuis Antwerpen, Antwerp, Belgium, Hôpital Universitaire Necker-Enfants Malades, Paris, France***09:35 Laryngeal telangiectasia causing life-threatening airway obstruction during pregnancy: a case report**V. Quataert, P. Tomassen*Ghent University Hospital, Ghent, Belgium***09:46 Complications and risk factors after total thyroidectomy for benign disease: a retrospective cohort study of 935 patients**D. Coppens, N. Van De Putte, A. Laenen, D. Di Santo, J. Meulemans, V. Vander Poorten*UZ Leuven, Leuven, Belgium***09:57 Effect of hypoglossal nerve stimulation therapy on upper airway collapsibility parameters**E. Tukanov^{1,2}, D. Van Loo^{1,2}, M. Dieltjens^{1,2}, J. Verbraecken^{1,3,4}, S. Op de Beeck^{1,2}, O.M. Vanderveken^{1,2}*¹Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Antwerp, Belgium; ²Department of ENT, Head and Neck Surgery, Antwerp University Hospital, Belgium; ³Multidisciplinary Sleep Disorders Centre, Antwerp University Hospital, Belgium; ⁴Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Antwerp University Hospital, Belgium*

10:08 Epitheloid hemangio-endothelioma in the head and neck region: treatment guidelines supported by a case report

L. Werp*n*, A. Vinck, C. De Vriese, C. Dick, T. Vauterin, F. Dochy

AZ Sint-Jan, Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck surgery, Bruges, Belgium

10:19 Upper airway stimulation for obstructive sleep apnea, preliminary results: sleepiness, sleep position, and orofacial function

M. Bosteels, J. Verbeke, K. Van Lierde, C. Kastoer

Ghent University Hospital, Ghent, Belgium

10:30 Anatomy of the intra-laryngeal end of the inferior laryngeal nerve and new possible surgical approach

L. Schieres^{1,2,3}, V. Defaweux³, P. Lefebvre^{1,2}, M. Wouters³, A. Botte³, C. Marchese³, A. Lagier^{1,2,3}

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10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break, poster viewing and visit of exhibitors

(13:00 – 13:10 Deliberation RBS Lecturer Award in Laryngology, Head and Neck Pathology : Office room registration area)

11h15-12h54 : RBS Lecturer Award in Rhinology

Chairs: TBA

RBS Lecturer Award in Rhinology

11:15 Epistaxis as a rare manifestation of Moyamoya disease: a case report

F. Van Der Veken, R. Vanheste, K. De Keukeleire, S. Halewyck

Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels Health Campus / UZ Brussel, department of otorhinolaryngology – head and neck surgery, Brussels, Belgium; Azorg, department of otorhinolaryngology – head and neck surgery, Aalst, Belgium

11:26 Comparison of bony foundation versus surface techniques in hybrid septal-T preservation rhinoplasty: retrospective propensity score matched cohort study

G. Bilotta¹, L. Pingnet¹, E. Franssen², F. Declau¹

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11:37 Demystifying dorsal preservation rhinoplasty: What is the Evidence ? How to Start ?

L. Delvaux

CHU de Liège, Liège, Belgium

11:48 The new CRS control tests: development and validation

D.M. Conti^{1,2}, W.J. Fokkens³, G.K. Scadding^{4,5}, V. Backer⁶, S. Lau⁷, M.E. Cornet⁸, E. Correa⁹, E. De Corso^{10,11}, S. Lee¹², F. Manole¹³, A. Peters¹⁴, E. Toskala¹⁵, A. Belmans¹⁶, P.W. Hellings^{1,17,18}

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11:59 Antibiotic prophylaxis for patients undergoing rhinologic surgeries: a survey of Belgian otorhinolaryngologists

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12:10 The value of the 70° endoscope in functional endoscopic sinus surgery

