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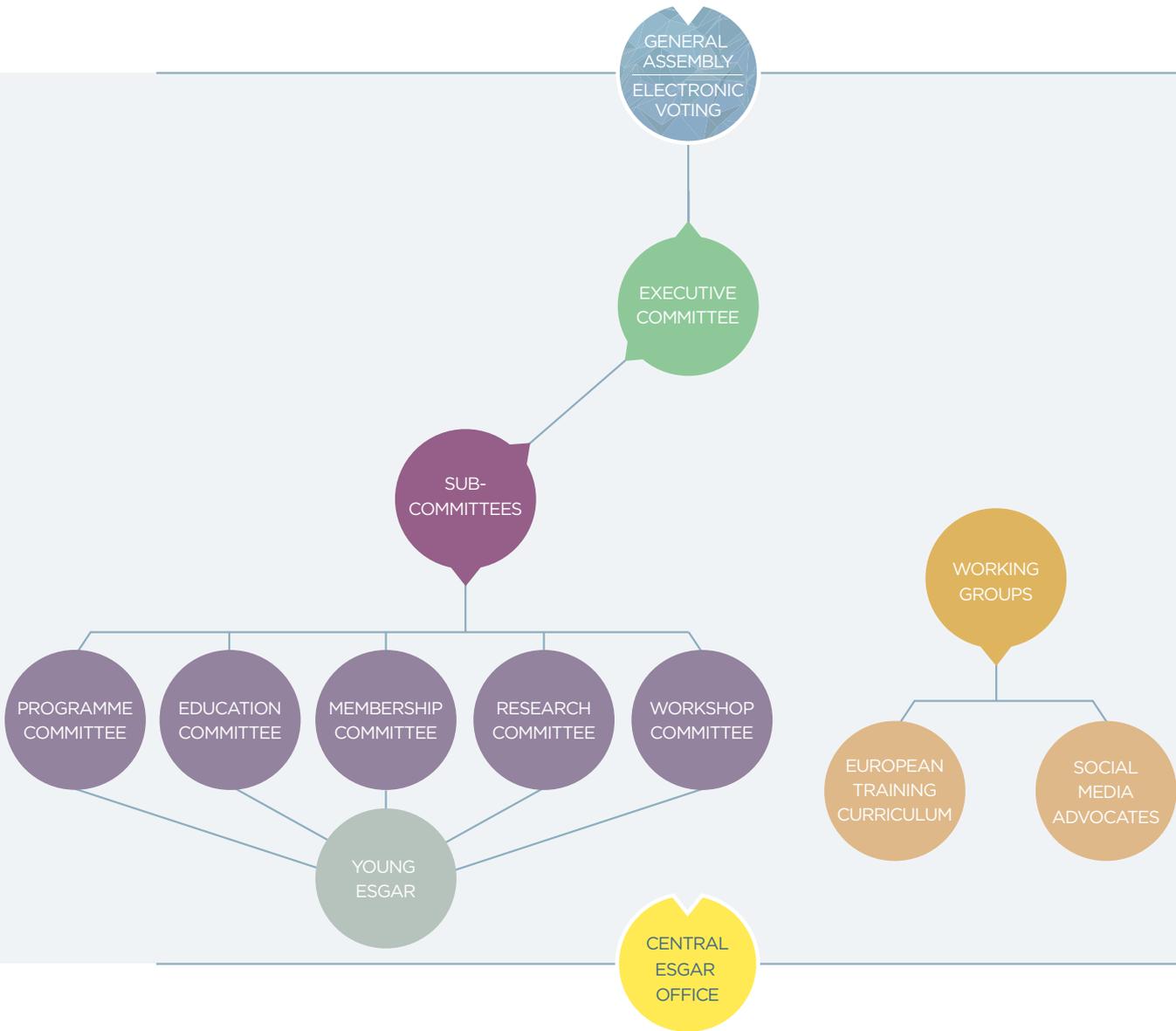
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The Society
Committees, Membership
and Young ESGAR

ORGANIGRAM



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2023



Member at large
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2021/2023



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SUB-COMMITTEES 2023 - 2025

WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

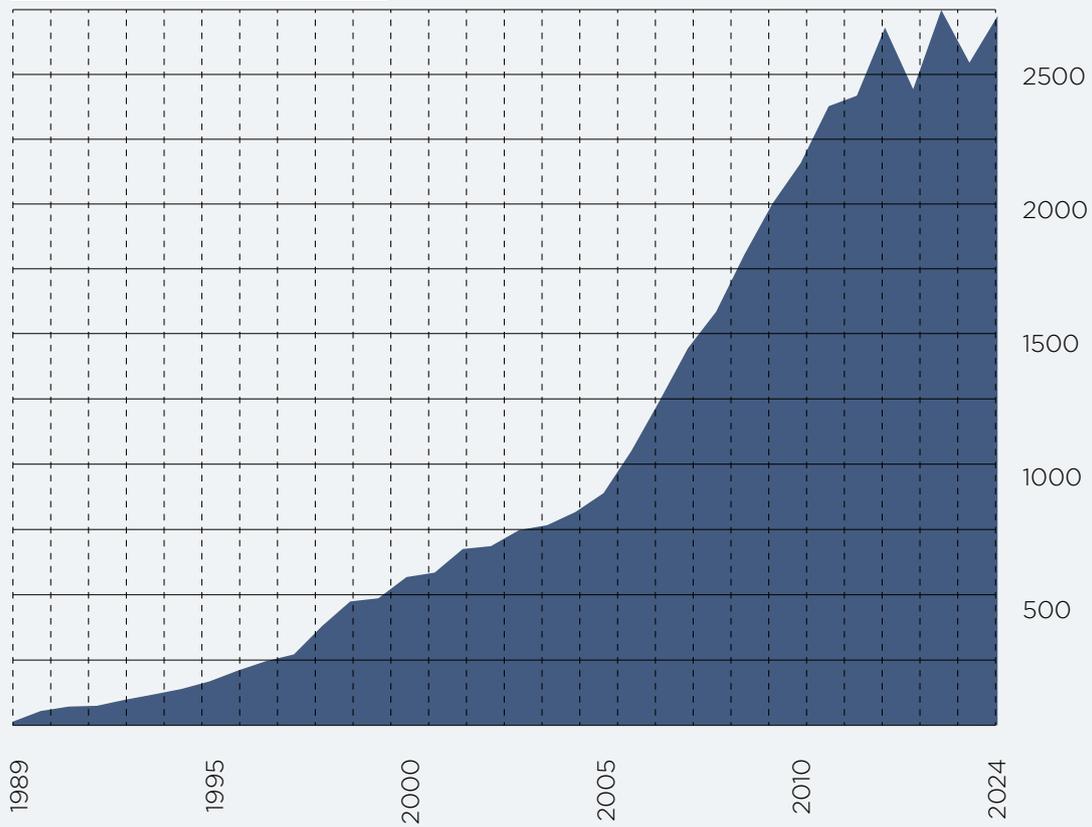
Chair	Sofia Gourtsoyianni (GR)
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Members - Young ESGAR	Francesca Castagnoli (UK) Jules Grègory (FR)

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

as per December 2024

TOTAL number of individual ESGAR Members: 2705 Members
New Applicants in year 2024: 429

Members per year

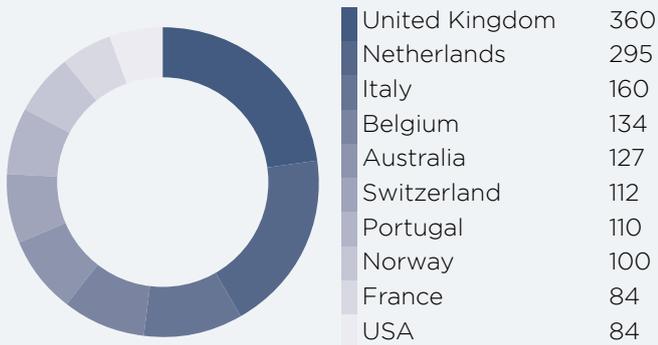


41	Honorary Fellows	475	Corresponding Members
27	Emeritus Fellows	429	Junior Members
184	Fellows	4	Corporate Members
30	Corresponding Fellows		
1519	Active Members		

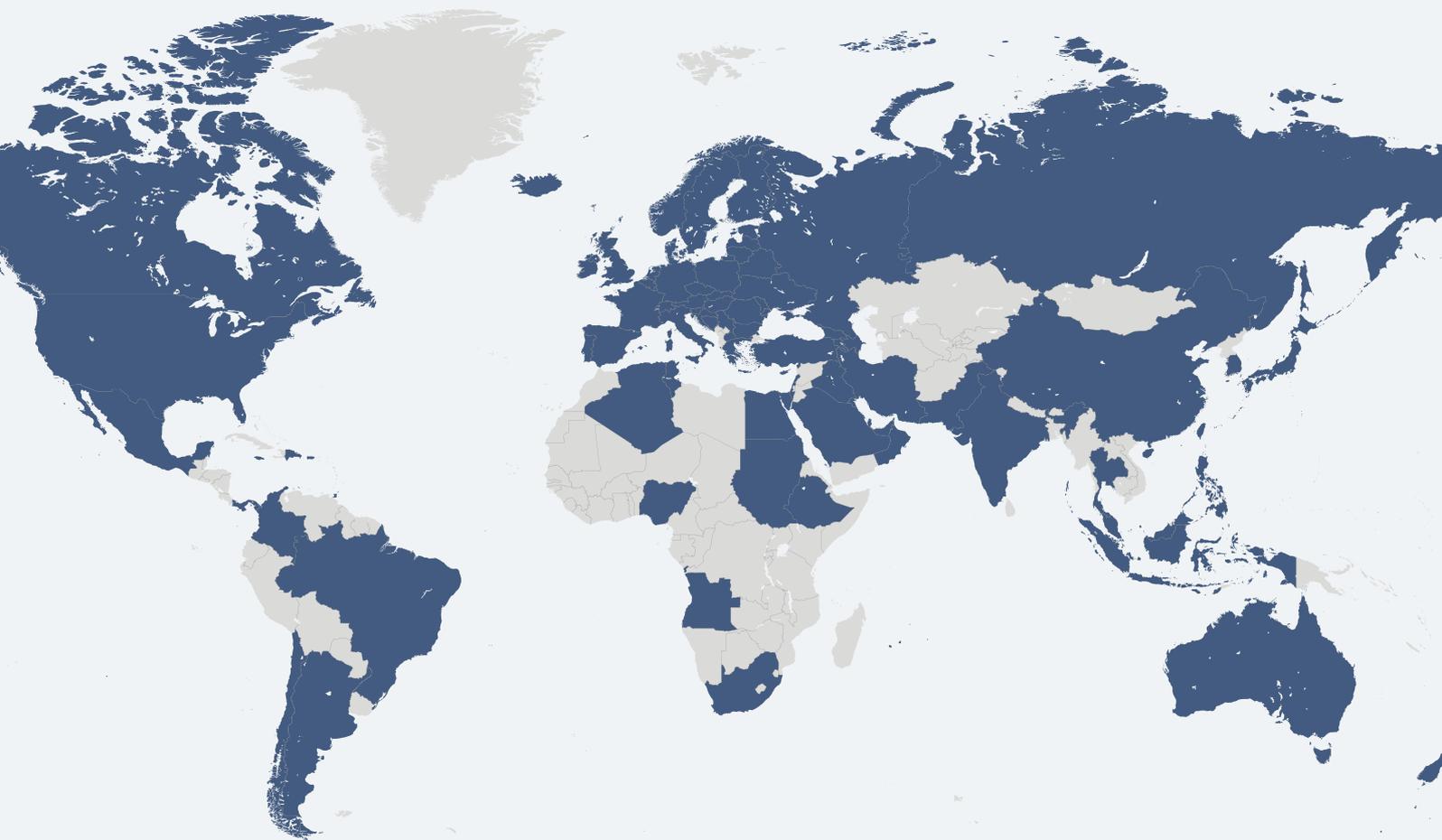
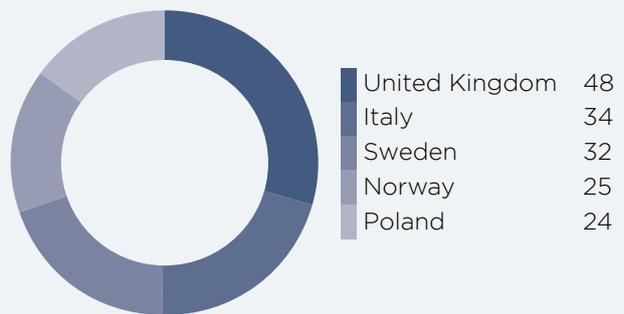
MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

