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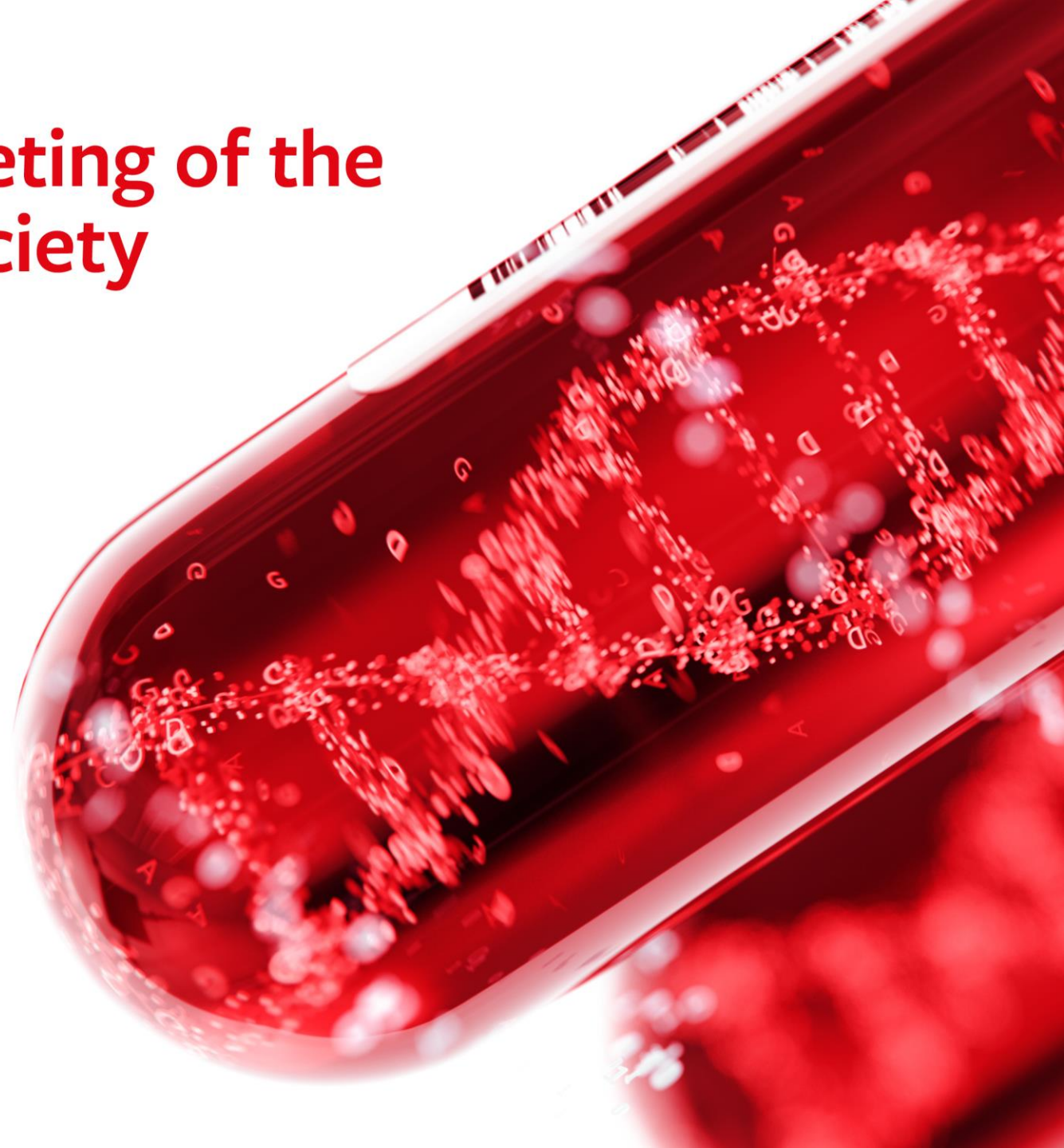
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face-to-face Meeting



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# General Assembly

(for BHS members only)

