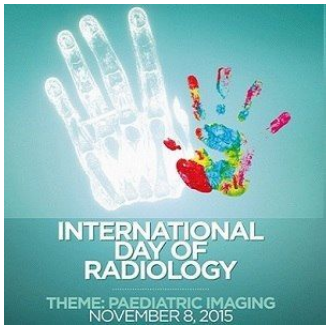
International Day of Radiology Boost for Radiographers



As part of ongoing efforts to intensify their relations, the European Society of Radiology (ESR) and the European Federation of Radiographer Societies (EFRS) have decided to strengthen their cooperation for the International Day of Radiology (IDoR). The annual event, launched in 2012, promotes awareness of the significance of imaging in advancing modern healthcare and takes place on the 8th of November to commemorate the day of Röntgen's discovery.

"When we launched the International Day of Radiology together with the American College of Radiology (ACR) and the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) back in 2012, it was clear to us from the beginning that the radiographers, as an integral part of the radiological family, should be on board for this important endeavour," according to ESR President Professor Luis Donoso from Barcelona, Spain.

The EFRS has been a participating society in the IDoR from year one, promoting the day on their website and raising awareness among their members, but for 2015 this collaboration will reach a new level. The ESR will produce a book on this year's main theme, paediatric imaging, which is being written by international experts in the field and will give readers an insight into the work of paediatric radiologists. To highlight the importance of radiographers' work in paediatric imaging, the EFRS was invited to nominate their own experts to contribute to this project. Ronald Booij, a radiographer at the Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, has provided a chapter on CT in paediatric imaging, together with a radiologist from the same department.

In addition, EFRS board member Vasilis Syrgiamiotis, from the General Children's Hospital in Athens, has been interviewed by the ESR PR & Media Dept. on his views on and experience of working with children in an imaging department. This interview will also be included in the book.

"The worldwide radiographer community has been celebrating World Radiography Day since 2005, to raise awareness of the vital role that this profession plays in healthcare. The EFRS now welcomes the opportunity to join together with our colleagues in radiology on the International Day of Radiology, to give a clear signal of the unity and cooperation within the radiological family, for the benefit of all patients," says EFRS President Csaba Vandulek from Kaposvár, Hungary.

The ESR and the EFRS look forward to their new level of cooperation and aim to continue it for the International Day of Radiology in the coming years.

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