as per December 2024

Top 10 Countries



Top 5 Countries (New Members)



NEW FELLOWS

ESGAR is pleased to announce the newly elected Fellows approved in 2024. Fellows are active members, for at least 3 years, who have made a significant contribution to Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Radiology and related research areas. A Fellow should be involved in daily practice or teaching or research, predominantly in this field.

New Fellows

Sébastien Mulé, Creteil/FR
Henri Mondor University Hospital
Member since 2017

Kieran Foley, Cardiff/UK
Royal Glamorgan Hospital
Member since 2016

Mathilde Wagner, Paris/FR
Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital
Member since 2014

CORRESPONDING FELLOWS

ESGAR is pleased to announce the newly elected Corresponding Fellow approved in 2024. Corresponding fellows are corresponding members, for at least 3 years, who have made a significant contribution to Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Radiology and related research areas. A Corresponding fellow should be involved in daily practice or teaching or research, predominantly in this field.

New Corresponding Fellow

Venkatesh Kasi Arunachalam, Coimbatore/IN
Kovai Medical Center and Hospital
Member since 2021

ESGAR AMBASSADORS

ESGAR Ambassadors are Fellows of ESGAR, nominated by the Executive Committee for a two-year term, which is renewable. The role of ESGAR Ambassadors can be described as follows:

- to encourage radiologists with a special interest in abdominal radiology to become members of ESGAR
- to encourage ESGAR members to become Fellows of the Society by completing the Subspecialty Recognition Programme
- to advertise ESGAR as a Society, the Annual Meetings and other ESGAR activities at a national and local level

If you are an ESGAR member from a country which is not listed below and are interested in becoming Ambassador, please contact the ESGAR Office at office@esgar.org.

AUSTRALIA

Dr. Kirsten Gormly
Dr. Jones and Partners Medical Imaging,
Adelaide, SA

AUSTRIA

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HC Unicamp, Campinas

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Brazilian College of Radiology
Colégio Brasileiro de Radiologia e Diagnóstico
por Imagem, São Paulo

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Hospital/Women's College Hospital, Toronto, ON

CHINA

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West China Hospital
Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan

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Masaryk University/University Hospital, Brno

DENMARK

Prof. Soren Rafaelsen
University of Southern Denmark, Vejle

FRANCE

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Centre Hospitalier Universitaire, Poitiers

GERMANY

Prof. Thomas Lauenstein
Evangelisches Krankenhaus, Düsseldorf

GREECE

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"Konstantopoulou Agia Olga" General Hospital,
Athens

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Tata Medical Center, Kolkata

INDIA

Assoc.Prof. Binit Sureka
All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS),
Jodhpur

ESGAR AMBASSADORS

IRAN

Prof. Amir Reza Radmard
Shariati Hospital, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran

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Dr. Carmel Cronin
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin

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Clinical Centre Novi Sad, Novi Sad

SLOVENIA

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MTC Fontana, Maribor

ESGAR AMBASSADORS

SPAIN

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Hospital Clinic Barcelona, Barcelona

SWEDEN

Prof. Nikolaos Kartalis
Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm

SWITZERLAND

Dr. Caecilia Reiner
University Hospital Zurich, Zurich

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University of the West Indies, Champs Fleurs

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Istanbul University School of Medicine, Istanbul

UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Benjamin Rea
Northern General Hospital, Sheffield

UNITED STATES

Prof. Perry J. Pickhardt
University of Wisconsin, School of Medicine,
Madison, WI

YOUNG ESGAR



“Young ESGAR (YE)” is a dynamic community of young radiologists, residents and researchers. Our goal is to engage young members in ESGAR’s activities and represent their interests within the society. Since its launch in 2019, the YE network has grown to include approximately 200 young members from over 35 different countries worldwide, creating an energetic and diverse community.

YE has a strong presence with delegates in ESGAR’s research, educational, workshop and membership committees. In 2024, for the first time, a young ESGAR delegate was invited to attend the annual ESGAR executive committee meeting to share the perspectives of the YE network. Young ESGAR also plays an active role in organizing the ESGAR annual meetings.

Young ESGAR Coordinating Team

Young ESGAR is currently coordinated by an international team of 12 YE members:

Doenja Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL (Chair)
 Nino Bogveradze, Vienna/AT
 Roberto Cannella, Palermo/IT
 Damiano Caruso, Rome/IT
 Francesca Castagnoli, London/UK
 Katja De Paepe, Boston, MA/US

Marta Duczowska, Copenhagen/DK
 Verena Obmann, Bern/CH
 Caecilia Reiner, Zurich/CH
 Carmelo Sofia, Messina/IT
 Federica Vernuccio, Palermo/IT
 Ana Villanueva Campos, Madrid/ES

Young ESGAR Activities (2024)

In 2024 Young ESGAR has been involved in the following activities:

Research Mentorship Programme

Together with the Research Committee, Young ESGAR organised the online peer-to-peer Research Mentorship Programme where mentees receive guidance in setting up a research project and preparing an abstract. YE is also involved in the ‘Speed mentoring’ sessions where residents can interact with senior faculty members in an informal setting during the ESGAR annual meeting.

Global Abdominal Imaging Forum Survey

During the first edition of the Global Abdominal Imaging Forum, YE organised a survey to learn about global HCC practice among attendees from participating countries.

e-Academy

In the YE e-academy webinars series, young ESGAR members get a chance to provide online lectures, moderated and supported by experienced ESGAR Faculty members.

Guideline development

Young ESGAR members have been involved as junior fellows in the development of various ESGAR guidelines, providing assistance with for example literature reviews.

ESGAR Annual Meeting

Young ESGAR helps organise the School of ESGAR sessions and the online Cases of the day quiz. YE is also in charge of organising the successful Tricky Cases sessions where YE members get a chance to present their most difficult clinical cases. YE network members can also get together to network and interact in the YE lounge.

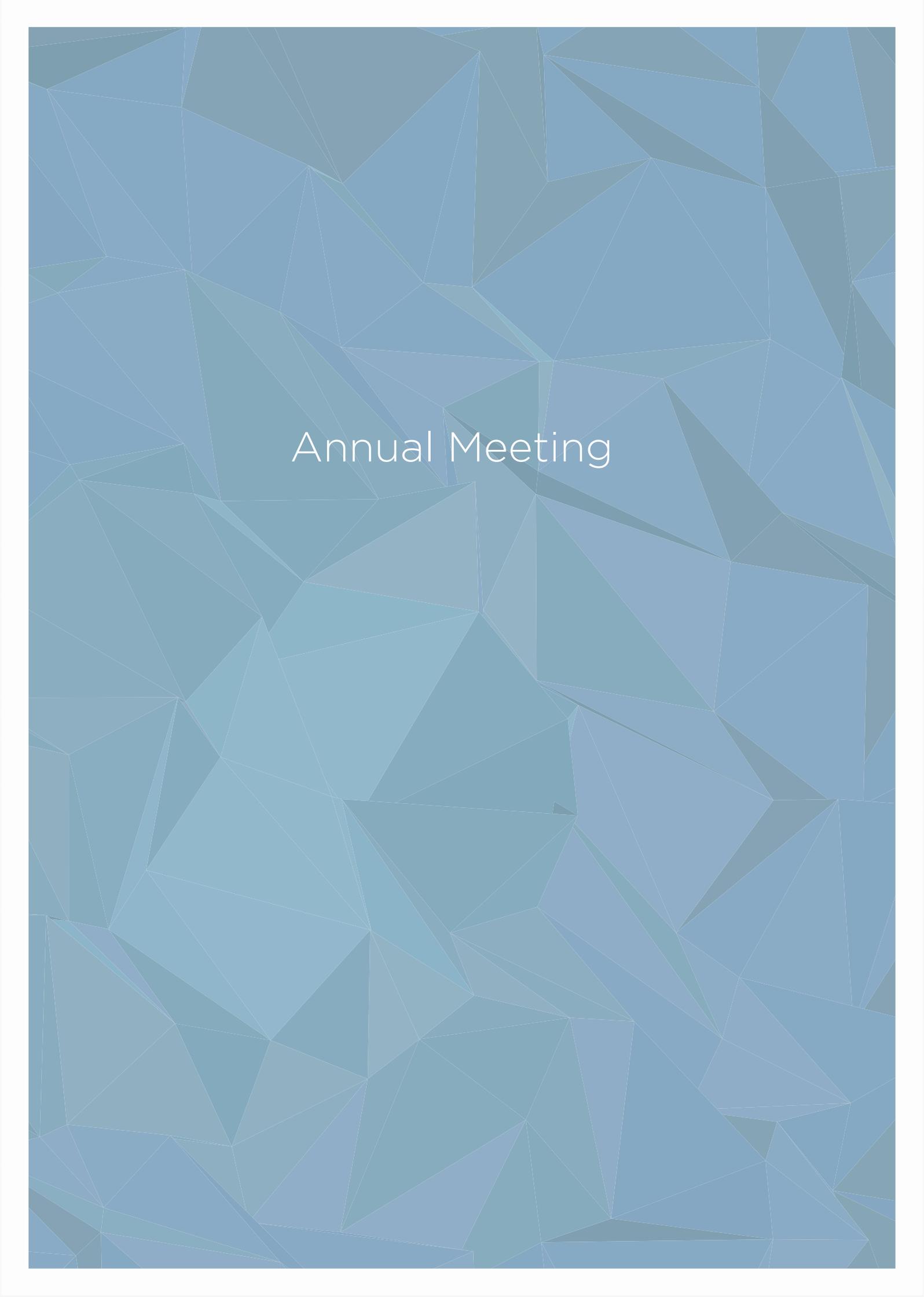
Young ESGAR quiz @ECR 2024

During ECR 2024 in Vienna YE organised the well-attended Young ESGAR quiz where attendees could solve challenging abdominal imaging cases in an interactive setting.

