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Member of:

- Belgian Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (BACTS)
- Belgian Group for Endoscopic Surgery (BGES)
- Belgian Professional Surgical Association (BPSA)
- Belgian Section for Upper GI Surgery (BSUGIS)
- Belgian Section of the International College of Surgeons (BSICS)
- Belgian Society for Surgical Oncology (BSSO)
- Royal Belgian Society for Surgery (RBSS)

Other memberships:

- American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS)
- Belgian Transplantation Society
- European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)
- European Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS)
- French Society for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery (FSTCVS)
- Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland (SCTS)
- The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS)

Other committees:

- EACTS (Past presidents of EACTS)

Antoon (Toni) Lerut, M.D., Ph.D., from the University Hospital Leuven, Belgium returned to Boston this spring as the Sally and Michael Gordon Visiting Scholar in Thoracic Surgery. Dr. Lerut obtained his doctoral degree and training in *general surgery* at the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium after which he trained as a registrar in thoracic surgery to Mr. Ronald Belsey in Bristol, UK.

In 1982, he obtained a guest scholarship in the Department of Surgery, University of Chicago (Prof. Dr. D. Skinner). These contacts furthered his interest in thoracic and esophageal surgery as well as thoracic oncology. Back in Leuven, Dr. Lerut joined the department of general surgery (Director Prof. Dr. J.A. Gruwez). Then in 1994, Prof. Lerut was appointed Chairman of a newly established Department of *General Thoracic Surgery*. Under his guidance, this department today is considered one of the world's leading centres for thoracic and esophageal surgery and lung transplantation. Over the years it has attracted many international fellows. As the Sally and Michael Gordon Visiting Scholar in Thoracic Surgery for the past two years, Dr. Lerut has presented numerous lectures to the staff and faculty.

This year, Dr. Lerut delivered Grand Rounds in a talk titled, *A Promenade Through the History of Thoracic Surgery*. His talk was notable for his unique perspective on important contributions by European surgeons, such as Billroth, Sauerbruch and von Mikulicz-Radecki, who early on grappled with the technical problems of operating in the chest, long before the advent of tracheal intubation, which revolutionized thoracic surgery. Dr. Lerut quipped that he was a little hesitant to deliver this lecture since once you have been asked to speak about the history of something, it's usually because you have become a part of that history. In fact nothing could be further from the truth, as the residents, fellows, and faculty have greatly benefited from Dr. Lerut's contemporary surgical expertise during his tenure as visiting scholar.

<http://www.chest Surg.org/about/annual-report/>;

<http://be.linkedin.com/pub/toni-lerut/6/1a7/706>;

<http://www.ctsnet.org/home/alerut>; <http://www.belsurg.org/profile.php?member=5>.

