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## ECR2016 Takes Radiology Beyond ‘Comfort Zone’



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## Vienna congress to hear new developments, education and live streaming

This year’s European Congress of Radiology (ECR) 2016 is expected to attract some 20,000 delegates to Vienna on Wednesday, 2 March, where the latest developments and case studies in radiology will be presented, with a focus on education, new disciplines and live streaming of all 1,500 sessions.

In her welcoming address to the European Society of Radiology’s [blog](#), ECR 2016 Congress President, Prof. Katrine Riklund, from Umeå University Hospital, Sweden, said that this year, delegates will have the chance to learn about some fascinating topics, such as breast radiology in the Nordic countries, state-of-the-art radiology in Japan, and the transition from practice to reality in Colombia.

“The ‘ESR meets’ sessions are always among the most anticipated every year and are a great example of how our congress brings people together from throughout the world. These sessions are not aimed just at attendees from the guest countries, but at everyone, with the idea that you can discover something new.”

Riklund said that this year’s guest discipline will be ‘nuclear medicine’, which will feature in a joint session on hybrid imaging, while the congress will also see the launch of the new European Society for Hybrid Medical Imaging (ESHI).

The new formats introduced to the educational programme last year, under the European Excellence in Education E3 heading, will remain this year, with delegates finding sessions with the right level of complexity, wherever they are in their professional development.

“From the Rising Stars Programme to the ECR Master Classes, there is something to suit everyone, and the sessions are marked with the knowledge level they are intended for. I strongly suggest seeking out your level and making the most of these sessions.”

Riklund said that a new feature this year is the ‘Voice of EPOS’, which consists of poster sessions with short oral presentations in the EPOSTM area.

“Interest in this new idea has been great, leading to an all-time high in EPOS abstract submissions, with 2,989 abstracts submitted. The Voice of EPOS sessions will be held not only in organ-based topic groups, but also in

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several different languages, adding a useful new dimension to the congress.”

“I am also happy to announce that submission of Clinical Trials in Radiology abstracts has increased substantially compared to last year so I also encourage you to come and listen to the presentations based on these ongoing trials.”

“I know that sessions with basic radiology are very much appreciated, but I have a wish that, this year, all of us will challenge ourselves by taking some time to explore radiology beyond our comfort zones, just because our field is so amazing!”

## **ECR 2016 Final Programme Now Online**

The PDF version of the ECR 2016 Final Programme, is now [online](#). It is full of vital information to help delegates navigate the programme and venue, including general congress information, programme overviews by topic and day, and floor plans.

## **ECR 2016 Sessions Online, Free of Charge**

Watch more than 1,500 lectures from the European Congress of Radiology live and on demand, completely free of charge with [ECR Online](#).

Streaming starts on Wednesday, 2 March, but you can already sign up for the service and create your own viewing schedule at [ecronline.myesr.org](http://ecronline.myesr.org).

This year, the Interactive Programme Planner is also fully integrated into the streaming platform, offering a great tool for planning at ECR 2016, whether you watch online or on the ground in Vienna.

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