Social events

Young ESGAR organises different events such as the “Young ESGAR Aperitivo” during the ESGAR Annual Meeting and the online “Young ESGAR Pubquiz”.

In addition, the YE website section offers links to anatomy e-Tutorials developed by YE to make anatomy fun again! The YE coordinating team is in touch with the full YE network via monthly newsletters.



Annual Meeting

ESGAR ANNUAL MEETING 2024

THE ESGAR ANNUAL MEETING

The ESGAR Annual Meeting, the society's most important event, is held in a different European country each year.

In 2024, the 35th ESGAR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course was held in Gothenburg, Sweden from May 28 – 31 under the presidency of Lennart Blomqvist.

Yet again, ESGAR 2024 proved to

- ... be a truly international gathering and the leading global event in gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology,
- ... bring together over 1,500 radiologists, clinicians, researchers, and academics from across the globe,
- ... provide a dynamic environment for both scientific collaboration and personal networking,
- ... deliver high-quality educational sessions and cutting-edge scientific content,
- ... be the premier destination to stay up to date with the latest developments in GI and abdominal radiology.



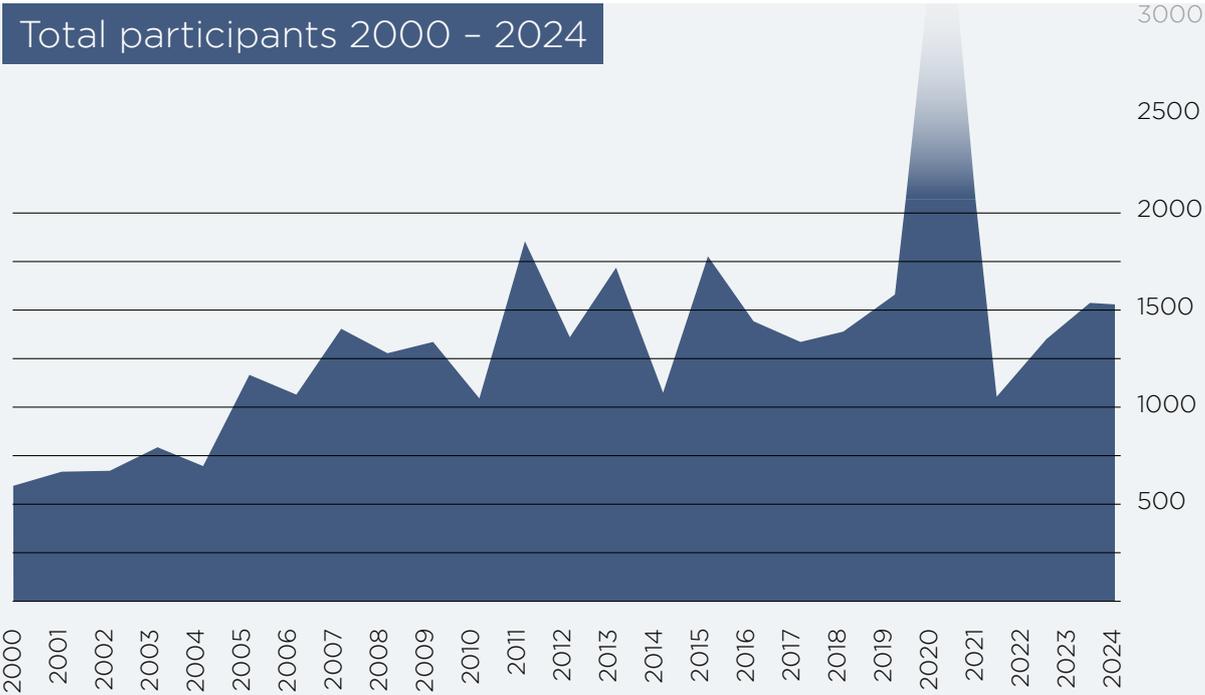
THE FUTURE SCHEDULE FOR THE ESGAR ANNUAL MEETINGS IS:



ESGAR 2025
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
May 13 – 16
Meeting President 2025:
Jaap Stoker, Amsterdam/NL



ESGAR 2026
Montpellier, France
June 9 – 12
Meeting President 2026:
Ingrid Millet, Montpellier/FR



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| 2000 La Grande Motte/FR | 2012 Edinburgh/UK |
| 2001 Dublin/IE | 2013 Barcelona/ES |
| 2002 Orlando, FL/US
Joint Meeting with SGR | 2014 Salzburg/AT |
| 2003 Budapest/HU | 2015 Paris/FR |
| 2004 Geneva/CH | 2016 Prague/CZ |
| 2005 Florence/IT | 2017 Athens/GR |
| 2006 Crete/GR
Joint Meeting with SGR | 2018 Dublin/IE |
| 2007 Lisbon/PT | 2019 Rome/IT |
| 2008 Istanbul/TR | 2020 Virtual |
| 2009 Valencia/ES | 2021 Virtual |
| 2010 Dresden/DE | 2022 Lisbon/PT |
| 2011 Venice/IT | 2023 Valencia/ES |
| | 2024 Gothenburg/SE |

ANNUAL MEETING 2024

35th ESGAR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course
May 28 – 31, 2024

ESGAR 2024 MEETING PRESIDENT

Prof. Lennart Blomqvist, Stockholm, Sweden

IMPORTANT FACTS

1,518 participants from 63 countries worldwide attended the meeting.

- 1 Postgraduate Course: “The pattern matters - abdominal lesion characterisation 2024”
- 39 ESGAR Tutorials
- 1 Research Tutorial
- 3 Image Guided Therapy Sessions
- 10 Lecture Sessions
- 5 School of ESGAR Sessions
- 1 Clinical Files Session
- 1 One Case Three Lessons Session
- 2 Foundation Courses
- 14 Scientific Sessions
- 6 CTC Sessions
- 8 AUS Sessions

ESGAR HONORARY FELLOW 2024:

Mikael Hellström, Gothenburg/SE
Perry J. Pickhardt, Madison, WI/US

ESGAR GOLD MEDALLIST 2024:

Regina Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL

- > ESGAR Honorary Lecturer: Kirsten Gormly, Adelaide, SA/AU
- > ASAR Honorary Lecturer: Bin Song, Chengdu/CN
- 5 Industry Symposia organised by: Bayer AG, Bracco, GE Healthcare and Guerbet

Top 10 participating countries at ESGAR 2024



IMPRESSIONS



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ESGAR TOP 20

The ESGAR Programme Committee takes great pleasure in congratulating the “ESGAR Top 20” authors. The “ESGAR Top 20” are the best rated abstracts, submitted by residents, who appear as the first author on the respective abstract and actually presented their oral presentation during the Annual Meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden:

Antony Augustine, Vellore/IN
 Kim Beek, Amsterdam/NL
 Samantha Buelu, Sheffield/UK
 Uluhan Eryuruk, Giresun/TK
 Luca Fortuna, Verona/IT
 Shankar Kumar, London/UK
 Beatrice Mascarin, Verona/IT
 Sahar Mokhles, Rotterdam/NL
 Chand Muthoo, Leeds/UK
 James Platt, Leeds/UK
 Fabio Poroos, Fribourg/CH
 Marijan Puseljic, Graz/AT
 Kilian Rothenbühler, Lausanne/CH
 Liuji Sheng, Chengdu/CN
 Jona Shkurti, Amsterdam/NL
 Flavio Spoto, Verona/IT
 Giovanni Sussan, Padua/IT
 James Vassallo, Edinburgh/UK
 William Weston, London/UK
 Jeroen Willemse, Amsterdam/NL



The abstracts of scientific oral presentations are published in “Insights into Imaging”:
 ESGAR 2024 Book of Abstracts / Volume 15 / Supplement 1 / May 2024
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13244-024-01715-7>

You can also find the “Book of Abstracts” in your Personal ESGAR Account via www.esgar.org.

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Poster Award Winners

The ESGAR Programme Committee is delighted to express their congratulations to the “Poster Presentation Prize” winners. One Magna Cum Laude, four Cum Laude, and nine Certificates of Merit have been awarded. The evaluation of the e-Poster presentations was completed in advance of the meeting by a jury and was based on novelty, accuracy, educational value and design:

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Roberto García-Figueiras,
Santiago de Compostela/ES

CUM LAUDE

Pauline Chapellier, Lausanne/CH
Pooja Hedge, Cambridge/UK
Olga Rotaru, Paris/FR
Seng Thipphavong, Toronto, ON/CA

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Sabrina Ando, São Paulo/BR
Rogerio Caldana, São Paulo/BR
Tanya Chawla, Toronto, ON/CA
Adela Batista Domenech, Valencia/ES
Beatriz Fevereiro, Porto/PT
Paolo Niccolò Franco, Monza/IT
Young Hwan Lee, Iksan/KR
Seng Thipphavong, Toronto, ON/CA
Ekaterini Xinou, Thessaloniki/GR

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Cases of the Day Winner

Twelve different cases were displayed in total throughout the Annual Meeting, thus giving registrants the opportunity to take part in the quiz and check the results on the following day.