**Marc André, BHS President**  
**Helena Devos, BHS Treasurer**

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# BHS Membership: increase

More members  
=  
Stronger voice

Members BHS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
<b>Members</b>	258	262	295	308	329	Clinical and lab hematologists, senior scientists,
<b>Junior Members</b>	151	160	230	260	261	Hematologists in training or <35y
<b>Associate members</b>	75	81	95	107	111	Nurses, data- or quality managers, laboratory technicians, ...
<b>Total</b>	484	503	623	675	701	+ 3%

# BHS Governance: Board 2023



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JACIE committee  
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UZ Leuven



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Marie-Christiane Vekemans  
*Councilor Educational Affairs*  
UCL Saint-Luc

BHS Board dedicates  
time and expertise on  
voluntary basis

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# Board members' mandate

NAME & SURNAME	Role BHS Board	BHS Mandate
Marc ANDRE	President	2019-2025
Gabriel LEVY	Pediatric Liaison	2022-2025
<b>Academic (7)</b>		
Ivan VAN RIET	Vice-President	2018-2024
Timothy DEVOS	Councilor Patients Committee	2019-2025
Adrien DE VOEGHT	Councilor Committees	2023-2026
Anke Delie	Education Councilor	2022-2025
Marie-Christiane VEKEMANS	Education Councilor	2022-2025
Anke VANDERLINDEN	Nurse Committee	2018-2024
Philippe LEWALLE	Education Councilor	2022-2025
<b>Non-academic (7)</b>		
Koen THEUNISSEN	Education Councilor	2019-2025
Karolien BEEL	Webmaster	2022-2025
Dries DEEREN	Secretary	2022-2025
Helena DEVOS	Treasurer	2019-2025
Valérie ROBIN	Nurse Committee	2019-2025
Benjamin BAILLY	Councilor Patients Committee	2022-2025
Pascale FRERE	Scientific Councilor	2022-2025

## New Board member(s) 2024

- **Anke VANDERLINDEN** will be replaced by Sébastien **ANGUILLE** (UZA)
- **Veerle BECKERS** (UZ Brussel) volunteered to replace **Ivan VAN RIET** in the Board. However, Ivan will remain the Chair of the JACIE committee.

## BHS Presidency

Prof. Marc **ANDRÉ**'s mandate as the BHS President ends at the BHS GAM 2025

**CALL FOR A NEW PRESIDENT BELONGING TO  
THE OTHER LINGUISTIC ROLE (NL)  
(2025-2028 BHS Presidency)**

**Interested?** Send your application to [bhs@seauton-international.com](mailto:bhs@seauton-international.com) by the **end of November 2024**.

# BHS Governance: Committees

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## Disease-related committees

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### Acute Leukemia Committee

Chair: Ann De Becker

### Lymphoma Committee

Chair: Marie Marevoet

### Myelodysplasia Committee

Chair: Marielle Beckers

### Myeloma Committee

Chair: Michel Delforge

### Myeloproliferative Disorders Committee

Chair: Timothy Devos

### Red Blood Cell Disorders Committee

Chair: Anna Vanderfaillie

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## Profession-related committees

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### JACIE Committee

Chair: Ivan Van Riet

### Marrow Donor Program Committee

Chair: Pierre Zachée

### Nurses Committee

Chair: Cristina Baiana

### Patients Committee

Chair: Elke Stienissen

### Transplantation Committee

Chair: Tessa Kerre

# BHS Governance: Committees

## Marrow Donor Program Committee

- New Chair Candidate: **Prof. Catherine LAMBERT**  
*(Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc)*

## Myeloproliferative Disorders Committee

- **Prof. Timothy DEVOS** is actively looking for a successor

## Patient Committee

- Call for a new Chair from 2025 as Ms Elke **STIENNISSEN** steps down end of 2024

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# Education path in Hematology in Belgium

**Working Group Clinical hematology** (R. Schots, V. Dewilde + 10 members):

- 3+3 education
- Internship place and director
- Draft proposed to Hoge Raad/Conseil supérieur of Medicine
- Royal decree before summer 2024

# INAMI/RIZIV

- New nomenclature in hematology
- Lynn Rutseart (GZA), Marc André (CHU UCL Namur)

## Sciensano (H. Antoine-Poirel)

- Guidelines
- Clinical research support

**Next step:** Invitation to the BHS Board meeting during this Spring.

# Training on Health economics and evaluation

- Trainer: Prof. Dr. Lieven Annemans (Economics of health and wellbeing, Faculty of Medicine and Health sciences, Ghent University – Belgium)
- 2 courses at Sheraton airport hotel
- Interaction with RIZIV/INAMI for drug evaluation in hematology.

