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The 21st European Congress of Radiology took place in Vienna, Austria, from March 6th until the 10th. Accepted as one of the largest radiological meetings worldwide, the Congress showcased the newest products and achievements in technical medicine, pharmacology and specialized media.

Since 1991, the congress is held annually in early March in the Austrian capital. The president of ECR this year was Professor Borut Marincek, Head of the Department of Radiology, University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland.

More than 18,000 delegates from 97 countries and 285 exhibitors from 36 countries were present at the ECR this year. The public consisted mainly of radiology professionals, radiographers, industry representatives and press reporters for medical and consumer press.

Furthermore, there were 25 industry-supported Satellite Symposia and Hands-on Workshops. For the sixth year the "Invest in the Youth" program had a great success. It was dedicated to young radiologists and radiographers between the age of 22 and 30. The special country focus was on Switzerland, New Zealand, Australia and Croatia. During the congress the participants shared the experience of the four countries in the field of radiology.

The most recent developments in science and research were presented with a special focus on the importance of radiology in early detection of breast cancer, the role of CT and MR in major trauma, radio frequency ablation (RAF) of the liver and lung tumours and strategies for radiation dose reduction.

ECR is the annual meeting of the European Society of Radiology (ESR). The next congress will take place in Vienna from March 4-8, 2010, under the presidency of Professor Ma_gorzata Szczerbo-Trojanowska from the Interventional Radiology Department at the Medical University of Lublin in Poland.

For more information, please visit: www.myesr.org/cms/website.php?id=/en/congress.htm

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