Scientific Coordinators of the Case of the Day:

Roberto Cannella, Palermo/IT

Francesca Castagnoli, London/UK

Katja De Paepe, Boston, MA/US

Caecilia Reiner, Zurich/CH

Participants who took part in all online quizzes, and solved all the cases were declared the winner(s):



Olivier Sutter, Bobigny/FR

Congratulations to the winner! He received a free registration to the next ESGAR Annual Meeting!

ANNUAL MEETING 2024

European Radiology ESGAR Awards

On the occasion of the ESGAR 2024 Annual Meeting, the following “European Radiology ESGAR Awards 2024” were presented. The articles were chosen by the jury from among 27 papers, published by ESGAR Members (first and/or last author must be an ESGAR member) in the journal “European Radiology” during the calendar year 2023.

The jury was composed of the following persons: the President of ESGAR (Marc Zins), President-elect (Jaap Stoker), Vice President and Programme Committee Chair (Giuseppe Brancatelli), Research Committee Chair (Stuard A. Taylor), and the European Radiology Editor in Chief (Bernd Hamm).



GOLD AWARD

Sarah Poetter-Lang, Alina Messner, Nina Bastati, Kristina I. Ringe, Maxime Ronot, Sudhakar K. Venkatesh, Raphael Ambros, Antonia Kristic, Aida Korajac, Gregor Dovjak, Martin Zalaudek, Jacqueline C. Hodge, Christoph Schramm, Emina Halilbasic, Michael Trauner, Ahmed Ba-Ssalamah

For publishing the paper with the title: “Diagnosis of functional strictures in patients with primary sclerosing cholangitis using hepatobiliary contrast-enhanced MRI: a proof-of-concept study”



SILVER AWARD

Katharina Lampichler, Georg Semmler, Katharina Wöran, Benedikt Simbrunner, Mathias Jachs, Lukas Hartl, David Josef Maria Bauer, Lorenz Balcar, Lukas Burghart, Michael Trauner, Dietmar Tamandl, Ahmed Ba-Ssalamah, Mattias Mandorfer, Thomas Reiberger, Bernhard Scheiner, Martina Scharitzer

For publishing the paper with the title: “Imaging features facilitate diagnosis of porto-sinusoidal vascular disorder”



SILVER AWARD

Hong Wei, Fangfang Fu, Hanyu Jiang, Yuanan Wu, Yun Qin, Huanhuan Wei, Ting Yang, Meiyun Wang, Bin Song

For publishing the paper with the title: “Development and validation of the OSASH score to predict overall survival of hepatocellular carcinoma after surgical resection: a dual-institutional study”

ANNUAL MEETING 2024

Insights into Imaging Award

On the occasion of the ESGAR 2024 Annual Meeting, the following “Insights into Imaging Award 2023” was presented. The article was chosen by the jury from among 12 papers, published by ESGAR Members (first and/or last author must be an ESGAR member) in the journal “Insights into Imaging” during the calendar year 2023.

The jury was composed of the following persons: the President of ESGAR (Marc Zins), President-elect (Jaap Stoker), Vice President (Giuseppe Brancatelli), and the Insights into Imaging Editor in Chief (Luis Martí-Bonmatí).



THE ESGAR INSIGHTS INTO IMAGING AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO:

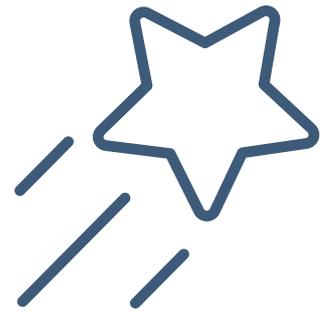
Nino Bogveradze, Petur Snaebjornsson, Brechtje A. Grotenhuis, Baukelien van Triest, Max J. Lahaye, Monique Maas, Geerard L. Beets, Regina G.H. Beets-Tan, Doenja M.J. Lambregts

For publishing the paper with the title: *“MRI anatomy of the rectum: key concepts important for rectal cancer staging and treatment planning”*

ANNUAL MEETING 2024

The Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award is a recognition award to acknowledge promising young abdominal radiology researchers. It can serve as a stepping stone to further develop their research career in abdominal radiology. Selected Rising Stars receive their award during the Opening of the ESGAR Annual Meeting and present their research work during a lecture session at the congress.



RISING STAR AWARDS ESGAR 2024



*Marco Dioguardi Burgio
Beaujon Hospital
Clichy, France*



*Anu Obaro
St. Mark's Hospital
London, United Kingdom*

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Junior Mentorship Programme 2023/2024

The junior starter programme is designed as a peer-to-peer mentoring programme where junior researchers can learn from their more experienced peers.

Mentor: Isabelle de Kock,
Ghent University Hospital, Ghent/BE

Mentee: Alberto Barbosa,
ULS Matosinhos, Porto/PT

Abstract EE-072: Don't get lost in translation - how to report MR enterography in small bowel Crohn's disease



Mentor: Kieran Foley, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant/UK

Mentee: Miljana Bubanja, University Clinical Centre of Serbia, Belgrade/RS

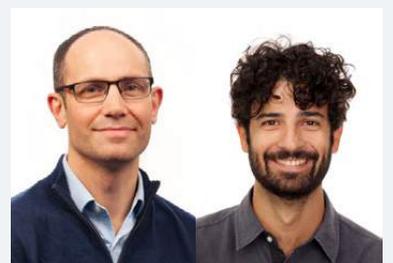
Abstract SE-026: Accuracy of CT staging in colon cancer patients presenting with acute symptoms in the emergency department



Mentor: Jamie Franklin, Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Bournemouth/UK

Mentee: Gianluca Gullo, Ospedale Santa Maria della Misericordia, Catania/IT

Abstract SS 2.4: Beyond the LEGACY study: Yttrium-90 radioembolization for solitary HCC over 8 cm. A retrospective single-center analysis



Mentor: Thomas Mang, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna/AT

Mentee: Pooja Hegde, Royal Lancaster Infirmary Hospital, Lancaster/UK

Abstract EE-077: Hide and seek with the elusive diffuse gastric cancer!



HONORARY FELLOWS 2024

Mikael Hellström,
Gothenburg/SE



Prof. Mikael Hellström, a Senior Professor and Consultant Radiologist, has an extensive career spanning academia, clinical practice, and leadership. Graduating from Lund University in 1975, he pursued specialist training in diagnostic radiology, becoming fully qualified in 1978. Transitioning to academia, he held various roles at Sahlgrenska University Hospital and Gothenburg University, eventually becoming a Full Professor in 2001. Mikael Hellström served as a Consultant Radiologist in Riyadh and headed departments at Sahlgrenska University Hospital. He played pivotal roles in academic administration and research bodies, contributing significantly to the field's advancement.

Mikael Hellström's research interests span several areas within abdominal, gastrointestinal, and urogenital radiology. Notably, he made significant contributions to colorectal imaging, pioneering the use of CT colonography in Sweden and contributing to its implementation and evaluation through prospective studies and population-based screening initiatives. Additionally, his work in oesophageal imaging, adrenal imaging, incidental findings, urinary tract infections, reflux, renal scarring, small renal masses, prostate cancer imaging, gynecological imaging, contrast media toxicity, and primary hyperparathyroidism has yielded ground-breaking insights and influenced clinical practice and guidelines nationally and internationally. His extensive involvement in research, teaching, and guideline development underscores his commitment to advancing the field and improving patient care.

As an academic mentor, he has overseen the completion of numerous PhD students and held key roles in national research bodies. Over the past 15 years, Mikael Hellström has been actively involved in major national and international scientific congresses, holding various appointments and committee positions. Additionally, he was a faculty member and organiser of numerous courses and events related to CT colonography and gastrointestinal radiology across Europe, showcasing his dedication to fostering knowledge and expertise in the field.

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Mikael Hellström,
Gothenburg/SE

Mikael Hellström holds memberships in several prominent medical and radiological societies, including the Swedish Medical Society, the Swedish Society of Medical Radiology, and the Swedish Society of Gastrointestinal Radiology, where he served as Vice Chairman. He is also a co-founder and former Chairman of the Swedish Society of Urogenital Radiology (SURF). Internationally, Mikael Hellström is a member of the European Society of Urogenital Radiology (ESUR), the European Society of Gastrointestinal Radiology (ESGAR), the European Society of Radiology (ESR), and the European Association of Urology (EAU). Moreover, he has been a regular recipient of research grants from various sources, including the Swedish Government through the ALF-agreement, The Swedish Cancer Society, and The Swedish Research Council.

In terms of publications, Mikael Hellström authored and co-authored 161 peer-reviewed scientific papers and contributed to numerous books and chapters, reflecting his significant contributions to the field.

His achievements extending beyond academia, Mikael Hellström has a notable sports career in squash and tennis, representing Sweden at various international competitions. He ranked as the number one Swedish squash player from 1973 to 1976 and held the number two position from 1977 to 1981. Representing Sweden's National Team 90 times from 1973 to 1984, he won the Swedish squash championship in 1975 and triumphed in events like the European Team Squash Championships in 1980. In tennis, he won the Swedish Veterans Champion title in both singles and doubles categories multiple times and represented Sweden in various age groups at the ITF World Masters Championships, earning team bronze in 2023.

Prof. Mikael Hellström was the driving force behind bringing the ESGAR Annual Meeting 2024 to the city of Gothenburg.

HONORARY FELLOWS 2024

Perry J. Pickhardt,
Madison, WI/US



The academic journey of Dr. Perry J. Pickhardt began at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics with a perfect GPA of 4.0. He later pursued his medical education at the University of Michigan Medical School, achieving a Doctor of Medicine degree and ranking in the top 5 out of 216 students.

Perry J. Pickhardt's professional career is marked by significant contributions to the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health. He holds the esteemed position of Professor with Tenure at the University of Wisconsin and served as the Chief of Gastrointestinal Imaging at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health since 2009.

Prior to his tenure at the University of Wisconsin, Perry J. Pickhardt held various roles, including serving as a Staff Radiologist and Section Chief of GI/GU Radiology at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and as the Head of the Radiology Department and Medical Director of the Laboratory at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Perry J. Pickhardt has received numerous prestigious awards and recognitions for his contributions to the field of radiology. Among others, the most recent awards include the SAR Gold Medal, the Editor's Recognition Award for reviewing with Distinction (Radiology), the most Influential Radiology Researcher, The Minnies, AuntMinnie.com, the best of AJR Award (Gastrointestinal Imaging). He was appointed to the American College of Radiology's Blue Ribbon Panel for Population Health Management and he received the AJR Silver Reviewer Lifetime Achievement Award.

