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Beyond the Test:

Driving Value in Laboratory Medicine

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09:30 - 09:45 Welcome Coffee (Redwood Area)

09:45 - 10:00 **Opening of the Meeting** Prof. Etienne Cavalier, RBSLM President

10:00 - 12:00 **Part 1.** Morning session organized by the FAKB/AABC

Chairs: Dr. Kobe Truijens & Dr. Antoine Laffalize

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10:00 - 10:20 Growing against the odds: A diagnostic plot twist in a prosthetic joint
Dr. ass. Bénédicte Vanhove, AZ Groeninge, Kortrijk, Belgium

10:20 - 10:40 Syphilis diagnosis: when serology isn't enough
Mrs. Salomé Gallemaers, CHU UCL Namur - Site Godinne, Namur, Belgium

10:40 - 11:00 Isolated CNS blast crisis in chronic myeloid leukemia Mrs. Cato Vercaeren, UZ Leuven, Belgium

11:00 - 11:20 Potassium Bromide monitoring case: Building a therapeutic interpretation without established reference values
Dr. Hadrien Cools, Clinique Notre-Dame de Grâce, Gosselies

11:20 - 11:40 Unexpected gel displacement after centrifugation: When contrast media compromise adrenal vein sampling Dr. Sofie Bournons, UZ Brussel, Brussels, Belgium

11:40 - 12:00 Unlocking the molecular vault: A clinical case in molecular oncology
Dr. Rim Fekkak, CHR Citadelle, Liège, Belgium

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch Break (Redwood Area)

13:00 - 14:45 **Part 2.** Hot topics in laboratory hematology

Chairs: Prof. Stijn Lambrecht & Dr. Robbe Heestermans

13:00 - 13:30 How to follow MRD in plasma cell malignancies?
Prof. Hans Jacobs, Radboud University Hospital, The Netherlands

13:30 - 14:00 How to monitor CAR-T cells? Prof. Guillaume Dachy, Hematology Department, Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc, Brussels, Belgium

14:00 - 14:30 How to monitor unfractionated heparin in 2026: guidelines from ISTH
Prof Isabelle Gouin-Thibault, Department of Hemostasis, University Hospital Rennes, France

14:30 - 14:45 Oral Communication: Best abstract in Hematology

14:45 - 15:15 Coffee Break (Redwood Area)

15:15 - 16:15 **Part 3.** Driving value in laboratory hematology

Chairs: Prof. François Mullier & Dr. Yorich Maenhout

15:15 - 15:35 Appropriate prescription of hematology analyses, From overtesting to right testing
Prof Delphine Borgel, Department of Hemostasis, University Paris-Saclay, France

15:35 - 15:55 Appropriate ordering in hemostasis: interventions to reduce overuse and underuse
Prof. François Mullier, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Hematology-hemostasis laboratory, UCL Namur, Namur, Belgium

15:55 - 16:15 Minimal retesting intervals in hematology: how to determine them
Prof. Dr. Ivana Lapić, University Hospital Zagreb, Croatia

16:15 - 18:00 **Part 4.** Key Note session

Chairs: Prof. Pieter Vermeersch & Dr. Michel Langlois

16:15 - 16:30 Presentation Best Paper Prize

16:30 - 17:30 European working group on data exchange
Dr. Ruben Smeets, Radboud University Hospital, The Netherlands

17:30 - 18:00 Data exchange at a national level, the Belgian perspective
Prof. Ann Verdonck, Department of Laboratory Medicine, University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium

18:00 - 19:00 Congress Cocktail Reception (Redwood Area)

19:30 Congress Dinner

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07:30 - 08:30 Running Tour - Start Day 2 on the move!

Join fellow RBSLM members for a **5K social run** through the beautiful surroundings of Dolce La Hulpe and the Sonian Forest. No timing. No competition. Just **fresh air, great energy and good company**.

08:30 - 09:00 Welcome Coffee (Redwood Area)

09:00 - 10:30 Part 1. Driving value in Clinical Chemistry

Chairs: Prof. Damien Gruson & Dr. Matthias Cuykx

09:00 - 09:25 Indirect reference interval determination.
Prof. Dr. Jakob Zierk, Uniklinikum, Kinder- und Jugendklinik, Erlangen, Germany

09:25 - 09:50 Pharmacogenetics and new guidelines from the French speaking network of pharmacogenetics (RNPGx) Prof. Vincent Haufroid, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

09:50 - 10:15 Clinical decision tools
Dr. William van Doorn, Maastricht Universiteit Medisch Centrum, Nederland

10:15 - 10:30 Oral communication: Best abstract in Clinical Chemistry

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break (Redwood Area)

11:00 - 12:20 Part 2. Recognizing the Value of Laboratory Medicine Specialists

Chairs: Prof. Etienne Cavalier & Dr. Aurélie Candi

11:00 - 11:10 Addressing the challenge together: the importance of appropriate care in recognizing the true value of laboratory medicine
Dr. Benjamin Damanet, Director Appropriate Care RIZIV/INAMI

11:10 - 11:20 Presentation BeMedTech abstract in Clinical Chemistry

Chairs: Prof. Etienne Cavalier & Prof. Dr. Veronique Stove

11:20 - 12:05 Reimbursement
Dr. Mario Berth, Department of Laboratory Medicine, AZ Alma Eeklo; Vicevoorzitter Commissie Klinische Biologie, Belgium
Dr. Bart Demyttenaere, Directeur beleid en studies Solidaris, Brussels, Belgium

12:05 - 12:20 Discussion

12:20 - 14:00 Lunch Break (Redwood Area)

13:00 - 13:30 Poster Guided Tour (Slot 1)

13:30 - 14:00 Poster Guided Tour (Slot 2)

14:00 - 14:30 Part 3. Snibe Sponsored Symposium

Snibe Diagnostic

Chairs: Prof. Etienne Cavalier & Prof. Damien Gruson

Cardiac and Emerging Biomarkers in Patients with Diabetes - Cardiovascular Risk Stratification Dr. Mourad Sadelaoud, Doctor of Pharmacy; Specialist in Clinical Biology, University of Batna, Algeria. Scientific Consultant at Snibe International.

14:30 - 15:45 Part 4. Hot topics in Clinical Chemistry

Chairs: Dr. Nathalie De Vos & Prof. Caroline Le Goff

14:30 - 14:45 Oral Communication: Second Best abstract in Clinical Chemistry

14:45 - 15:10 Value of TDM automation in Laboratory Medicine, a game changer?
Prof. Dr. Veronique Stove, Ghent University hospitalière, Ghent, Belgium - Voorzitter Commissie Klinische Biologie, Belgium

15:10 - 15:35 Transition to 6th-Generation cardiac Troponin T: Implications for the Clinical Laboratory
Prof. Caroline Le Goff, CHU Liege, Belgium

15:35 Wrap up and end of the 2026 RBSLM Annual Meeting

15:45 End of the meeting