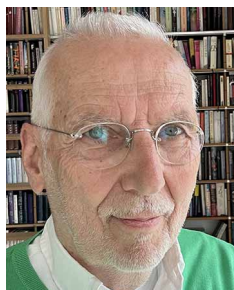


## Guest Editors

Thomas O.F. Wagner



Thomas O.F. Wagner is a professor of internal medicine, and from 1997 to 2016, was Head of the Department of Pneumology and Allergology, as well as Head of the Christiane Herzog CF Center for Children and Adults, at University Hospital Frankfurt (Frankfurt, Germany). Since 2010, he has been Head of the Frankfurt University Hospital Reference Centre for Rare Diseases (Frankfurt).

Thomas received his medical and research training at Bonn University (Bonn, Germany) and Freiburg University (Freiburg, Germany), and his post-doc training at Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO, USA) and at Medizinische Hochschule Hannover (Hannover, Germany). He is an MD, holds a PhD equivalent (Prof. Dr med. habil.) and has board qualifications in pneumology, allergology, endocrinology and intensive care medicine.

Thomas' main research activities include lung transplantation, cystic fibrosis, ventilator therapy, rare diseases, and public health issues, including the economics of healthcare. He has numerous publications and has supervised more than 25 medical dissertations.

Thomas is the Coordinator of the European Reference Network for Rare Diseases of the Respiratory System (ERN-LUNG; <https://ern-lung.eu/>). He has been a member of the European Commission (EC) Rare Diseases Task Force (EUCERD), is an active partner in the RD Joint Action and coordinates a number of European and national projects (ERN-LUNG, the RD Registry Data Warehouse, eSupport, etc.).

Since his active role in a European pilot project in RD networking (ECORN-CF), a European online expert advisory board for patients and care team members, Thomas has been heavily involved in European networking projects, bringing together patients, patient organisations and all care team members. ECORN-CF is a good example of his networking skills: after initial funding from the EC, the project is now sustainably supported by patient organisations, more than 12 years after its starting date.

## Marc Humbert

Marc Humbert is Dean and Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the Université Paris-Saclay Faculty of Medicine in Le Kremlin-Bicêtre, France. He is the Director of the Respiratory and Intensive Care Medicine Department, French PH Reference Centre, Assistance Publique Hôpitaux de Paris (Le Kremlin-Bicêtre).

Marc is Past President of the European Respiratory Society (ERS). He was also Chief Editor of the *European Respiratory Journal* from 2013 to 2017 and is now the Section Editor in charge of Pulmonary Vascular Medicine.

Marc has received several distinctions, including the 2006 ERS Cournand Lecture Award, the 2009 Descartes-Huygens Award from the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, the 2016 Rare Disease Award of the Fondation de France, the 2018 ERS Award for Lifetime Achievement in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, the Excellence 2019 Award from the Fondation du Souffle, and the 2020 American Heart Association's 3CPR (Council on Cardiopulmonary, Critical Care, Perioperative and Resuscitation) Distinguished Achievement Award.

Since 2017, Marc has been the Vice-Coordinator of the European Reference Network for Rare Diseases of the Respiratory System (ERN-LUNG; <https://ern-lung.eu>).

In 2018, Clarivate Analytics listed Marc as one of the world's most highly cited researchers in the field of clinical medicine.

## Marlies Wijsenbeek

Marlies Wijsenbeek is a pulmonary physician and Professor of Interstitial Lung Diseases at the Erasmus University Medical Centre in Rotterdam, a national expert centre for interstitial lung diseases in the Netherlands and member of ERN-LUNG (the European Reference Network for Rare Lung Diseases European Reference Network for Rare Diseases of the Respiratory System; <https://ern-lung.eu>). She is Chair of the multidisciplinary ILD centre.

Marlies' research interests include e-health, patient-centred outcome measures in ILD, cough in ILD, and new therapies in ILD and sarcoidosis.

Marlies is Chair of the Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia Group of the European Respiratory Society (ERS), Lead of the Functional Committee for Training and Continued Medical Education of ERN-LUNG, a member of the scientific advisory board of the European Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and Related Disorders



Federation (EU-IPFF), an Associate Editor of the *European Respiratory Journal* and a member of the International Advisory Board of *Lancet Respiratory Medicine*. In 2021 she was awarded the ERS mid-career gold medal in ILD.

#### Michael Kreuter



Michael Kreuter is Director of the Lung Center Mainz (Mainz, Germany) and Professor of Pneumology at the University of Mainz. In this role, he is Head of the Department of Pneumology at the University Clinic Mainz, and of Pneumology and Critical Care Medicine at the Marienhaus Klinikum Mainz. He is also principal investigator of the German Centre for Lung research (Germany).

Michael is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonology and haematology-oncology. Following a clinical fellowship in Münster (Germany) and a research fellowship at Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA, USA), Michael moved to the Thoraxklinik (Heidelberg, Germany), where he has been since 2005. In 2023 he took over the academic and clinical position in Mainz.

Michael's clinical and scientific interest focuses on interstitial and rare lung diseases. He is conducting various research projects on comorbidities, epidemiology, biomarkers, and diagnosis and therapy of interstitial lung diseases. He is also committed to educational programmes and is one of the organisers of the annual European Respiratory Society (ERS) virtual school on ILD.

#### Helge Hebestreit



Helge Hebestreit is Professor and Vice Director of Paediatrics, Director of the Centre for Rare Diseases, and Head of Paediatric Pulmonology and of the Cystic Fibrosis Centre at the University Hospital in Würzburg (Germany). He also coordinates the Commission on Rare Diseases of the German Society of Paediatrics and is Chair of the German Working Group of the Centres for Rare Diseases.

Helge's main research interests include: health service research in rare diseases in general; and exercise as a diagnostic and therapeutic tool in people with chronic lung conditions, especially cystic fibrosis.

Helge is Lead of the Core Network for Other Rare Lung Diseases at the European Reference Network for Rare Diseases of the Respiratory System (ERN-LUNG; <https://ern-lung.eu/>).