E. Gose, P. Glorieux, S. Marievoet, W. Trigaux, X. Declaye, L. Rousseaux, N. Terlinden, P. Brasseur, A. Marque

Grand Hôpital de Charleroi, Campus Les Viviers (GHDC), Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), Charleroi, Belgium

12:21 Platelet-rich plasma treatment for persistent olfactory dysfunction: a prospective cohort study with matched controls

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12:32 Sinonasal adenoid cystic carcinoma : a 20 years monocentric retrospective study

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12:43 The safety bar: a modification of the extracorporeal septoplasty using a PDS-foil

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13:00 – 14:00 Lunch - Poster viewing and visit of exhibitors

(12:55 – 13:10 Deliberation RBS Lecturer Award in in Rhinology : Room 2)

14h00-14h48 : Free Posters

Chairs: TBA

Free Posters

- 14:00-P1 Acute otitis media complicated by an epidural abscess and a transverse sinus thrombosis without signs of mastoiditis**
S. El Moukhtari¹, B Devroede^{1,2}, I Delpierre^{1,3}, O. Cavel^{1,2}
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- 14:06-P2 Solitary fibrous tumor of the nasal cavity: case report and review of the literature**
P. Daene, C. de Dorlodot, M.-C. Nollevaux, M. Persoons, Ph. Eloy
Department of otorhinolaryngology, CHU UCL Namur, site Godinne, Belgium
- 14:12-P3 Tapia syndrome following disc surgery: a rare complication not to be overlooked**
M. Sayarh, A. Doyen, J. Bahij, H. Marchant
Wallonie Picarde Hospital Center, Tournai, Belgium
- 14:18-P4 Scalp necrotizing fasciitis: a case report**
I. Boutamarhoute, M. Ferrante, K. Van Hoye, K. Cortebeeck, J. Van Leemput, J. van Dinther
European Institute for Otorhinolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery, ZAS Hospitals Antwerp, Wilrijk, Belgium
- 14:24-P5 Lingual thyroid resection with the DaVinci Single Port™ Transoral Robotic Surgery: the first reported case**
T. Pollet¹, M. Van Eecke², T. Vauterin², F. Dochy², C. Kenis³, F. Vanelden⁴, I. Van den Berghe⁴
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- 14:30-P6 Bilateral nasolabial cysts: a case report**
J. Goudezeune, G. Hens, L. Van Gerven
UZ Leuven, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- 14:36-P7 The respiratory microbiome as a modulating factor between respiratory health and exposure to green spaces at school**
C. Verstraelen¹, H. Hendrickx¹, I. De Boeck¹, L. Delanghe¹, R. Samson¹, N. van der Poel², S. Lebeer¹, S. Verhulst^{1,2}, I. Spacova¹
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- 14:42-P8 Bilobed Zenker's diverticulum in young patients: a rare anatomical variant with therapeutic challenges**
L. Fanchini, P. Levie
Hopital Ste-Anne St-Remi, CHIREC, Belgium

