



# Annual Report

2025

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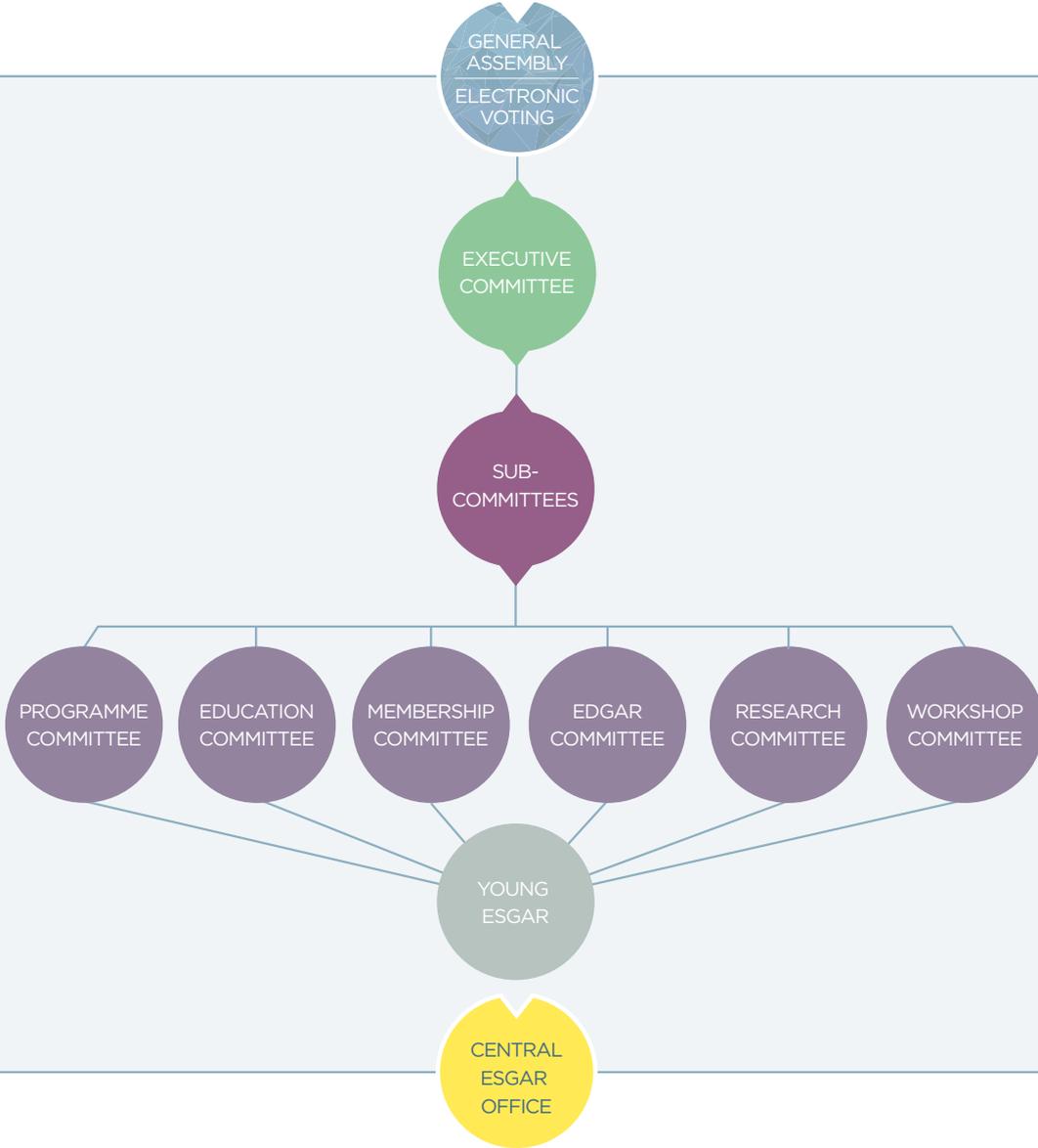
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The Society  
Committees, Membership  
and Young ESGAR

