

'ESR meets': another virtuoso programme at ECR 2010

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ECR 2010, under the theme 'Virtuosity in Radiology', promises to be yet another landmark in the history of the congress. To ensure this success, 'ESR meets', one of ECR's most popular programmes, will invite three countries from three different continents to present their expertise in radiology. Poland, Saudi Arabia and Argentina will deliver their latest scientific achievements of international relevance. Neurology will also be a guest, as part of ECR's efforts to promote multidisciplinary dialogue.

Argentina will be the first Latin American country to take part in the ESR meets initiative, and expects an increased attendance of Argentinean and Latin American radiologists as a result. The delegates will focus on pneumo-oesophageal MDCT in cancer presurgical characterisation and staging, radio-anatomy of the lower arterial anastomoses, and high-resolution MRI in rectal cancer. They will also deliver a presentation on cystic echinococcosis, based on local experience in Patagonia.

Poland, home country to ECR 2010 President Prof. Małgorzata Szczerbo-Trojanowska, a world famous interventional radiologist, will present a session on Emergency Radiology. Polish 'rising stars' in radiology will present their achievements in modern emergency stroke imaging, cardiac emergency imaging, and in the diagnosis and management of aortic or end-organ complications in the dissection of descending aorta. They will also provide examples of their use of CT pulmonary angiography in staging acute pulmonary embolism.

Saudi Arabia will offer a general presentation based on its radiological routine, and explain how imaging can help assess peculiar musculoskeletal infections and infestations, as well as Brucellosis infection. The Saudi delegation will also stress the role of imaging in the discovery and characterisation of genetic diseases, and the role of nuclear medicine and functional imaging in Non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL), a diverse group of haematologic cancers.

Inviting a partner discipline to take part in the debates has become a necessity and ECR recognised this two years ago by extending its 'ESR meets' programme to specialities beyond radiology. At ECR 2010, neurologists will, together with radiologists, focus on the diagnosis and treatment of stroke, the number two cause of death worldwide. From clinical requirements and expectations of diagnostic imaging to diagnostic imaging of ischemic stroke, experts will talk of their experience in order to improve both their cooperation and medical outcome. They will also deal with the management of acute stroke patients and the endovascular treatment of patients with ischemic strokes.