

**17th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery
31 May – 3 June 2009, Krakow, Poland**

**The 1st Joint North American – European
Postgraduate Symposium on General Thoracic Surgery
Sunday, 31 May 2009, 9:00 – 17:00**

Organisers: Thomas D'Amico (Durham) & Tomasz Grodzki (Szczecin)

(All talks 15 min presentation + 5 min discussion)

SESSION I: Lung Cancer

Moderator: Tomasz Grodzki, Szczecin

09:00 New UICC/AJCC staging system (R. Rami Porta, Barcelona)

09:20 Improving outcomes with thoracoscopic lobectomy (T. D'Amico, Durham)

09:40 Role of surgery in locally advanced lung cancer (P. Darteville, Paris)

10:00 Use of adjuvant therapy for lung cancer (D. Jones, Charlottesville)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

SESSION II: Oesophageal Cancer

Moderator: Thomas D'Amico, Durham

11:00 Proposed changes to the AJCC staging system (T. Rice, Cleveland)

11:20 Role of induction and adjuvant therapy (T. Lerut, Leuven)

11:40 Minimally invasive oesophagectomy (M. Maddaus, Minneapolis)

12:00 Role of 3-field oesophago-gastrectomy (N. Altorki, New York)

12:30 – 13:30: Lunch

Session III - Mixed Thoracic

Moderator: Alec Patterson, St Louis

13:30 Progress in lung transplantation (W. Klepetko, Vienna)

13:50 Current status of tracheal surgery (S. Keshavjee, Toronto)

14:10 Multimodality treatment of thymic tumors (F. Venuta, Rome)

14:30 Role of surgery in multimodality treatment of N3 disease (E. Rendina, Rome)

14:50 Role of robotics in thoracic surgery (K. Kernstine, Duarte)

15:10 Transcervical extended mediastinal lymphadenectomy (M. Zielinski, Zakopane)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

Session IV - Debates PRO - CON Moderator: Dirk Van Raemdonck, Leuven

16:00 Surgery for mesothelioma; before or after chemotherapy? (D. Sugarbaker, Boston)
(W. Weder, Zurich)

16:30 Management of unexpected and recalcitrant (N2) NSCLC (M. Ferguson, Chicago)
(G. Rocco, Naples)

17:00 Adjourn

17:30 – 18:30 Opening Ceremony

18:30 – 20:00 Opening Reception