

Welcome address



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the European Society of Neuroradiology I warmly welcome you to the 34th Meeting, the 18th Advanced Course and the 2nd Interventional Course. It is the first time the Meeting and the Advanced Courses of ESNR are organized in Greece and have been prepared by neuro-radiologists from Athens and other major cities of Greece.

This year is the 40th anniversary since the 1st ESNR Congress was held in Colmar, France (Presidents: J.P. Braun and A. Wackenheim) and a special event has been planned in celebration of this occasion. During this period of time extraordinary developments have taken place in Neuroradiology. Recently a Division of Neuroradiology has been established by UEMS, Section of Radiology. Our field continues to grow in the neuroscience community with exciting new technologies both in diagnostics and interventions.

The structure of the Meeting in Athens will be similar to the previous congresses and Advanced Courses of the ESNR. The topic for the Diagnostic Advanced Course is "New Insights in White Matter Diseases", and the topic for the Interventional Advanced Course is "Spine and Spinal Cord".

The scientific program includes a diagnostic and an interventional section with 6 Refresher Courses on movement disorders, epilepsy, pediatrics and new imaging modalities, as well as interventional treatment of aneurysms and thrombolysis for acute stroke.

Approximately 20 lectures by experts in the fields of imaging and intervention and 20 scientific paper sessions offer the opportunity for an update on cutting edge information and technology, or comprehensive review of established knowledge by the neuroradiology scientific community. Approximately 200 posters will be available for review during the meeting reflecting the work of the neuroradiological community in Europe but with contributions from all over the world.

Two didactic case based review sessions, one each for the brain and spine, will be included again this year, since they have become a popular stimulating way of presenting medical challenges similar to the ones faced in everyday practice.

The Congress Venue will be the renovated Hilton Athens Hotel. I believe that organizing the Congress and Advanced Courses in Greece will result in much greater attendance of Greek neuroradiologists, radiologists, neurologists and neurosurgeons, as well as colleagues from the neighbouring countries.

Athens offers many cultural events. The New Acropolis Museum is now open and visitors will have the chance to see some of the best surviving works of classical sculpture. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy both the scientific part of the meeting and the unique historical environment of this city.

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