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IMAGING Management's Guide to Top ECR Highlights



The European Congress of Radiology (ECR) is the annual meeting of the European Society of Radiology (ESR), which has grown now to almost 140,000 members. It is a trend-setting, dynamic and service-oriented congress, well-known as one of the most innovative meetings within the scientific community, embedded in a unique and inspiring ambience. Its purposes are many: medical imaging continues to evolve into a highly technology-oriented specialty, and with the rapid level of innovation, the ECR congress meets this need to educate, inform and disseminate information to its participants. For example, the most recent development has been the establishment by the society, of two new committees: one for oncologic imaging, the other for emergency radiology, two growing and demanding areas where radiologists will need a central hub to organise and promote excellence in these fields.

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ESR Meets...

Friday, March F, 10:30 - 12:00 / Room A

ESR Meets Italy

Prof. Antonio Rotondo, President of the Italian Society of Radiology (SIRM) invites this year's ECR attendees to discover what is happening for medical imaging in Italy. The Italian Society of Medical Radiology (SIRM) represents many thousands of radiologists and is currently the largest medical society in Italy, with around 9,000 members. As well as sessions outlining the performance of medical imaging in Italy, attendees can attend sessions such as:

- MR contrast agents for liver imaging: A. Giovagnoni; Ancona/IT
- Outlook and clinical perspectives of MDCT coronary angiography: M. Galia; Palermo/IT
- Experimental study with 7T-micro MRI: in vivo rat model of intestinal infarction: R. Grassi; Naples/IT Saturday, March 3, 10:30 - 12:00 / Room B

ESR Meets Egypt

Prof. Dr. Fathy Tantawym, Head of the Egyptian Society of Radiology & Nuclear Medicine (ESRNM) welcomes participants to attend a special session covering the latest advances in medical imaging in Egypt. The ESRNM has 3,423 active radiologists registered as members of the society and holds two scientific meetings per year covering all subspecialties of radiology. The peer-reviewed Egyptian Journal of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine (EJRN), established in 1986, is published four times a year. Sessions include:

- MDCT of Royal Egyptian Mummies: secrets unveiled: A. Selim; Cairo/EG
- Egyptian women's health outreach programme: yesterday, today and tomorrow: D. Salem; Cairo/EG
- Interventional management of HCC: Egyptian experience: A. El-Dorry; Cairo/EG Sunday, March N, 10:30 - 12:00 / Room B

ESR Meets Romania

Prof. Dr. Dragos Negru, President of the Romanian Society of Radiology and Medical Imaging (SRIM) proudly welcomes participants at this year's ECR congress to not only learn more about developments in medical imaging in Romania, but to attend key scientific presentations during the session. The Romanian Society of Radiology and Medical Imaging (SRIM) holds its own congress every two years and publishes its official journal, Imaging, four times a year. Sessions will include:

- Hepatic nodules in cirrhosis: I.G. Lupescu; Bucharest/RO
- Interventional treatment in liver malignancies: B. Popa; Bucharest/RO
- Imaging and guided biopsy in breast malignancies: M. Lesaru; Bucharest/RO

State of the Art Symposia

This year's ECR congress marks another first: Emergency radiology has until now lacked its own society, prompting the initiation of the European Society of Emergency Radiology (ESER) on October 1, 2011 as the first European professional and scientific group in this particular field. This is marked during the congress by a State of the Art Symposium dedicated to professionals working in this area, and is an unmissable session for all those involved in the provision of medical imaging in the emergency radiology field.

Saturday, March 3, 16:00–17:30, Room A Polytrauma in the golden hour: the key role of emergency radiologists in the ED when time makes the difference

Other Symposia will include:

Friday, March 2, 08:30–10:00, Room D2 *Imaging during pregnancy*

Sunday, March 4, 16:00–17:30, Room E2 *Imaging hip joint replacement*

Special Focus Sessions

One of the key Special Focus Sessions at this year's congress aimed at Managers and Leaders of medical imaging department deals with the practice of remote radiology for those who use new technology to keep abreast of workload when away from the medical imaging department. Chaired by Prof. Luis Donoso, it looks at the importance of teleradiology and PDAs as well as the legal issues in teleradiology in this situation.

Sunday, March 4, 08:30–10:00, Room F1 Radiology on the road: working when you are away from home

Other Special Focus Sessions Include:

Friday, March 2, 08:30–10:00, Room F2 *Controversies in Breast Imaging*

Friday, March 2, 08:30–10:00, Room Q *Diagnosis and management of acute vascular abdominal problems*

Thursday, March 1, 16:00–17:30, Room E1 *Neuroimaging in neonates, infants and children: when to do what*

Professional Challenges

Another unmissable highlight of this year's congress centres around the Professional Challenges section, one that is of key importance to readers of IMAGING Management journal, and those with an interest in best practice in managing a department of medical imaging and related healthcare economics fields. This year's congress addresses the need for nuclear medicine specialists to work together with radiologists for diagnosis of their patients, and is cemented by a growing cooperation between the ESR and European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM). Hybrid methods employing technologies from both sides are leading to more overlap and the society states that it is inevitable that there should be greater cooperation between both sides.

Thursday, March 1, 16:00 - 17:30, Room L/M *Diagnosis of inflammatory conditions Joint session of the ESR and the EANM (European Association of Nuclear Medicine)*

Other Professional Challenges Sessions include:

Saturday, March 3, 16:00–17:30, Room F2 *An epidemic spreading from West to East: medico-legal challenges for radiologists*

Monday, March 5, 08:30–10:00, Room L/M *Joint Session of ESR and ICRP (International Commission on Radiological Protection) Upcoming challenges in radiation protection*

Honorary Lectures

Thursday, March 1, 17:45–19:15, Room A

Opening Ceremony

Presentation of Honorary Members

Opening Lecture

Arcimboldo in the service of natural science Sylvia Ferino-Pagden; Vienna/AT

Friday, March 2, 12:15–13:10, Room A **Gold Medal Awards Josef Lissner Honorary Lecture** *The pulmonary nodule: old and new challenges*
Cornelia Schaefer-Prokop; Amersfoort/NL

Saturday, March 3, 12:15–12:45, Room A **Antonio Chiesa Honorary Lecture** *Small is beautiful! The voyage of head and neck imaging into the future*
Roberto Maroldi; Brescia/IT

Sunday, March 4, 12:15–14:45, Room A **Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen Honorary Lecture** *In search of venous thromboembolism: the first 2,912 years*
Lawrence R. Goodman; Milwaukee, WI/US.

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