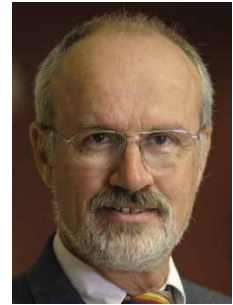




Guest Editors

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Ulrich Costabel is Professor of Medicine at the University of Duisburg-Essen (Essen, Germany) and Senior Consultant in Interstitial and Rare Lung Diseases at the Ruhrlandklinik (Essen, Germany). He was previously Chief of the Division of Pneumology and Allergology at the Ruhrlandklinik. He received his undergraduate training and his MD magna cum laude at the University of Freiburg (Freiburg, Germany). In 1992–1993, he spent a 6-month sabbatical with Professor Takateru Izumi at the Chest Disease Research Institute of the University of Kyoto in Japan (Kyoto, Japan).



Ulrich Costabel's research interests lie in clinical and immunological studies in ILDs, with a specific focus on clinical and research applications of BAL. In recent years, he has acted as principal investigator for major clinical trials in IPF. He is Past President of the World Association of Sarcoidosis and Other Granulomatous Disorders (WASOG) and organised the World Congress on Sarcoidosis in Essen in 1997. He has been Chairman of the European BAL Group since 1998 and has co-organised several international conferences on BAL.

Ulrich Costabel has been actively involved with the European Respiratory Society (ERS) since its inception, having been Chair of the Occupational and Environmental Health Group and Secretary of the Occupation and Epidemiology Assembly, and later Chair of the Bronchoalveolar Lavage Group. From 2002–2005, he was Head of the Clinical Assembly and a member of the Executive Committee of the ERS and, in 2006, he was Chairman of the ERS Congress in Munich (Germany).

Since 1990 he has served on the Editorial Board of the *European Respiratory Journal (ERJ)*, from 1994–1999 as the Chief Editor. He was Editor of the German journal *Pneumologie* from 2001–2005, has co-edited the *ERS Monograph* on Sarcoidosis, and is currently on the board of *Sarcoidosis, Seminars in Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* and *Current Opinion in Pulmonary Medicine*, among others. He is the recipient of several honours and awards, including the Sarcoidosis Research Prize presented by

the German Sarcoidosis Association and the World Sarcoidosis Person of the Year Award from the Irish Sarcoidosis Charity.

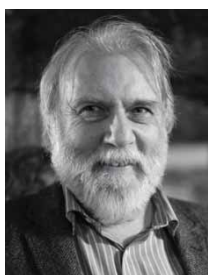
Bruno Crestani



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Athol U. Wells



Athol U. Wells is a Professor of Respiratory Medicine, Senior Consultant and the Academic Lead of the Interstitial Lung Diseases Unit at the Royal Brompton Hospital (London, UK). He completed his undergraduate training at Otago University (Dunedin, New Zealand) where he was later awarded his MD with distinction. He trained as a post-graduate and later practised as a respiratory physician in New Zealand. From 1989 to 1994, he was a research fellow at the Royal Brompton Hospital. After returning to New Zealand for 5 years, he took up his current post at Royal Brompton Hospital in 1999.

Athol Wells has research interests in clinical and translational science with the unifying theme being studies of CT and PFT, both in staging disease and in the examination of disease behaviour (for clinical purposes and in studies of pathogenesis). He was a chair of the British Thoracic Society guidelines (BTS) for ILD, a co-chair in the recent (2013) American Thoracic Society (ATS)/European Respiratory Society (ERS) update of the classification of the IIPs, and a participant in a number of ATS/ERS expert groups. He created and developed the Disease Behaviour Classification, which was endorsed in the 2013 classification of the IIPs. He is the author/co-author of over 230 peer reviewed articles and over 100 editorials, chapters and review articles. He currently serves on the Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.

Athol Wells believes strongly in the need for an independent European voice in the field of ILD (to complement international consensus initiatives) and has led or co-led four European perspectives in recent years, including the current *ERS Monograph*. He is currently the Chair of European consensus statements on IPF and on lung disease associated with connective tissue disease.