15h00-16h40 : RBS Poster Award

Chairs: TBA

RBS Poster Award

- 15:00-P10 Rhabdomyoma of the parapharyngeal space - A diagnostic challenge**
J. Boulanger, S. Nicolas, L. Vanwallegem, F. Dochy, T. Vauterin
AZ Sint-Jan, Brugge
- 15:07-P11 P1 latency and N1 emergence in speech evoked cortical auditory potentials: cortical maturation benchmarks from infancy to adolescence**
Y. Slimani^{1,3}, K. De Vlieger^{1,2}, P. Deltenre^{1,3}, B. Devroede^{1,2}
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- 15:14-P12 Point-of-care ultraviolet-C LED disinfection of flexible rhinolaryngoscopes: microbiological efficacy, workflow efficiency, cost savings and implementation implications**
F. Bourgeois¹, T. Vauterin¹, F. Dochy¹, A. Muyldermans², O. Van de gaer², AF. Kalmar³
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- 15:21-P13 Otomastoiditis complicated by meningoencephalitis: a case of rapid neurological deterioration**
E.R. Van Vooren^{1,2}, S. Hellemans^{1,3}, S. Janssens de Varebeke¹
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- 15:28-P14 Sinonasal metastasis of Merkel cell carcinoma: about two cases**
R. Godaert^{1,2}; E. Van der Smissen¹; S. Lipski¹
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- 15:35-P15 AI-driven detection and classification of voice disorders using acoustic recordings**
L. Berteloot¹, F. Sismono², L. Maertens³, Y. Maryn², M. Verguts², M. Vandaele¹; C. Van de Pol⁴, P. De Jaeger¹, K. Delsupehe³
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- 15:42-P16 Tip fold-over and scalar translocation in slim modiolar electrodes**
J. Abari, F. Sismono, M. Leblans, J. van Dinther, E. Offeciers, A. Zarowski, G. De Greve
European Institute for Otorhinolaryngology, ZAS Hospitals Antwerp, Wilrijk, Belgium
- 15:49-P17 Susac syndrome presenting with vestibulo-auditory symptoms: a case report**
P. Coemelck¹, N. Nemry¹, V. Pignato², C. Dekeyser¹, S. Lipski¹
¹Department of otorhinolaryngology and head and neck surgery, ²Department of neurology, CHU Tivoli, La Louvière, Belgium

- 15:56-P18 Inverted papilloma of the sphenoid sinus: a case report**
L. Abi-Khalil¹, M. Horoi¹, M. Verhasselt^{1,2}
¹ENT, Head and Neck Surgery Department, CHU Saint-Pierre, Brussels, Belgium; ²ENT, Head and Neck Surgery Department, HIS, Forest, Belgium
- 16:03-P19 Tapia syndrome following total thyroidectomy : challenges in diagnosis and management**
L. Sanchez Leone, D. Dequanter, A. Rodriguez, M. Verhasselt
 CHU Saint-Pierre, Department of otorhinolaryngology and head and neck surgery, Brussels, Belgium
- 16:10-P20 Early cochlear implantation in single-sided deafness: impact of duration of deafness on binaural hearing outcomes and tinnitus**
K. Stevens, G. Mertens, M. Lammers, V. Van Rompaey
 Department of ENT, Head and Neck Surgery, Antwerp University Hospital, Belgium
- 16:17-P21 Tympanic blood patch in perilymphatic fistula: an alternative treatment**
V. Vankemmel, S. Tainmont, A. De Stercke, Q. Mat
 ENT department, C.H.U Charleroi, Charleroi, Belgium
- 16:24-P22 Early unilateral labyrinthitis ossificans complicating acute otitis media: a rare pediatric case**
N. Bouzraa, O. Cavel, B. Devroede, B. Peczenik, N. Senese
 Department of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery, Hopital des Enfants Reine Fabiola (HUDERF), HUB, ULB
- 16:31-P23 An unusual case of fungal sphenoid sinusitis presenting with visual impairment**
Y. Smolders^{1,2}, C. Cox², K. Ketelslagers², S. Klein³, S. Janssens de Varebeke²
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(16:38 – 16:55 Deliberation RBS Poster Award : Room 2)

BAR AREA

17h00 – 18h00 : Closing and Award ceremony – Drinks

17:00 Welcome

17:15 Temporal Bone Contest Prizes

Lecturer Award in Laryngology and Head and Neck Pathology

Lecturer Award in Otolaryngology-Audiology

Lecturer Award in Rhinology

Poster Award

17:30 Final Remarks

17:35 Drinks

General Information

Venue

The Spring Meeting 2026 of B-ORL - Royal Belgian Society of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, Head and Neck Surgery will take place on 14 March at the Mix-hotel Brussels.

Address: Hotel Mix Brussels
Boulevard du Souverain 25
1170 Watermaels-Boitsfort

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