



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

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I am pleased to introduce the new chairs of our Working Group:

**Dr. Jan von der Thüsen - chair  
Dr. Anja Roden - co-chair**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the group very much for their support over these past two years and for participating in the proposed activities. It has been a great honor and responsibility for me to work as TMWG chair, but thanks to you, also a great pleasure and a wonderful adventure.

My warmest wishes to all members!

Małgorzata Szołkowska (Margaret)  
*Past-Chair of the Thymic and Mediastinal Working Group of ESP*

**Minutes from the Business Meeting,**

**January 20, 2023**

The meeting included a summary of the group's activities in 2022 and a

preliminary plan for 2023.

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## TMWG status and activities in 2022

1. We have **46 registered members** in the group.
2. **Bring your case!** In 2022, we met five times on ZOOM to discuss challenging cases of mediastinal tumors. Cases were presented as scanned virtual slides or directly from the microscope (direct online transmission). The meeting in May was especially important for our group, as May has been recognised as the Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month. For this special meeting, our invitation was sent by the ESP office (thank you for that!) to the presidents of the national societies of pathology in Europe.
3. Our group participated in the collection of some questions for the **Pathology Progress Test**.
4. We organised two sessions for the **34th European Congress of Pathology (ECP), September 3-7, 2022 in Basel:**
  - Symposium: **Joint Symposium of Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology/Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology: Thymic and Mediastinal Lesions in Children and Young Adults**
  - Slide Seminar: **Germ Cell Tumors of Mediastinum**
5. Our WG contributed in organisation of **the Pathology Workshop during Virtual ITMIG2022** (the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group Annual Meeting 2022). **The Workshop was endorsed by ESP.**  
Recordings of lectures and microscopic sessions are available for free to conference participants and for a fee to others. For more information, please, contact me ([m.szolkowska@gmail.com](mailto:m.szolkowska@gmail.com))

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## Plans for 2023

1. Our group, together with Pulmonary WG, will be organising one of **the European School of Pathology (EScoP) courses**, June 14 - 16, 2023, Bucharest/Romania.

Program will include:

- neoplastic and non-neoplastic diseases of the lung, pleura and mediastinum (lectures and case presentations)
- proper handling with the lung and mediastinal specimens

2. We invite you to our sessions during **The 35th European Congress of Pathology, Dublin/Ireland, September 9-13, 2023**:

**Joint Symposium: Digestive Diseases & Pulmonary & Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology WGs: „Thoracic and Digestive System Neuroendocrine Neoplasms - Similarities and Differences”**

*Monday, September 11th, 2023, 14:45 - 16:45*

**Chairs: Mauro Papotti, Volkan Adsay**

- **The current WHO classification of thoracic NETs and NECs,**  
*Alexander Marx*
- **The current WHO classification of digestive system NETs and NECs,**  
*Volkan Adsay*
- **Small cell carcinoma or large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma? A nightmare for a pathologist,** *Giuseppe Pelosi*
- **Mediastinal tumor with NEC (or NET) morphology - primary (thymic) or metastatic (lung, GI) tumor?** *Philipp Ströbel*
- **DEBATE: NET G3 - does it exist?**
  - **YES - GI pathologist's perspective,** *Atsuko Kasajima*
  - **PROBABLY - Thoracic pathologist's perspective,** *Mauro Papotti*
- **PANEL DISCUSSION (all speakers) - starting topic: Carcinoids or NETs G1/G2/G3? Different entities justified by molecular basis or only different names?**

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## Slide Seminar - What on earth is this?! Challenging cases in mediastinal pathology

*Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, 17:30 - 19:30*

**Chairs: Wim Timens, Malgorzata Szolkowska**

Case presenters: Michael den Bakker (NL), Yin P. (Rex) Hung (USA), Andre Moreira (USA), Janina Wolf (Switzerland), Thierry Molina (France), Stefan Porubsky (Germany)

3. We plan to continue ***Bring your case!*** meetings on ZOOM.

**Join our meetings even not presenting the case!**

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

Other activities will be proposed by the new Chairs of our WG 😊

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*With a friendly goodbye,*

*Małgorzata Szolkowska*

*Past-Chair of the Thymic and Mediastinal Working Group/ESP*