# Belgian Cancer Plan

Invitation of 14 March to discuss a proposal from the BHS for the Cancer Plan

>> Feel free to submit suggestions to the BHS secretariat.

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# BHS Educational Courses (14)

*Each course is evaluated on content and logistics!*

New since the 2023-2024 Academic year:

Online format only via Zoom.

- 84 Students registered
- Average online attendance: 30

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## 2022-2023

15 October 2022

### Seminar 8: MYELOPROLIFERATIVE NEOPLASMS

Chairs: Philippe Lewalle, HUB Institut Jules Bordet  
Nikki Granacher, ZNA

19 November 2022

### Seminar 9: NON-MALIGNANT HEMATOLOGY

Chair: Koen Theunissen, Jessa Ziekenhuis Hasselt

17 December 2022

### Seminar 10: HEMOSTASIS

Chairs: Cédric Hermans, UCL Saint-Luc  
Helena Devos, AZ Sint-Jan Brugge

14 January 2023

### Seminar 11: MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROME AND BONE MARROW FAILURE SYNDROMES

Chairs: Marielle Beckers, UZ Leuven  
Sophie Servais, Liège

11 March 2023

### Seminar 12: INDOLENT LYMPHOMA

Chairs: Karolien Beel, ZNA  
Marie Maerevoet, HUB Institut Jules Bordet

18 March 2023

### Seminar 13: HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA & AGGRESSIVE LYMPHOMA

Chairs: Marc André, CHU UCL Namur  
Daan Dierickx, UZ Leuven

22 April 2023

### Seminar 14: PLASMA CELL DISORDERS

Chairs: Isabelle Van Den Broek, UZ Brussel  
Marie-Christiane Veckemans,  
UCLouvain Saint-Luc

## 2023-2024

14 October 2023

### Seminar 1: LABORATORY HEMATOLOGY

Chairs: Helena Devos, AZ Sint-Jan Brugge  
Pierre Heimann, HUB Erasme

18 November 2023

### Seminar 2: RED BLOOD CELL DISORDERS

Chair: Benjamin Bailly, Jolimont Hospital

16 December 2023

### Seminar 3: ACUTE LEUKEMIA

Chairs: Adrien De Voeght, CHU Liège  
Fabio Andreozzi, HUB Institut Jules Bordet

13 January 2024

### Seminar 4: SUPPORTIVE CARE IN HEMATOLOGY

Chairs: Pascale Frère, CHR Verviers  
Gaëtan Vanstraelen, CHR Verviers

2 March 2024

### Seminar 5: TRANSFUSION & CELL THERAPY

Chairs: Ivan Van Riet, UZ Brussel  
Véronique Deneys, UCLouvain Saint-Luc

16 March 2024

### Seminar 6: STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION

Chair: Philippe Lewalle, HUB Institut Jules Bordet

20 April 2024

### Seminar 7: GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE

Chair: Valérie Robin, Grand Hôpital de Charleroi

# Recordings on the BHS Hemato Knowledge

Unrestricted Educational Grant in 2023 from AstraZeneca, BeiGene and Janssen.

