

#ECR 2019 Women in Focus



[Women in Focus](#) is a brand new initiative coming to the [European Congress of Radiology](#) (ECR) in 2019. The event was a compilation of a series of special, non-scientific sessions dedicated to women working in healthcare. Organised by [Prof. Hedvig Hricak](#), chair of the Department of Radiology; Carroll and Milton Petrie chair, the programme included a diverse array of inspiring speakers from across the world and from a variety of healthcare industries. These speakers shared their views on a range of topics related to **gender and healthcare, tackling issues** such as **female leadership, mentoring**, the **generational progression of women in medicine**, and **work in challenging environments**.

Intended to be educational as well as inspiring, **Women in Focus** explored and celebrated the **crucial role that women play in healthcare**, whilst offering advice and insights to those wishing to advance their caregiving skills and careers within this sector. Attendees enjoyed an **interactive session style**, including live audience polling and panel discussions, and were encouraged to share their own views on a variety of important issues. The programme intended to be relevant and interesting to everyone, and not only to the radiological community, and this ECR event was also open to the public.

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Each session had a dedicated room in the ECR City for remote viewing and was streamed live [online](#). The first sessions on each day were followed by a coffee break in the basement lounge area of The Church with complimentary refreshments and accompanying live music.

"Women play such a crucial role in healthcare delivery across the world, yet their contributions are often overlooked. At ECR 2019, we wanted to celebrate female accomplishments in the medical community and inspire younger female attendees by enabling them to engage and learn from experienced role models. Women in Focus has emerged as the product of these intentions. The programme offers a platform for speakers to share their experiences, offer constructive advice and debate the often-difficult issues surrounding gender and healthcare.

For the organisation of the programme, I could think of nobody more suitable to lead the project than Prof. Hedvig Hricak. Not only is she a highly accomplished radiologist, but her promotion of female leadership and mentoring within the medical community has been a priority of hers for many years. She has led a number of women-related initiatives throughout her career and stands as an astonishing example of female leadership. Together with the ESR office, she has organised an inspiring programme, which will keep audiences engaged through interactive session participation.

The programme will be dedicated to the late Professor Alexander R. Margulis. He was an extraordinary radiologist and Honorary Member of the ESR, and also a champion of female leadership in medicine. Our intentions at the ESR are that other 'in Focus' programmes will be organised at future congresses, each with a unique theme and each dedicated to a cherished member of our community who is no longer with us.

I have no doubt that Women in Focus will be one of the most special highlights of ECR 2019. I encourage everyone to celebrate women in the medical community by attending these sessions." Prof. Lorenzo Derchi, ESR President.

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