



## ESR Offers Online ECR Congress in Face of Wuhan Virus



The [European Society of Radiology \(ESR\)](#) has reassured delegates already booked for the event and pointed to the option of attending its congress online as concerns about the spread of the Wuhan Coronavirus grow.

ESR is holding its ECR meeting in Vienna from March 11 to 15.

“So far, there has not been a single cancellation of an ECR 2020 registration due to the situation in China. In Austria, there are no confirmed cases of the coronavirus,” ESR said in a statement.

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The new coronavirus, which originated in the Chinese city of Wuhan at the end of 2019, was [declared a global emergency \(a Public Health Emergency of International Concern – PHEIC\)](#) during the second meeting of the Emergency Committee convened by WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on 30 January.

But ESR stresses WHO has also declared that it does not recommend any travel or trade restriction based on the current information available.

However, for delegates thinking about refraining from travelling because of the virus and for colleagues in China, ESR has issued reassurance that the meeting will be available online.

“The ESR is well-prepared and pleased to offer everybody everywhere to be part of the ECR online, regardless

of any restrictions,” it said. “The ECR is a fully digital online congress and can be attended from anywhere in the world via our platform [ECR Live on ESR Connect](#).”

ESR has been developing [ECR as online congress](#) as it anticipates a decline in onsite participation owing to increased environmental consciousness, compliance, time and travel restrictions.

According to data at the time of publication on February 3, the coronavirus has spread to 25 countries and infected more than 17, 300. At least 362 have died from the virus, all in China except for one man in the Philippines.

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