

World Lung Cancer Conference 2022 (WCLC)

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The WCLC is the world's largest international gathering of clinicians, researchers and scientists in the field of lung cancer and thoracic oncology. After two years of virtual meetings, this year's WCLC took place in Vienna with over 5000 delegates from more than 100 countries. During the meeting, I had the chance to choose from a total of over 300 talks, groundbreaking plenaries, experts' lectures and mini oral presentations of research abstracts. A total of 1000 posters ranging from basic research to phase III clinical trial results were presented during this meeting with topics from over 30 different categories, ranging from non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) screening, treatment and prevention, to thymoma but also pathology and development of new high-dimensional research tools.

I had the honor to present my work on pleural malignant mesothelioma (MPM) in the form of a research poster during the conference and could connect to clinicians, researchers and professors during my poster session, receiving valuable input regarding my work on preclinical models for MPM. During the networking poster sessions, I could further talk to people performing research in the same field, hopefully leading to collaborations to move forward even faster in the field of this rare disease.

Aside from the scientific conference program, I got the chance to explore the city of Vienna with some colleagues, and benefit from the exceptional cuisine of this beautiful place. As I grew up in Austria, I had the challenging task to show them around, trying not to miss any important sightseeing stops and introducing them to the charm of this old city that is definitely worth visiting.

I could not be more thankful for the chance to attend the WCLC, representing the University of Zurich and the Life Science Zurich Graduate School at the biggest conference on lung cancer and thoracic malignancies. Receiving the BioMed travel grant allowed me to connect to new people from my field of research, listen to presentation from world leading research experts but also clinicians actually translating our research findings in the real world of cancer patient care.

