

# Welcome

We are pleased to invite you to the first Conference on “Best of WCLC” in Dresden.

This year’s conference covers the information provided by the best abstracts of the 15th World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC) taken place in Sydney October 27-30.

The Board of Directors (BOD) of IASLC has decided to come up with regional “best of WCLC conferences” following Sydney 2013. This initiative is a consequence of IASLC’s change of the frequency of WCLC from bi-annual to annual, the increasing travel costs for participants, the inability of the pharmaceutical industry to sponsor anymore attendees travel costs because of new budget limitations and new industry codex considerations. The initiative is, therefore, to provide an increasing number of colleagues in the regions not being able to participate in WCLC with the clinically most relevant information presented at the global event.

The workshop in Dresden will be a one-day-conference. Talks will be given by internationally well-known opinion leaders in the field of thoracic oncology from Europe. The content of the conference material will be defined at the moment IASLC is aware of all the abstracts admitted for WCLC. IASLC prepared slide sets will be given to the speakers. Nonetheless, the selection will follow more/less the multidisciplinary character of lung cancer management and therefore balanced between the different fields.

This procedure, however, does not exclude the opportunity of the organizers to include talks to other important issues not selected by IASLC experts.

The organizers are very pleased to hold this conference under the auspicious of the International Association of the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) and the German Society for Pneumology and Respiratory Medicine (DGP).

We look forward to seeing you in Dresden upcoming December.

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