He is an active member of professional societies such as the American College of Radiology, Radiological Society of North America, the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Society of Computed Body Tomography & Magnetic Resonance, the American Association for Cancer Research, the Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research, the Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists, the European Society of Radiology and the European Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology. Perry J. Pickhardt continues to shape the landscape of radiology through his clinical expertise, research endeavors, and dedication to education.

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HONORARY FELLOWS 2024

Perry J. Pickhardt,
Madison, WI/US

He authored or co-authored over 520 publications in peer-reviewed journals, contributed to 89 book chapters, participated in 627 scientific presentations and scientific or educational exhibits.

Throughout his career, Perry J. Pickhardt gave more than 570 invited lectures and delivered prestigious lectures such as the 31st Annual G. Leland Melson Lecture at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, the 10th Annual Igor Laufer Lecture at the University of Pennsylvania, and received the Lodwick Award from the Musculoskeletal Division of the Department of Radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Harvard Medical School.

Perry J. Pickhardt's expertise is widely recognised in the scientific community through his extensive involvement in manuscript reviews. He has contributed his insights to a diverse range of scientific journals spanning various disciplines. From radiology-focused journals like the American Journal of Roentgenology and Radiology to prestigious publications such as The Lancet and the New England Journal of Medicine, Perry J. Pickhardt's expertise has been valued across multiple fields. Additionally, he has reviewed manuscripts for journals focusing on gastroenterology, oncology, imaging, surgery, and more, demonstrating his broad knowledge and contributions to advancing scientific research.

He was director of various CT Colonography Training Programmes and sessions throughout activities in the USA and Europe.

GOLD MEDAL 2024

Regina G.H. Beets-Tan,
Amsterdam/NL



Prof. Dr. Regina Beets-Tan studied medicine at the Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands and obtained her Medical Degree Cum Laude in 1988. From 1988 to 1989 she worked at the medical oncology department of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, UK. From 1989 to 1994 she followed a residency programme in Radiation Oncology at the Catholic University Hospital Leuven, Belgium. In 1994 she started a Radiology residency programme at the University Hospital Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Board certified in 1999 she joined the faculty of the department of Radiology in this university hospital. Regina Beets-Tan's clinical expertise is in abdominal and oncological imaging. Her track record is multidisciplinary research in colorectal cancer imaging. She pioneered MRI in rectal cancer and with her thesis entitled 'MRI of the anorectum' she obtained her PhD in 2000 and won the 2001 best Dutch thesis prize.

In 2008 Regina Beets-Tan was appointed full Professor of Radiology at the Maastricht University and in 2018 adjunct Professor of Abdominal and Oncological Radiology at the University of Southern Denmark. She led the abdominal and oncological practice of the Department of Radiology at Maastricht University Hospital and established multidisciplinary collaborations in clinics and research. In 2008-2009 she worked as Senior Researcher at the Departments of Radiology and surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NYC, USA. In 2015 she took the position of Chair of the Radiology department at the Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam. As Chair and scientific group leader, she oversees cancer imaging research at her department that focuses on multiparametric MRI, hybrid imaging, interventional oncology, and AI, from bench to bedside.

Regina Beets-Tan holds several national and international leadership positions. In 2019 she was appointed member of the EU Mission Board for Cancer, assigned with the task to advise the European Commission about priorities of investment needed to combat cancer.

Regina Beets-Tan is the current Scientific Director of the European Institute for Biomedical Imaging Research (EIBIR). She was the President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the European Society of Radiology (ESR) in 2021-2023, President of ECR 2022, President of the European Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology (ESGAR) in 2019-2021 and

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GOLD MEDAL 2024

Regina G.H. Beets-Tan,
Amsterdam/NL

of the European Society of Oncologic Imaging (ESOI) in 2017-2019. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the European Cancer Organisation in 2018-2021, of the Board of the Dutch Society of Radiology in 2009-2015, of the Board of the Dutch Colorectal Cancer Group in 2004-2018 and since 2019 of the Dutch Clinical Audit Board.

Regina Beets-Tan is actively engaged in strategic bodies of radiological and medical societies and organisations - among which the ESMO, ESTRO, ESSO, UEG and Cancer Core Europe - where she serves in strategic and scientific committees. It is her strong belief that if radiologists team up with their clinical and industry partners, the teams will work in synergy for the benefit of patients, the quality will be improved and the position of radiology will be strengthened.

Regina Beets-Tan has (co)authored over 470 peer reviewed scientific publications and authored over 15 book chapters. She is a member of several editorial boards and research councils among which the Dutch Organisation of Science and the Dutch Cancer Society.

Regina Beets-Tan has been awarded honorary memberships of several medical societies: RSNA, ESMRMB, SEDIA, SERAM, SFR, SIRM, BSGAR, ISRA, CBR, ESTRO and the Chilean Colorectal Surgical Society. In 2023 she received the Society of Abdominal Radiology (SAR) distinguished international member award.

She has delivered over 600 invited lectures in radiological and clinical society meetings worldwide. She received the European School of Radiology Best Teacher Award in 2013, the ISMRM Outstanding Teacher Awards in 2008, 2009 and 2014, the Aunt Minnie Radiology Educator Award in 2019 and the Women in AI Innovator Award in 2023.



Workshops

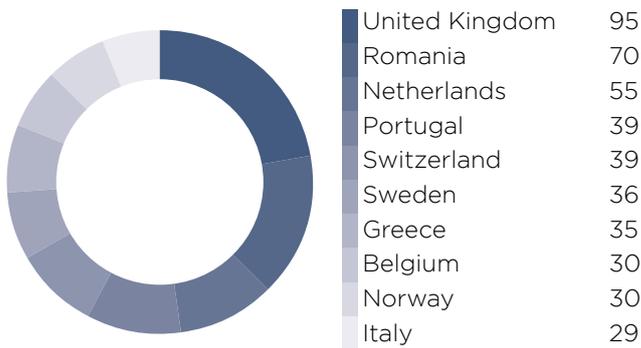
ESGAR WORKSHOPS 2024

Workshops have long played a vital role in education within the ESGAR community. In 2024, they continued to cover core, well-established topics that remain highly valued by participants, while also introducing new subjects and innovative formats.

Notably, a new Liver Case-Based Workshop featuring a “five-step approach” was launched in the second half of the year. This interactive format was enhanced by a web-based PACS platform, which allowed all participants hands-on access to cases. Both the topic and the workshop structure received excellent feedback from attendees and speakers alike.

Over the past 12 months, ESGAR conducted six virtual and five in-person workshops, collectively training 748 participants. Each course was CME accredited, with an average of 12 CME credits per workshop. Given the strong positive feedback from participants, ESGAR has committed to maintaining both online and onsite formats, ensuring a balanced and accessible approach to education.

PARTICIPANTS FROM TOP 10 COUNTRIES (748 PARTICIPANTS ALTOGETHER):





ESGAR ADVANCED IMAGING IN GASTROINTESTINAL AND HEPATIC DISORDERS

January 19 - 20, 2024
Muscat, Oman

LOCAL ORGANISER

Saqar Altai, Muscat/OM

PARTICIPANTS

26 participants from 11 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

M. Alhajri, Muscat/OM
A. Alkindi, Muscat/OM
M. Alsubhi, Muscat/OM
A. Ba-Ssalamah, Vienna/AT
R. Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL
G. Brancatelli, Palermo/IT
A. Laghi, Rome/IT
J. Stoker, Amsterdam/NL
V. Vilgrain, Clichy/FR

ESGAR PANCREAS IMAGING WORKSHOP

February 15 - 16, 2024

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

Nikolaos Kartalis, Stockholm/SE

PARTICIPANTS

79 participants from 30 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

R. Albazaz, Leeds/UK
M. Arvanitaki, Brussels/BE
T. Bollen, Nieuwegein/NL
R. Cannella, Palermo/IT
N. Kartalis, Stockholm/SE
C. Matos, Lisbon/PT
R. Pozzi-Mucelli, Stockholm/SE
E. Rangelova, Gothenburg/SE
M. Ronot, Clichy/FR
V. Vilgrain, Clichy/FR
M. Zins, Paris/FR



ESGAR SMALL BOWEL WORKSHOP

March 14 - 15, 2024

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATORS

Isabelle De Kock, Ghent/BE
Andrew Plumb, London/UK

PARTICIPANTS

65 participants from 26 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

G. Bhatnagar, Frimley/UK
I. De Kock, Ghent/BE
K. Horsthuis, Amsterdam/NL
P. Paolantonio, Rome/IT
A. Plumb, London/UK
A.R. Radmard, Tehran/IR
J. Rimola, Barcelona/ES
M. Scharitzer, Vienna/AT
J. Stoker, Amsterdam/NL

ESGAR/ESDO HEPATOBILIARY AND GI TRACT TUMOURS WORKSHOP

April 18 - 19, 2024

Lisbon, Portugal

LOCAL ORGANISER

Filipe Caseiro Alves, Coimbra/PT

PARTICIPANTS

46 participants from 17 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

H. Alexandrino, Coimbra/PT
R. Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL
G. Beets, Amsterdam/NL
F. Caseiro Alves, Coimbra/PT
M. Cravo, Lisbon/PT
L. Curvo Semedo, Coimbra/PT
M. França, Porto/PT
T. Helmberger, Munich/DE
N. Kartalis, Stockholm/SE
J. Leite, Coimbra/PT
R. Maio, Lisbon/PT
L. Marti-Bonmatí, Valencia/ES
C. Matos, Lisbon/PT
S. Ourô, Lisbon/PT
J. Paulino, Lisbon/PT
M. Ramalho, Lisbon/PT
E. Rangelova, Gothenburg/SE
J.L. Van Laethem, Brussels/BE
P. van Rossum, Amsterdam/NL
G. Zamboni, Verona/IT



ESGAR LIVER IMAGING WORKSHOP

June 27 - 28, 2024
Cluj-Napoca, Romania

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

Christoph J. Zech, Basel/CH

LOCAL ORGANISER

Adriana M. Calin-Vainak, Cluj-Napoca/RO

PARTICIPANTS

64 participants from 10 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

V. Bura, Cluj-Napoca/RO
A. Brodnjak, Maribor/SI
A.M. Calin-Vainak, Cluj-Napoca/RO
R. Cannella, Palermo/IT
C. Caraiani, Cluj-Napoca/RO
M. Comsa, Cluj-Napoca/RO
M. Karçaaltıncaba, Ankara/TR
N. Kartalis, Stockholm/SE
T. Lauenstein, Duesseldorf/DE
J. Podgorska, Warsaw/PL
G. Porrello, Palermo/IT
G. Zamboni, Verona/IT



