

Guest Editors

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James D. Chalmers is GSK/British Lung Foundation Professor of Respiratory Research and Honorary Consultant Respiratory Physician at the University of Dundee/Ninewells Hospital (Dundee, UK). He runs a regional specialist clinic for over 600 patients with bronchiectasis and is coordinator of the ERN Lung core network for bronchiectasis. His research group investigates clinical and translational aspects of respiratory infections in bronchiectasis and other difficult airways diseases and he has published widely on different aspects of the disease. He is Chair of EMBARC (European Multicentre Bronchiectasis Registry Audit and Research Collaboration) and chaired the 2017 European Bronchiectasis Guidelines. He is Deputy Chief Editor of the *European Respiratory Journal*. In 2017, he won the Patrick Neil Medal from the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) and the Romain Pauwels award from the European Respiratory Society (ERS) for his contribution to bronchiectasis research.

Eva Polverino



Eva Polverino is an expert in respiratory infections and leads research into bronchiectasis and cystic fibrosis at Vall d'Hebron University Hospital in Barcelona (Spain).

She graduated in Medicine at the University of Naples (Naples, Italy) and went on to specialise in pulmonology at the University of Pisa (Pisa, Italy). After a training period at the Hospital Clinic of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain) focusing on gas exchange, she gained a PhD in cardiopulmonary pathophysiology at the University of Pisa. In 2007, she moved to the Department of Pulmonology at the Hospital Clinic of Barcelona, to work in the field of respiratory infections. She went on to become Senior Investigator at the Hospital Clinic of Barcelona and Associate Professor at the University of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain).

Eva Polverino is an active member of several respiratory societies: the European Respiratory Society (ERS), the American

Thoracic Society (ATS), the Sociedad Española de Neumología y Cirugía Torácica (SEPAR) and the Catalan Society of Pulmonology (SOCAP). She is currently Secretary of the ERS Respiratory Infections Assembly, Co-Chair and member of the Steering Committee of EMBARC (European Multicentre Bronchiectasis Registry Audit and Research Collaboration), and Chair of the European task force on adult non-CF bronchiectasis (ERS 2014).

Eva Polverino has been an oral session facilitator and speaker at many European, American, Latin-American and Italian respiratory congresses. She has presented more than 150 oral communications at scientific congresses/courses and more than 200 communications (abstracts, posters, *etc.*).

Eva Polverino's personal research interests focus on respiratory infections and particularly bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, pneumonia, infection control and vaccination, and pulmonary physiotherapy.

Stefano Aliberti

Stefano Aliberti is Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Milan (Milan, Italy), and consultant at the Policlinico Hospital in Milan (Milan, Italy). He is the director of the bronchiectasis and primary ciliary dyskinesia programmes at the Policlinico Hospital.

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Stefano Aliberti has extensively published clinical and translational research papers on community-acquired pneumonia, especially in the field of antimicrobial resistance, and he received the Young Researcher Award in Respiratory Infections from the European Respiratory Society (ERS) in 2007. Over the past 10 years he has been heavily involved in bronchiectasis research. He is one of the founders and co-Chairs of EMBARC (the European Multicentre Bronchiectasis Registry Audit and Research Collaboration; www.bronchiectasis.eu). He is also chair of both the Italian Bronchiectasis Registry (IRIDE) and the Italian Registry of Pulmonary Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria (IRENE; www.registroidrene.it).



Stefano Aliberti has had over 170 peer-reviewed articles published in the field of respiratory infections over the past 15 years. He was a member of the task force that produced the ERS Guidelines on adult non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis. He is currently an Associate Editor of *ERJ Open Research, Respirology* and *Multidisciplinary Respiratory Medicine*.

Stefano Aliberti has been heavily involved in the ERS over the past decade as Secretary of the Respiratory Infections Group, Secretary and Head of the Respiratory Infections Assembly, member of both the Research Agency and the Clinical Research Collaborations Working Group, and now as Curriculum Development Director.