## BHS Educational Courses | Hemato Knowledge Hub

**Events & Meetings**

BHS courses

**Year**

2020

2021

**Subjects**

Lymphoma/CLL

Multiple myeloma/amyloidosis

Myelodysplastic syndromes

Red blood cell disorders/benign hematology

Miscellaneous



**Seminar 1 2021-2023: Laboratory Hematology - The role of the pathologist in the diagnosis of hematologic diseases**

Presenter: Prof. Thomas Tousseyn – UZ Leuven - Oct 16, 2021

Chairs: Dr. Helena Devos, Prof. Pierre Heimann

The role of the pathologist in the diagnosis of hematologic diseases (Prof. Thomas Tousseyn – UZ Leuven)

[Read more >](#)



**Seminar 1 2021-2023: Laboratory Hematology - Molecular Hematology**

Presenter: Apr. PhD. Marie-Berthe Maes - UZA - Oct 16, 2021

Chairs: Dr. Helena Devos, Prof. Pierre Heimann

**Molecular Hematology (Apr. PhD. Marie-Berthe Maes - UZA)**

[Read more >](#)

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# BHS - Hemato Knowledge Hub: Facts & Figures

## NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON THE HUB

**124**

Video recordings  
of the BHS educational courses  
Presentations to be found  
on the BHS website

**105**

Recordings of the presentations  
56 GAM  
+ 16 Nurse Symposium at GAM  
+ 33 Post-ASH

**18**

BHS webinars  
supported by our BHS partners  
and delivered by  
national key opinion leaders  
on relevant topics