ESGAR LIVER IMAGING WORKSHOP

September 26 - 27, 2024
Madrid, Spain

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

Christoph J. Zech, Basel/CH

LOCAL ORGANISER

Pablo Rodriguez Carnero, Madrid/ES

PARTICIPANTS

73 participants from 26 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

R. Albazaz, Leeds/UK
S. Baleato González, Madrid/ES
R. Cannella, Palermo/IT
A. Darnell Martín, Barcelona/ES
M. Garbajs, Maribor/SL
S. Martín Garre, Madrid/ES
F. Matute, Madrid/ES
R. Méndez Fernández, Madrid/ES
Y. Menu, Paris/FR
M. Pezzullo, Brussels/BE
M. Radzina, Riga/LT
J. Rimola, Barcelona/ES
P. Rodriguez Carnero, Madrid/ES
C.J. Zech, Basel/CH



ESGAR ACUTE ABDOMEN WORKSHOP

October 3 - 4, 2025
Rome, Italy

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

Ingrid Millet, Montpellier/FR

LOCAL ORGANISERS

Damiano Caruso, Rome/IT
Andrea Laghi, Rome/IT

PARTICIPANTS

51 participants from 22 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

G. Argento, Rome/IT
N. Bogveradze, Vienna/AT
A. Calin-Vainak, Cluj Napoca/RO
D. Caruso, Rome/IT
A. Laghi, Rome/IT
D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL
N. Landini, Rome/IT
I. Millet, Montpellier/FR
P. Paolantonio, Rome/IT
J. Puylaert, The Hague/NL
J. Stephenson, London/UK
J. Wessling, Münster/DE
M. Zins, Paris/FR
M. Zerunian, Rome/IT



ESGAR/EPC PANCREAS IMAGING WORKSHOP

October 31 - November 1, 2024
Athens, Greece

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATORS

Gabriele Capurso, Milan/IT
Charina Triantopoulou, Athens/GR

LOCAL ORGANISERS

Charina Triantopoulou, Athens/GR

PARTICIPANTS

57 participants from 18 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

G. Capurso, Milan/IT
C. Dervenis, Athens/GR
M. Hollenbach, Heidelberg/DE
J. Iglesias- Garcia, Santiago de Compostela/ES
N. Kartalis, Stockholm/SE
M. Krokidis, Athens/GR
C. Matos, Lisbon/PT
N. Papanikolaou, Lisbon/PT
K. Papaparaskeva, Athens/GR
V. Prassopoulos, Athens/GR
V. Rebours, Paris/FR
C. Triantopoulou, Athens/GR
G. Zamboni, Verona/IT
M. Zins, Paris/FR



ESGAR CT COLONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

November 21 - 22, 2024

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

Thomas Mang, Vienna/AT

PARTICIPANTS

71 participants from 24 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

D. Boone, Colchester/UK
 F. Iafrate, Rome/IT
 A. Laghi, Rome/IT
 P. Lefere, Roeselare/BE
 M. Liedenbaum, Bergen/NO
 T. Mang, Vienna/AT
 A. Obaro, London/UK
 P. Pickhardt, Madison/US
 A. Plumb, London/UK
 S.A. Taylor, London/UK
 D. Tolan, Leeds/UK
 J. Yee, New York/US

ESGAR RECTAL CANCER STAGING AND RESTAGING ON MRI

December 5 - 6, 2024

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR & LOCAL ORGANISER

Regina Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL
 Doenja Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL

PARTICIPANTS

41 participants from 13 countries

WORKSHOP FACULTY

G. Beets, Amsterdam/NL
 R. Beets-Tan Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL
 N. Bogveradze, Vienna/AT
 L. Curvo-Semedo, Coimbra/PT
 E. Dresen, Leuven/BE
 M. Lahaye, Amsterdam/NL
 D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL
 M. Maas, Amsterdam/NL
 S. Nougaret, Montpellier/FR
 J. van Griethuysen, Amsterdam/NL
 B. van Triest, Amsterdam/NL



ESGAR VIRTUAL RECTAL CANCER STAGING AND RESTAGING ON MRI

December 10, 2024

SCIENTIFIC COORDINATORS

Regina Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL
Doenja Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL

PARTICIPANTS

65 participants from 23 countries

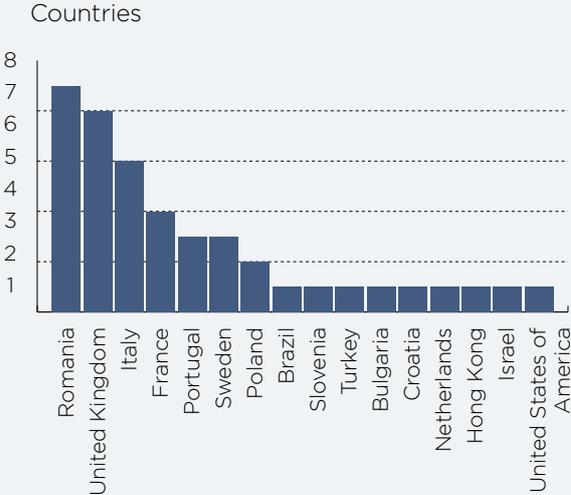
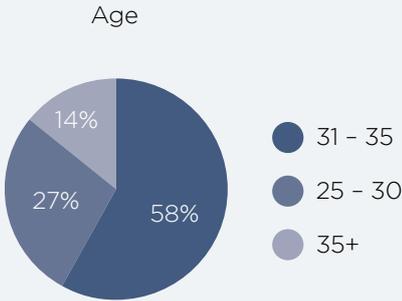
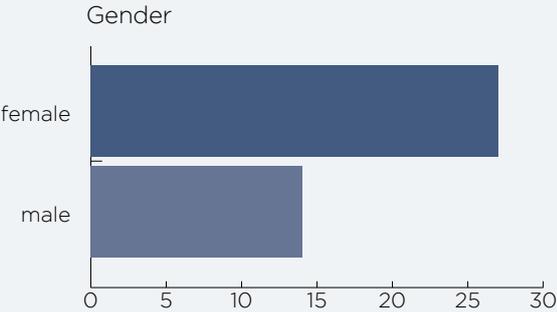
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JUNIOR ESGAR SUMMER SCHOOL (JESS)

July 1 - 5, 2024
Nice/FR

SUMMER SCHOOL STATISTICS



JUNIOR ESGAR SUMMER SCHOOL (JESS)

July 1 - 5, 2024
Nice/FR



FEEDBACK

"Thanks for a great experience on the summer school. I learnt a lot and was able to meet lots of other radiologists from around Europe. The venue and food were great. The lectures were all of high quality and everything had been very thoroughly prepared."

"I think the organizing committee did an amazing job, from lecture structure to venue location and leisure time, there's no negative feedback from my part."

"I'd gladly recommend ESGAR Summer School to anyone interested and I'm thankful and grateful for having the chance to participate to JESS 2024."

"Amazing event, very well planned. The teaching sessions were particularly impressive, the lecture slides were well thought out, great cases, the pace and level of detail was appropriate for our level of training. The activities were very well planned, it was the perfect mix of a holiday and an educational session which was very well executed."

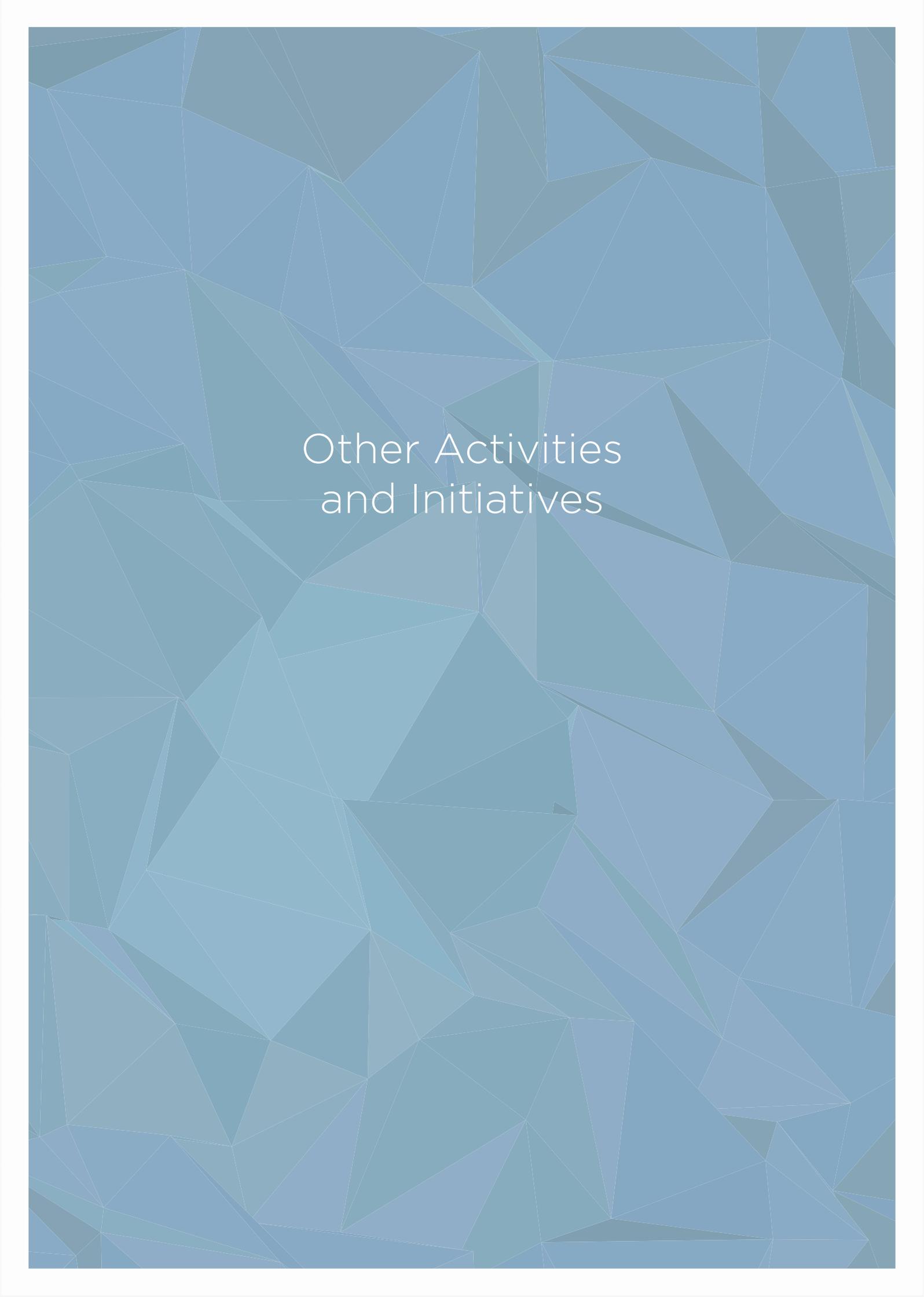
"Very well organised and a clear itinerary was circulated. Lectures were of the highest quality with brilliant cases to highlight or challenge points. Food was delicious!"

