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Apart from her clinical expertise in radiotherapy for thoracic malignancies, Yolande Lievens has always been closely involved in the organizational aspects of radiotherapy, in the position of radiotherapy within multidisciplinary oncology, and in the financial and health economic aspects of cancer care. She also has an interest in quality issues in radiation oncology, not only in terms of quality assurance but also in the impact of radiation treatments on quality of life. She is a strong advocate of interdisciplinary collaboration among radiotherapy professionals and multidisciplinary collaboration with other oncology care givers. In addition, as the current president of ESTRO, she encourages partnership with other stakeholders, be it national radiotherapy societies, patients, industry partners and policy makers. In view of providing state-of-the-art radiotherapy to all cancer patients who need it, she is convinced that evidence – clinical as well as economical – is key to sustain innovation in and improve access to radiotherapy within often-limited health care budgets.