

Editorial

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Dear colleagues and friends in the world of neuroradiology,

Welcome to the 50th Anniversary Conference of the German Society of Neuroradiology!

Encouraged by curiosity and enthusiasm for imaging our body's most complex and intriguing organ—the brain—we have developed many highly useful techniques and discovered patterns of findings that enable us to detect many disease entities of the central nervous system, and allow us an extensive differential diagnostic classification. The new challenge that we are facing now is restoring the blood supply to the brain on a 24/7 basis by means of image-guided intervention. Our expertise as neurointerventionalists makes us indispensable in the armamentarium of the urgently required acute stroke therapy. This marks a fundamental transformation in our specialist discipline and is the reason why we will be taking a particularly closer look at this issue in our Hot Topic session on Friday, October 16.

Advances in the German neuroradiology scene have been driven by numerous pioneers who are developing and enhancing state-of-the-art methods, in a highly visible manner, on both national and international levels. I am therefore especially delighted to announce that many of these pioneers will present their expertise to you, in the form of intensive keynote sessions. This will give you a hitherto unparalleled overview of the broad spectrum of up-to-date modern diagnostic and interventional neuroradiology.

The latest findings on the neuroradiological research forefront, which include the priority areas of inflammatory CNS disorders, neurodegeneration, stroke and temporal bone pathology, will also be presented. In keeping up with our tradition, a stimulating update on neurointerventions will be featured on Saturday.

On this notable occasion, namely the 50th Annual Meeting, greater account will be taken of participants' needs in terms of skills-upgrading opportunities. The main program will be supplemented by a wide range of daily workshops and satellite symposia. Of particular importance are certification courses in interventional neuroradiology in the light of current trends, offered by the German Society for Interventional Radiology and Minimally Invasive Therapy (DeGIR).

Only with the active support of our medical-imaging technologists are we able to carry out our shared mission. That is why, as in previous years, we are concurrently holding a highly attractive in-service training conference for interested MITs.

Abstract submission is already open. For further information on *neuroRAD* 2015 please visit our website www.neurorad.de/abstracts.html.

Concluding, I urge all of you to come to Cologne from October 15 to 17 and to join us in the festivities of the 50-year celebration! You will find it well worthwhile!

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