"Great course with excellent lectures and interesting cases. A lot of fun to meet colleagues from other countries and share experiences. Very nice location and a good mix of lectures and social events."

"It was a fantastic experience in any way possible. Lectures were phenomenal (clear slides, exceptional cases, interactive and engaging approach) and were provided by opinion leaders in the field. The chosen venue was optimal. Leisure activities were very well organized (Fondation Maeght and Saint-Paul-de-Vence my absolute favorites)."

"The event was excellent. Great amount of knowledge and fun."





Other Activities and Initiatives

GLOBAL ABDOMINAL IMAGING FORUM

November 8, 2024



GLOBAL ABDOMINAL IMAGING FORUM

This forum represented a significant collaborative effort between ESGAR and its affiliated societies in Asia (ASAR), Australia/New Zealand (ARGANZ), and North America (SAR), with the goal of advancing the field of Radiology.

The one-day virtual event was dedicated to addressing the globally prevalent issue of Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC), a common abdominal malignancy. The agenda offered a comprehensive exploration of HCC, including its global impact and burden, pathophysiology, multimodality imaging for screening, staging, and treatment response evaluation, as well as systemic and interventional radiology image-guided therapies. Distinguished speakers from five continents contributed to deepening the understanding of abdominal imaging and promoting international collaboration among radiologists.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

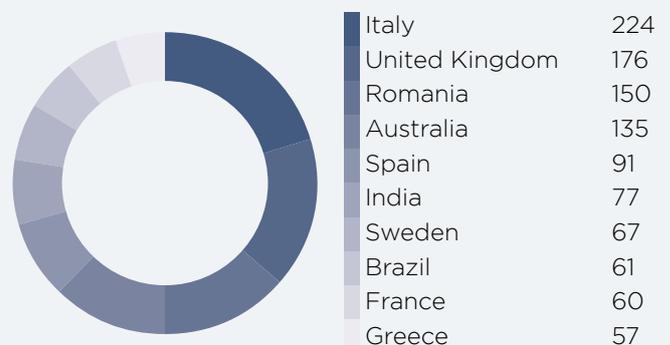
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ESGAR President

Damian Tolan, Leeds, United Kingdom
Organising Committee Chair

Valerie Vilgrain, Clichy, France
Scientific Coordinator

Giuseppe Bancatelli, Palermo, Italy
Scientific Coordinator

TOP 10 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



EDGAR The ESGAR Diploma



The ESGAR
Diploma in
Gastrointestinal
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Radiology

The ESGAR Diploma is a new qualification, established due to the growing need for subspecialised recognition in gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology. The EDGAR - ESGAR Subspecialty Diploma offers a recognition of expertise at a European level for radiologists who have reached a subspecialised level of knowledge in abdominal radiology and who are keen to maintain this level through continuous education and involvement in the field, and by taking the examination.

The ESGAR Diploma, as a form of testing gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology knowledge, presents several advantages:

- The examination objectively verifies that radiologists possess the required expert knowledge, skills and competences at the end of their specific gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology training.
- It is a qualification developed in line with the standards defined by the ESR for gastrointestinal and abdominal imaging knowledge and competences (Level III) and will facilitate standardised training in Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Imaging in Europe.
- It confirms specific expert knowledge and competences of radiologists to perform, interpret and report fluoroscopy, X-rays, CT, ultrasound, MRI and hybrid imaging (PET-CT, PET_MRI) studies of the abdomen as well as in basic abdominal interventional procedures.

EDGAR is endorsed by the European Society of Radiology (ESR) and equals a final Level III subspecialty examination.

EDGAR

The ESGAR Diploma



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 Kalina Chupetlovska, Amsterdam/NL
 Martina Correra Londono, Bern/CH
 Ibolyka Dudás, Budapest/HU
 Uli Fehrenbach, Berlin/DE
 Raphael Girardet, Lausanne/CH
 Sofia Gourtsoyianni, Athens/GR
 Elisabeth Charlotte Gruber Ludwig, Küsnacht/CH
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 Verena Obmann, Bern/CH

Markus Obmann, Basel/CH
 Alexandre Pérez Girbés, Valencia/ES
 Giorgia Porrello, Palermo/IT
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 Maija Radzina, Riga/LV
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 Anamika Sharma, Brisbane/AU
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ESGAR AND SOCIAL MEDIA

ESGAR maintains an active presence on four main social media sites: Facebook, X, Instagram, and LinkedIn. These accounts are updated throughout the year by the Central ESGAR Office, ESGAR Social Media Advocates, and Young ESGAR Social Media Advocates. New posts are published on multiple platforms simultaneously and are a convenient way to keep up to date with new announcements, courses and conference deadlines, new ESGAR Journal Watch and Case of the Month, and dedicated Young ESGAR cases.

FACEBOOK

@esgarsociety joined Facebook in November 2015 and has the largest number of followers on ESGAR social media channels with 3,900 people following the ESGAR page (increase from 3,800 in 2023) and with posts reaching 3,000 people.

X (FORMER TWITTER)

@esgarsociety joined X in April 2016 and the number of followers has starkly increased in the last two years with 3,012 current followers (increase from 2,700 in 2023) with a total number of 157 tweets and over 250,000 tweet impressions over the past year. The ESGAR X page actively promotes the activities of the ESGAR members by retweeting most relevant contents. We invite you to tag @EsgarSociety in your tweets on abdominal radiology topics.

INSTAGRAM

@esgarsociety joined Instagram in December 2017 and has now 2,225 followers (increase from 1,484 in 2023) with around 100 posts and several Instagram stories published in 2024.

LINKEDIN

@esgarsociety joined LinkedIn in 2017 and has now 1,848 followers (increase from 1,113 in 2023). We encourage you to add ESGAR to your personal LinkedIn profile as a company you are involved in, and link to our page.

In 2025 we are looking to enrich the social media contents with a weekly programme of educational material and ESGAR activities, including updates of future ESGAR meeting, Case of the Month, Journal Watch, and exclusive online Young ESGAR cases. We will further add a new channel into our social media portfolio and start posting on Bluesky. We invite you to follow ESGAR on your favorite social media channel and interact with our social profiles!

Social Media Advocate:

Adriana Mirela Calin, Cluj-Napoca/RO

Young ESGAR Social Media Advocate:

Roberto Cannella, Palermo/IT; Ana Villanueva Campos, Madrid/ES; Marta Zerunian, Rome/IT

ESGAR ONLINE

ESGAR e-Education portal

Your go-to online education resource—accessible anytime, anywhere!

The ESGAR e-Education Portal is designed to support web-based learning for ESGAR Members, offering top-quality educational materials in gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology. This platform embodies the Society's core mission and long-standing objectives.

A key feature of the e-Education Portal is its topic packages, curated from recorded sessions of past ESGAR Annual Meetings. Additional resources include the Case of the Month, e-Posters, and the Journal Watch.

All content is regularly reviewed and updated to ensure accuracy and relevance.



CASE OF THE MONTH

Participate in the challenge and try to solve the case!



RECORDED CONTENT

A selection of recorded lectures from previous Annual Meetings is available online all year round for ESGAR members.



JOURNAL WATCH

An online source for clinical commentary and review of topical research papers provided monthly by younger radiologists.



E-POSTER ARCHIVE

The online e-Poster Database includes over 2000 educational and scientific exhibits from ESGAR 2004 – 2017!



E-POSTERS

All e-Posters from ESGAR 2018 onwards are displayed here!



ESGAR 2024 - AWARDED POSTERS

Find out more about the awarded e-Posters from the recent Annual Meeting!

Responsible for the content: Education Committee

ESGAR ONLINE

A word of thanks goes to the great work of the Education Committee and their fellow co-workers in providing monthly journal reviews and case quizzes.

JOURNAL WATCH AUTHORS 2024

January	D. Tolan, Leeds/UK
February	C. Terra, Viana do Castelo/PT
March	S. Romano, Naples/IT
April	M. Franca, Porto/PT
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ESGAR ONLINE



E-ACADEMY WEBINARS 2024

In 2022 Young ESGAR has launched their webinar series. The aim of the e-Academy is to provide residents and young radiologists with educational lectures and case presentations on different topics held by Young ESGAR members and moderated by one experienced ESGAR Faculty. During the 60 minutes webinar attendees are invited to interact with the faculty through multiple choice questions and Q&A time.

The first two webinars were free of charge and available for ESGAR Members and Non-Members.

How to evaluate and report liver examinations:
a step-by-step tutorial for beginners

September 17, 2024

(103 participants)

Speaker: A. Borgheresi, Ancona/IT

Moderator: G. Brancatelli, Palermo/IT

Diagnosing the abdominal wall: tips and tricks

November 27, 2024

(60 participants)

Speaker: G. Porrello, Palermo/IT

Moderator: S. Gourtsoyianni, Athens/GR

Penetrating lesions in Crohn's disease -
Intraabdominal and perianal manifestations

October 23, 2024

(155 participants)

Speaker: D. Stocker, Zurich/CH

Moderator: S.A. Taylor, London/UK

Inflammatory diseases of the biliary system

December 18, 2024

(47 participants)

Speaker: D. Stocker, Zurich/CH

Moderator: N. Kartalis, Stockholm/SE

ESGAR RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT 2024

ESGAR Research Tutorials

One research tutorial was held at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Gothenburg in collaboration with EIBALL. Imaging biomarkers in GI imaging: End of the road or new beginning - an interactive discussion.

Presented by: S. Sourbron, Sheffield/UK; S. Halligan, London/UK; M.A. Bali, Brussels/BE

ESGAR Research Mentorship

The individual mentoring programme continued. Following a consultation exercise, the mentorship programme was updated in collaboration with Young ESGAR and took the form of peer-to-peer programme following a stepwise approach aiming to complete a small-scale research project and prepare a submission for the annual meeting. Visit page 27 for the mentor/mentee pairs that completed a project and presented on the occasion of ESGAR 2024.