# ORGANIGRAM



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES 2025



President  
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2025



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2025



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2025



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2025



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2025



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Communication  
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2023/2025



Research Committee  
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2025



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2023/2025



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ESGAR 2027  
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2023/2025



Member at large  
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2025



Member at large  
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2025



Member at large  
Maxime Ronot (FR)  
2025



Member at large  
Giulia Zamboni (IT)  
2025

## SUB-COMMITTEES 2025 – 2027

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Members – Young ESGAR	Francesca Castagnoli, London/UK Cesare Maino, Milan/IT Ana Villanueva Campos, Madrid/ES

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Members – Young ESGAR	Marta Duczkowska, Copenhagen/DK Daniel Stocker, Zurich/CH Raminta Luksaite, Vilnius/LT Giorgia Porrello, Palermo/IT Laura Segger, Berlin/DE

## SUB-COMMITTEES 2025 – 2027

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Members – Young ESGAR	Soleen Ghafoor-Stocker, Zurich/CH

## SUB-COMMITTEES 2025 – 2027

### WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

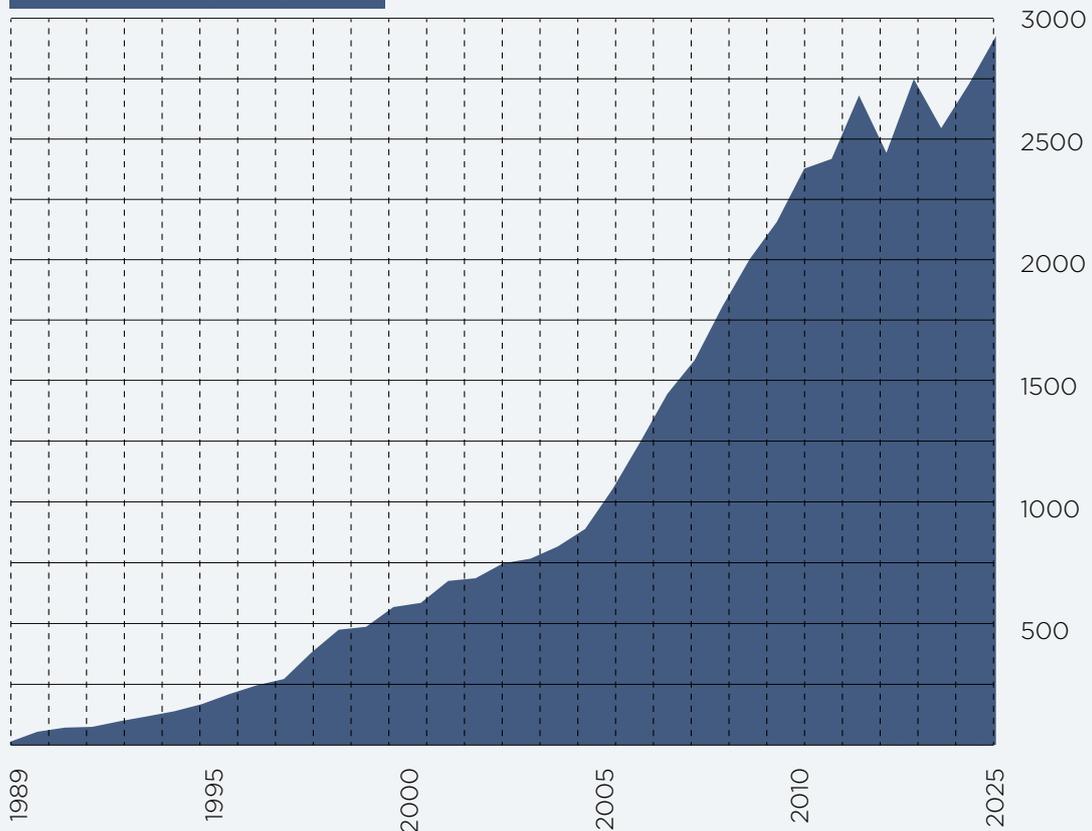
Chair	Sofia Gourtsoyianni, Athens/GR
Members	<p>Maria Antonietta Bali, Rome/IT          Regina Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL          Luis Curvo-Semedo, Coimbra/PT          Vicky Goh, London/UK          Nikolaos Kartalis, Stockholm/SE          Miltos Krokidis, Athens/GR          Thomas Mang, Vienna/AT          Ingrid Millet, Montpellier/FR          Nikolaos Papanikolaou, Lisbon/PT          Andrew Plumb, Esher/UK          Maija Radzina, Riga/LV          Christoph J. Zech, Basel/CH</p>
Members – Young ESGAR	<p>Adriana Mirela Calin-Vainak, Cluj Napoca/RO          Marta Zerunian, Rome/IT</p>

# MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

as per December 2025

TOTAL number of individual ESGAR Members: 2,904 Members from 85 countries  
New Applicants in year 2025: 529 from 63 countries

## Members per year



43	Honorary Fellows	493	Corresponding Members
27	Emeritus Fellows	569	Junior Members
160	Fellows		
30	Corresponding Fellows	4	Corporate Members
1582	Active Members		

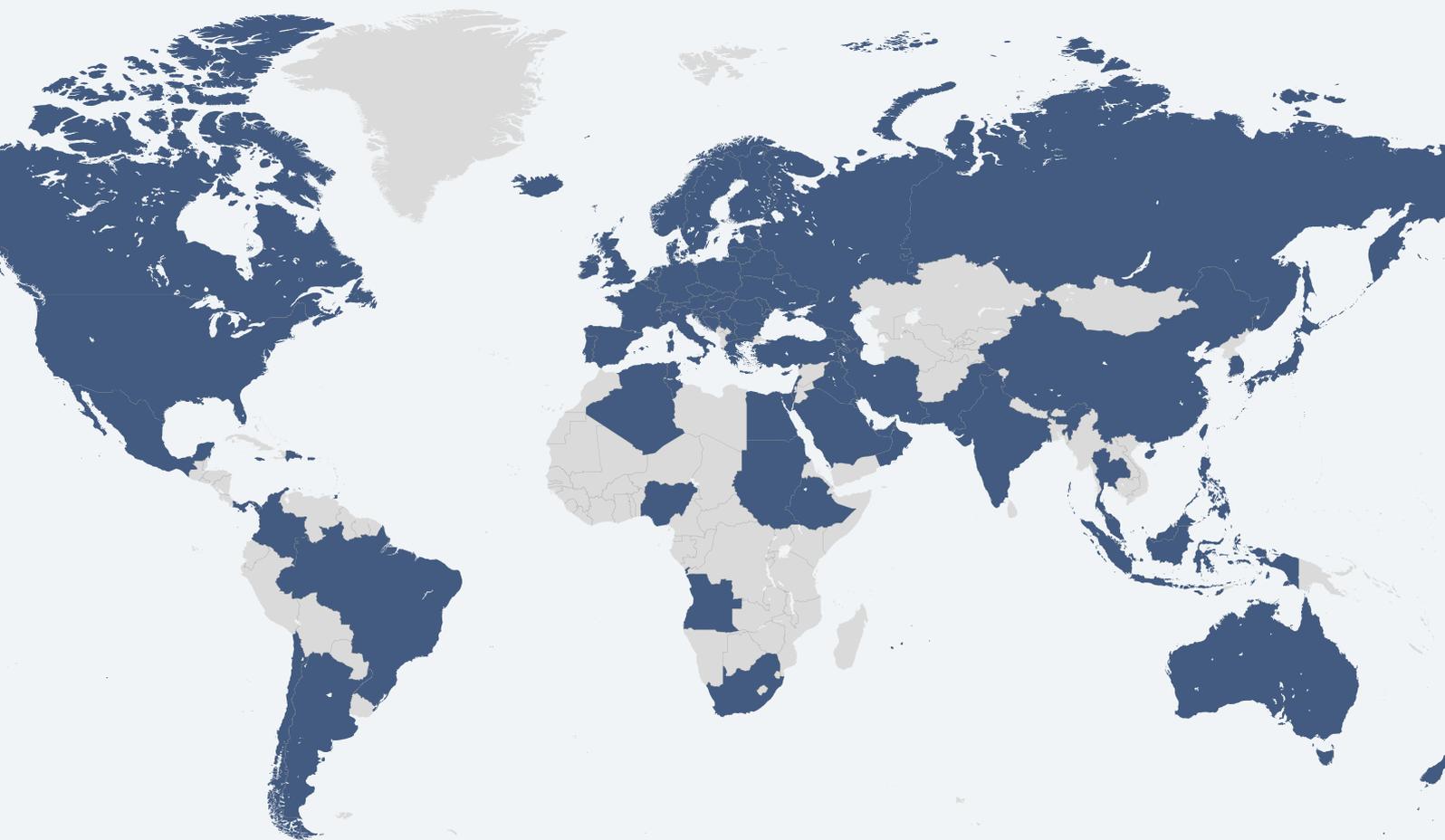
# MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