## SOME FACTS & FIGURES IN 2023\*

**1.121**

Visitors  
+ 26.56%

**3.981**

Sessions  
+ 35.48%

**18.793**

Pageviews  
+ 30,78%

**16<sup>min.</sup> 48<sup>sec.</sup>**

Avg. session  
duration

**2.349**

Total logins  
+ 33.02%

**7.629**

Videos triggered

**184**

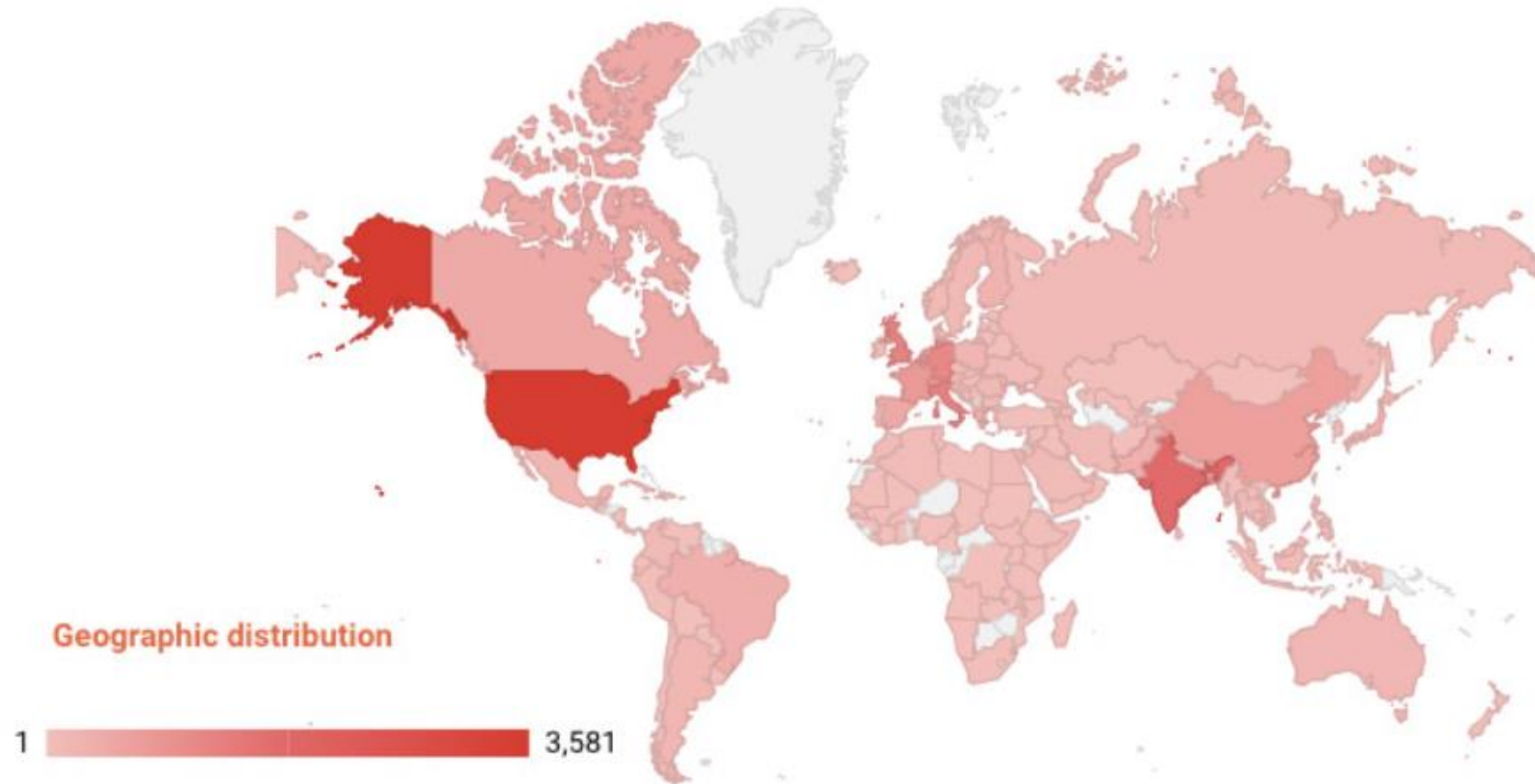
Total new accounts  
- 87.7%

as a big part of the Belgian hematology community had  
already created an account since the launch in 2021

\* compared to 2022 data

# BHS - Hemato Knowledge Hub: Facts & Figures

OUR USERS COME FROM



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THIS SPRING WE WILL LAUNCH THE

# NEW BHS WEBSITE

🔍 What's new in store?

- Multilingual website (EN, FR & NL)
- A new content-rich **patient corner** with comprehensive blood disorder info
- A more user-friendly navigation through **targeted groups sections** (doctors, nurses, etc.) & an internal **index source**
- Customizable membership account (bookmarks, saved trainings, etc.)

STAY TUNED

# BHS - Hemato Knowledge Hub

7 BHS webinars supported by our partners were held in 2023

## Calendar 8 BHS webinars in 2024

- BHS webinar supported by **Gilead - Kite** which will take place on 21 March 2024
- BHS webinar supported by **BeiGene** which will take place in April 2024
- BHS webinar supported by **Takeda** in May 2024
- BHS webinar supported by **Pfizer** in June 2024
- BHS webinar supported by **GSK** in early September 2024 (to be confirmed)
- BHS webinar supported by **AstraZeneca** in September 2024
- BHS webinar supported by **Janssen** in October 2024
- BHS webinar supported by **Lilly** in November 2024



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# 26<sup>th</sup> Post-ASH Meeting

Friday January 12, 2024

Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel



## Programme

Chairs

Marc André, BHS President  
Ivan Van Riet, BHS Vice-President

13:00 – 13:55

Networking Lunch

13:55 – 14:00

### Welcome

Marc André, CHU-UCL Namur, Belgium  
Ivan Van Riet, UZ Brussel, Belgium

14:00 – 14:25

### Multiple Myeloma

Michel Delforge, KU Leuven, Belgium

14:25 – 14:50

### Myeloproliferative Neoplasia

Gaëlle Vertenoel, CHU Liège, Belgium

14:50 – 15:15

### Aggressive Lymphoma

Gilles Crochet, CHU-UCL Namur, Belgium

15:15 – 15:40

### Indolent Lymphoma and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

Fulvio Massaro, HUB Institute Jules Bordet, Belgium

15:40 – 16:05

Coffee break

16:05 – 16:30

### Red Blood Cell Disorders

Martin Colard, HUB Erasme, Belgium

16:30 – 16:55

### Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Nathan De Beule, UZ Brussel, Belgium