Speed Mentoring Sessions at ESGAR 2024

Following the success of the Research Speed Mentoring sessions launched in 2023, these sessions were also organised at ESGAR 2024 in Gothenburg and took place in the Young ESGAR Lounge.

ESGAR Rising Stars at ESGAR 2024

Speed Mentoring Session 1

Moderator: S.A. Taylor, London/UK

Mentors:

G. Brancatelli, Palermo/IT

S. Halligan, London/UK

J. Stoker, Amsterdam/NL

V. Vilgrain, Clichy/FR

Speed Mentoring Session 2

Moderator: D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL

Mentors:

R.G.H. Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL

Y. Menu, Paris/FR

S. Rafaelsen, Vejle/DK

M. Ronot, Clichy/FR

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The Rising Star Award is a recognition award to acknowledge promising young abdominal radiology researchers. It can serve as a stepping stone to further develop their research career in abdominal radiology. The ESGAR 2024 Rising Star award recipients were:

Marco Dioguardi Burgio, Clichy/FR

Anu Obaro, Harrow/UK

ESGAR Research Seed Grants

The seed grant aims to support European research projects in abdominal imaging for ESGAR members younger than 40 years. Up to 5.000,00 Euro are available for a maximum of two projects per round. The projects should last a maximum of two years. In 2023 there were two winners of the ESGAR Seed Grants for 2 year projects (2023-2025):

Stephan Rodrigo Marticorena Garcia, Berlin/DE

Research topic: Mechanical properties of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinomas and their environment

Maira Hameed, London/UK

Research topic: Diagnostic concordance of MR enterography and ultrasound for treatment response assessment in Crohn's disease (MANTRA)

Guidelines – Recently published

The following guidelines were published during

- ESSD-ESGAR best practice position statements on the technical performance of videofluoroscopic swallowing studies in adult patients with swallowing disorders (December 2024)
- Imaging of peritoneal metastases of ovarian and colorectal cancer (November 2024)
Joint recommendations of ESGAR, ESUR, PSOGI, and EANM
- Imaging in pelvic exenteration—a multidisciplinary practice guide from the ESGAR-SAR-ESUR-PelvEx collaborative group (August 2024)

Guideline developments:

ONGOING GUIDELINES

- ESGAR/ESUR Guidelines on CT in Acute Abdomen
- ESGAR/EANM Consensus Guidelines for Imaging Anal Cancer
- ESGAR Guidelines for the Diagnostic Cross-Sectional Imaging in Primary sclerosing cholangitis
- ESGAR guideline for training and quality assurance in CT colonography
- Update to guideline: MRI for clinical management of rectal cancer
(new edition will be split in two parts: part 1 staging and part 2 restaging)

GUIDELINES IN COLLABORATION WITH OR SUPPORTED BY ESGAR

- Guideline on Initial Assessment and Management of pancreatic lesions for Primary Care Practitioners (ESPCG)
- Pain management in acute pancreatitis (EPC)
- 2025 evidence-based European multi-societal guideline for pancreatic cancer (E-AHPBA/ESSO)
- Global guidelines on cystic neoplasms of the pancreas
- Fatty pancreas consensus statements (EPC)
- International, multidisciplinary guideline update, EAES Rapid Recommendation Update 2025: TaTME for Rectal Cancer (EAES; SAGES and ESCP)
- Management and follow up of gallbladder polyps: updated joint guidelines (ESGAR, EAES, EFISDS and ESGE)
- UEG initiative to develop quality indicators for pancreatic cancer care (EPC)

Committee members

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For further information and download of the guidelines kindly visit the [ESGAR Website](#)

ESGAR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The fellowship aims to support European research projects in abdominal imaging for ESGAR members. The fellowship is intended for early-career researchers that have already an active research program or with (initial) experience in research procedures, including obtaining ethical permissions, data acquirement, review of study images or procedures, data management, multidisciplinary collaboration with statisticians/clinicians/clinical scientists, post-processing, preparing oral/written presentations and writing articles.

Eligibility:

- This exchange programme applies to radiologists within the first three years after certification.
- The candidate should preferably have experience in conducting research.
- He/She should have basic skills in medical database handling.
- The candidate should be fluent in English and have communicative skills.
- He/She should have experience in scientific English writing.
- The successful candidate will have to make himself/herself available for an interview online.
- Must be an ESGAR member in good standing.

For further details please refer to the ESGAR website:

<https://esgar.org/research/programmes#c587>

ESGAR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Name of Fellow: Kalina Chupetlovska
 Home Institution: University Hospital Saint Ivan Rilski, Sofia, Bulgaria
 Training Period: October 2023 – September 2025
 Training Center: Netherlands Cancer Institute (NKI), Amsterdam/NL



This past year as a research fellow at the Netherlands Cancer Institute, working with Prof. Regina Beets-Tan's fantastic research group, has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I had the chance to be part of multiple exciting projects and collaborations in abdominal and oncologic imaging and AI, while also actively engaging in the department's educational activities, meetings, and discussions. It's been a truly memorable year, helping me grow as a researcher, clinician, and person.

What made this experience even more special was the incredibly supportive atmosphere within the team. The group brings together people from diverse backgrounds and expertise, making every discussion, brainstorming session, and challenge a valuable learning experience. Whether working on research, exchanging ideas, or simply catching up over coffee, I've been lucky to be surrounded by such a talented and kind group of people.

I've enjoyed my time here so much that I've decided to stay for (at least) another year! I'm really excited to continue working with this amazing team and to see what's next!

Name of Fellow: Ana Rusnac
 Home Institution: Birsasteanu Imaging Solutions, Timisoara/RO
 Training Period: October 2024 – September 2025
 Training Center: Montpellier Cancer Institute, Montpellier/FR



ESR/ESOR & ESGAR EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR ABDOMINAL RADIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP



The trend towards increasing subspecialisation led the European Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology (ESGAR), supported by the European Society of Radiology (ESR) and the European School of Radiology (ESOR), to take the initiative in establishing an exchange programme for fellowships or subspecialisation training in abdominal imaging.

The programme offers the opportunity to complement subspecialisation training in abdominal imaging or an existing structured fellowship programme, through exchange, in this field of radiology. The three-month exchange programme will provide an intense modular training in all areas of abdominal imaging, including conventional radiology and fluoroscopy, sonography, CT, MRI and image-guided biopsies and therapeutic interventions.

The exchange programme is organised through ESOR and exposes trainees to all aspects of abdominal imaging under the supervision of an assigned mentor who is Fellow Member of ESGAR, in a pre-selected European reference training centre.

Congratulations to the successful applicants of 2024!

Angela AMMIRABILE, Milan/IT
Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan/IT
Topic: Liver Imaging - Advancements and Practices
Training centre: University College London Hospitals, London/UK

I am deeply honoured and thankful to ESOR and Bracco for the invaluable opportunity to participate in a two-month clinical fellowship at UCLH. My focus in HPB imaging during this period significantly advanced my diagnostic abilities in CT and MRI techniques. Active participation in MDT meetings deepened my knowledge of complex HPB pathologies and studying Echinococcus disease at a reference centre proved particularly enlightening. This comprehensive training has provided me with critical insights and skills, fostering my growth as a professional in the field.



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Katarzyna BIERNACKA-RACICOT, Łódź/PL
Instytut Centrum Zdrowia Matki Polki, Łódź/PL
Topic: Abdominal Radiology
Training centre: Champalimaud Foundation, Lisbon/PT

During my training in Champalimaud Foundation, I had the opportunity to observe the organisation of the radiology department, specialised in oncologic imaging, as well as the coordination of work and patients' management between clinics. Through participation in multidisciplinary meetings, particularly the ones devoted to pancreatic and liver pathologies, I understood the significance of clinical context, feedback and guidance that surgeons, pathomorphologists, oncology and radiotherapy specialists provide for radiological reporting. That allowed me to rediscover radiology, a mandatory element for patient diagnosis and treatment, as a part of the clinical workflow, fully operating only with the input from other disciplines.



Jurgis PETKEVICIUS, Kaunas/LT
Lithuanian University of Health Sciences Kaunas Clinics, Kaunas/LT
Topic: Abdominal Radiology
Training centre: Università degli Studi di Parma Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria, Paolo Giaccone Hospital, Palermo/IT

This fellowship provided an exceptional opportunity to deepen my expertise in abdominal radiology, particularly in liver-specific imaging. I gained valuable experience in advanced imaging techniques, including the use of liver-specific contrast agents like Primovist, which significantly enhanced my diagnostic capabilities. Working with a highly skilled and supportive team, I participated in case discussions, multidisciplinary meetings, and lectures that broadened my theoretical and practical knowledge. Additionally, the welcoming environment and mentorship of the department ensured a rewarding experience, both professionally and personally, as I built lasting connections and immersed myself in the rich Sicilian culture.



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Maria Alejandra RUEDA, Bogota/CO

Hospital Universitario Santa Fe de Bogota, Bogota/CO

Topic: Abdominal Radiology

Training centre: Hospital Universitario y Politécnico La Fe, Valencia/ES

Joining the Abdominal Imaging team at La Fe Hospital was a transformative experience that significantly shaped my approach to radiology. I am immensely thankful to all the Abdominal Radiology section for their exceptional mentorship, sharing their expertise in advanced abdominal imaging techniques, and offering constructive feedback on my reports. Their encouragement and willingness to involve me in complex cases were invaluable. This opportunity provided me with the chance to work alongside some of the most respected professionals in the field, gaining insights that will undoubtedly influence my future practice. The ESOR scholarship has been a cornerstone in my professional journey, and I wholeheartedly recommend it to anyone seeking to deepen their knowledge and skills in abdominal imaging.



Katarina STOŠIĆ, Belgrade/RS

University Clinical Center of Serbia, Belgrade/RS

Topic: Abdominal Radiology

Training centre: General Hospital Treviso, Treviso/IT

My time at the General Hospital Treviso has been a very valuable and enriching experience. I had the opportunity to work with a dedicated team of professionals and to deepen my expertise in abdominal radiology, particularly in the use of MRI. I am grateful for the knowledge I gained, the skills I developed, and the collaborative environment that supported my growth.



Sandra ROBERTO AVILÁN, Floridablanca/CO

Topic: Abdominal Radiology

Training centre: Fondazione IRCCS San Gerardo dei Tintori, University of Milano-Bicocca, Monza/IT

ESGAR AND UEG



ESGAR is an ordinary member of UEG (United European Gastroenterology) and as such ESGAR is represented within all relevant UEG Committees.

These ESGAR activities within UEG rely on the continuous work of nominated delegates representing the Society – THANK YOU!

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