as per December 2025

## Top 10 Countries



## Top 5 Countries (New Members)



# NEW FELLOWS

ESGAR is pleased to announce the newly elected Fellows approved in 2025. 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

Raneem Albazaz, Leeds/UK  
Leeds Radiology Academy  
Member since 2021

Joost Nederend, Eindhoven/NL  
Catharina Hospital  
Member since 2021

Davide Bellini, Latina/IT  
University of Rome "Sapienza"  
Member since 2013

Verena Obmann, Baar/CH  
Zuger Kantonsspital  
Member since 2018

Michele Bertolotto, Trieste/IT  
University of Trieste  
Member since 2017

Benjamin Rea, Sheffield/UK  
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals  
Member since 2018

David Bowden, Cambridge/UK  
Cambridge University Hospitals  
Member since 2016

Arturas Samuilis, Vilnius/LT  
Vilniaus universiteto ligoninė Santaros klinikos  
Member since 2022

Caroline Ewertzen, Copenhagen/DK  
Copenhagen University Hospital  
Rigshospitalet  
Member since 2017

Christine Schmid-Tannwald, Munich/DE  
University of Munich Hospitals  
Member since 2009

Karin Horsthuis, Amsterdam/NL  
Amsterdam UMC  
Member since 2013

Carmelo Sofia, Messina/IT  
Policlinico Universitario "Gaetano Martino"-  
Messina  
Member since 2017

İlkay İdilman, Ankara/TR  
Hacettepe University  
Member since 2022

Jeroen Tielbeek, Heemstede/NL  
Spaarne Gasthuis  
Member since 2017

Ali Karaosmanoglu, Ankara/TR  
Hacettepe University  
Member since 2022

Ian Zealley, Edinburgh/UK  
University of Dundee  
Member since 2021

# CORRESPONDING FELLOWS

ESGAR is pleased to announce the newly elected Corresponding Fellows approved in 2025. 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

**Katja De Paepe, Boston, MA/US**  
Beth Israel deaconess medical center  
Member since 2018

**Jessica Yang, Sydney, NSW/AU**  
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital  
Member since 2015

**Erik Soloff, Seattle, WA/US**  
University of Washington  
Member since 2019

# 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](mailto:office@esgar.org).

## AUSTRALIA

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

## AUSTRIA

Prof. Thomas Mang  
Medical University of Vienna, Vienna

## BELGIUM

Dr. Bart Op De Beeck  
Universitair Ziekenhuis Antwerpen, Edegem

## BRAZIL

Prof. Nelson Caserta  
HC Unicamp, Campinas

Dr. Luciana Costa  
Brazilian College of Radiology  
Colégio Brasileiro de Radiologia e Diagnóstico  
por Imagem, São Paulo