16:55 – 17:10

### Myelodysplastic Syndrome

Marie-Christiane Vekemans, UCL Saint-Luc, Belgium

17:10 – 17:35

### Thrombosis & Hemostasis

Cedric Hermans, UCL Saint-Luc, Belgium

17:35 – 18:00

### Transplantation

Guillaume Dachy, UCL Saint-Luc, Belgium

18:00 – 18:05

### Closing

Marc André, CHU-UCL Namur, Belgium  
Ivan Van Riet, UZ Brussel, Belgium



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face-to-face meeting



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[www.bhs.be](http://www.bhs.be)

Face-to-face event with the recorded sessions to be accessed on-demand (for BHS Members) on [the BHS-Hemato Knowledge Hub](#)

FIND YOUR PICTURES ON THE **BHS WEBSITE**

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# Post-ASH 2024 - Statistics

Friday, 12 January 2024

Total registrations: 252

- 212 attendees
- 40 no shows

Type of institution	Number
University / Hospital / Research Institute	94
Private Company	49
Other	12

Discipline	Number
Physician specialist - Clinical hematologist	72
Physician specialist - Pediatrician	2
Physician specialist - Clinical Biologist	13
Physician specialist - Other	3
Physician in training	8
Scientist	11
Scientist in training (PhD Student)	1
Nurse	9
Data manager / CRA	1
Technician	1
Other	104

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# We support our nurses

- **Education of hematological nurses**

- BHS GAM: Nurse Symposium

- New BHS 2024 initiatives to support Nurses

- [6 Travel grants to attend EBMT](#) (Glasgow, 14-17 April)
- International Nurses Day, Thursday 16 May 2024
- STARR Nurse Award
- Lymphoma and Multiple Myeloma Nurse Academy (initiated by Takeda and endorsed by the BHS)
- Training on ALL available on-demand on the BHS knowledge hub (with the support of Servier)

- **Lobbying to competent authorities for adequate IFIC classification**

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# BHS Education-Training

- **Education for trainees in hematology**

- BHS Educational courses
- BHS training grants

- **New BHS 2024** initiatives to support Young Hematologists

- La Cantera
- European School of Hematology
- New initiatives by BHS partners

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# New BHS Initiatives to support the Young Hematologists

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Editorial

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## The Cantera: An Epic Learning Ring Cycle for Young Haematologists

Anas Younes

**Correspondence:** Anas Younes (e-mail: younesa@mskcc.org).



## La Cantera

La Cantera is a seminar organised by Professor Massimo Federico **with the support of EHA** (European Hematology Association).

This seminar is dedicated to young European hematologists (under the supervision of 1 or 2 coaches) in the field of lymphoma.

The seminar will take place in **Lecce, Italy** from **Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 May 2024**.

The [agenda](#) can be found on the BHS website: [WE SUPPORT OUR YOUNG HEMATOLOGISTS | BHS](#)

Application deadline: 8 March 2024.

# New BHS Initiatives to support the Young Hematologists\*

*\*A “young” hematologist is defined as a hematologist in training or trained for less than 5 years.*

The BHS decided **to offer up to 2 travel grants per course of a maximum of 1,500€ each** to support attendance to the **European School of Hematology**. Application deadline: 8 March 2024.

This year’s next courses (<https://www.esh.org/>) supported by the BHS are:

- This year’s next **courses supported by the BHS** are :
- 3rd Translational Research Conference: Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (8-10 March, Vienna, Austria)
- 9th Translational Research Conference: Myelodysplastic Syndromes (12-14 April, Budapest, Hungary)
- 10th Translational Research Conference: Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (26-28 April, Mandelieu-La Napoule, France)
- 3rd Translational Research Conference: Immune & Cellular Therapies: Focus on Advanced Gene-Engineered Immune Cells (13-15 September, Malahide, Ireland)

# BHS & Research

- BHS travel & training grants
- Awards at the GAM for the best oral & poster presentations, best case report
- **PACE award**: multidisciplinary projects focused on the care for hematological patients
- **SAFYHR Award** for young hematologist research
- **GILEAD Award** for cellular therapy research
- **BeiGeneration Award** for lymphoma research
- **NEW Amginy Award** for the use of artificial intelligence and advanced technologies
- Again in 2024: Clinical research grant (40.000€)  
Writing support grant (10.000€)



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