

**Dear Colleagues,
Members of Thymic and Mediastinal Working Group of ESP**

Minutes from Business Meeting of Thymic and Mediastinal Working Group,

February 09, 2022

During this meeting, the activities of the Thymic and Mediastinal Working Group (TMWG) in 2021 and plans for 2022 were presented.

TMWG status and activities in 2021

1. The group consists of 64 members.
2. In January, a special edition of the Virchows Archives was released, entitled "**Annual Review Issue: Challenges in lung and thoracic pathology**" [Virchows Archives, 2021,478 (1)]. TMWG members have contributed to several articles in this issue. You can read more [HERE](#) on the Virchows Archives pages.



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Annual Review Issue: Challenges in lung and thoracic pathology

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13 articles in this issue

3. In February, the Business Meeting of the group was held, and the chairs of TMWG (*Malgorzata Szolkowska and Jan von der Thüsen*) were elected for the term of 2021 and 2022.

4. From June the TMWG meets every 2 months for ***Bring your case!*** At these meetings, difficult or interesting cases of mediastinal tumors are discussed and virtual microscopic slides are presented.

5. TMWG was also involved in composing the **Pathology Progress Test** questions. Virtual microscopic slides of four cases were prepared, two of them were used in the test.

6. The **Virtual 33 European Congress of Pathology (ECP)** took place in August. TMWG organised a symposium entitled "**Immunohistochemical and genetic tests in the diagnostics of mediastinal tumors**". The session had over 200 participants live and over 300 visitors watched the recording of the session.

7. In December TMWG organised a webinar on "**Thymic hyperplasias - classification and differential diagnosis**" (over 150 participants). A recording of this webinar is available on the ESP website - [CLICK HERE](#).

European Society of Pathology – Webinar
Thymic hyperplasias - classification and differential diagnosis
Moderator: Alexander Marx (DE)

- Thymic Hyperplasias: True, Follicular, Rebound and Hyperplasia with Lymphoepithelial Sialadenitis (LESA)-like features, **Stefan Porubsky** (15m)
- Unusual lymphoid lesions of the mediastinum, **Laurence de Leval** (15m)
- Epithelial Cell Hyperplasia vs. Micronodular Thymoma with Lymphoid Stroma and Micronodular Thymic Carcinoma with Lymphoid Hyperplasia, **Jan von der Thüsen** (15m)
- Case presentation: 63-year-old male with MG and ambiguous thymic tumor, **Malgorzata Szolkowska** (15min)
Q&A (30 min)

Wednesday 15 December
16:00 CET

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Plans for 2022

1. TMWG is planning to take active part in **34 ECP2022 in Basel**. We invite you to the Symposium and to Slide Seminar.

The Symposium „Joint Symposium of Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology/Pediatric and Perinatal Pathology: Thymic and Mediastinal Lesions in Children and Young Adults” is planned for:

Sunday, September 4th Evening session, 17:15 - 19:15

and its program includes:

Moderators: Jan von der Thüsen (Netherlands), Aurore Coulomb (France)

- Lymphomas and non-neoplastic lymphadenopathies of the mediastinum in children
- *Laurence de Leval (Switzerland)*
- Small blue round cell tumors of mediastinum in children - *Wiesława Grajkowska (Poland)*
- Thymic epithelial tumors in children - *Thierry Molina (France)*
- Vascular tumors and malformations involving the mediastinum - *Isabel Colmenero (Spain)*
- Other benign lesions of the thymus and mediastinum in children and young adults - *Maureen O'Sullivan (Ireland)*
- Q&A (30 min)

The Slide Seminar „**Germ Cell Tumors of Mediastinum**” is scheduled for:

Tuesday, September 6th, Evening session 17:30 - 19:30.

The Slide Seminar will be moderated by **Prof. Alexander Marx (Germany)**. During this session, four clinical-radiological-pathological cases will be presented and discussed.

2. We plan to continue ***Bring your case!*** meetings.

WE INVITE ALL INTERESTED TO SHOW CASES OR JOIN THE DISCUSSION!

3. New questions on mediastinal tumors/diseases are needed for the next edition of **Pathology Progress Test**. The cases illustrated with scanned microscopic slides are preferred.

4. TMWG members are also involved in organising **the Pathology Workshop at the Virtual International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group Annual Meeting (the Virtual ITMIG2022)**, which will take place between **September 29 and October 2, 2022**.

The workshop will be dedicated to neoplastic and non-neoplastic diseases of the thymus gland. Topics will be presented in the form of lectures and case presentations during Virtual Microscopy Sessions. The workshop program is available [HERE](#).

ESP agreed to officially endorse the workshop!

5. At the turn of 2022 and 2023, the TMWG will have **the election for the position of the chair and co-chair of the group**.

Think about your candidates! 😊

Kind regards,



April 10, 2022