## CANADA

Prof. Tae Kyoung Kim  
University Health Network/Mount Sinai  
Hospital/Women's College Hospital, Toronto, ON

## CHINA

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West China Hospital  
Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan

## CZECH REPUBLIC

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Masaryk University/University Hospital, Brno

## DENMARK

Prof. Soren Rafaelsen  
University of Southern Denmark, Vejle

## FRANCE

Prof. Jean-Pierre Tasu  
Centre Hospitalier Universitaire, Poitiers

## GERMANY

Prof. Thomas Lauenstein  
Evangelisches Krankenhaus, Düsseldorf

## GREECE

Prof. Charikleia Triantopoulou  
"Konstantopoulou Agia Olga" General Hospital,  
Athens

## INDIA

Dr. Saugata Sen  
Tata Medical Center, Kolkata  
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

## IRELAND

Dr. Carmel Cronin  
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin

## ISRAEL

Prof. Arye Blachar  
Sourasky Medical Center, Tel Aviv

## ITALY

Dr. Ennio Biscaldi  
Duchess of Galliera Hospital, Genoa

## JAPAN

Prof. Hiromu Mori  
University Faculty of Medicine, Oita

## KOREA, REPUBLIC OF

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National University Hospital, Seoul

## LATVIA

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Paula Stradina Clinical University Hospital, Riga

## MALTA

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Mater Dei Hospital, Msida

## NETHERLANDS

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MCH Westeinde Hospital, The Hague

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Clinical Centre Novi Sad, Novi Sad

## SLOVENIA

Dr. Manca Garbajs  
MTC Fontana, Maribor

# ESGAR AMBASSADORS

**SPAIN**

Dr. Jordi Rimola  
Hospital Clinic Barcelona, Barcelona

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**SWEDEN**

Prof. Nikolaos Kartalis  
Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm

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**SWITZERLAND**

Dr. Caecilia Reiner  
University Hospital Zurich, Zurich

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**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

Dr. Alexander Sinanan  
University of the West Indies, Champs Fleurs

**TURKEY**

Prof. Sukru Mehmet Erturk  
Istanbul University School of Medicine, Istanbul

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**UNITED KINGDOM**

Dr. Benjamin Rea  
Northern General Hospital, Sheffield

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**UNITED STATES**

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

# YOUNG ESGAR



“Young ESGAR (YE)” is a dynamic community of early-career 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 281 young members from over 48 different countries worldwide, creating an energetic and diverse community.

YE has a strong presence with delegates in ESGAR’s research, education, EDGAR, workshop and membership committees. In 2025, the YE has launched for the first time the YE Ambassadors project, the YE network WhatsApp group, the Instagram Lives and the “Sign of the Month” activity on social media. YE also plays an active role in organising the ESGAR annual meeting.

## Young ESGAR Coordinating Team

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

Federica Vernuccio, Palermo/IT (Chair)  
 Nino Bogveradze, Tbilisi/GE, Vienna/AT  
 Roberto Cannella, Palermo/IT  
 Francesca Castagnoli, London/UK  
 Katja De Paepe, Boston/US  
 Marta Duczowska, Copenhagen/DK

Cesare Maino, Milan/IT  
 Irmina Morawska, Warsaw/PL  
 Laura Segger, Berlin/DE  
 Soleen Stocker, Zurich/CH  
 Ana Villanueva Campos, Madrid/ES  
 Marta Zerunian, Rome/IT

## Young ESGAR Activities (2025)

In 2025 Young ESGAR has been involved in the following activities:

### Research Mentorship Programme

Together with the Research Committee, YE organised the online peer-to-peer Research Mentorship Programme.

### Global Abdominal Imaging Forum paper

Together with the organisers of the global imaging forum on HCC, YE has prepared and submitted a paper to the journal Insights into Imaging. The paper is based on the results of the survey conducted during the first Global Abdominal Imaging Forum on HCC to investigate differences in the practice among attendees from participating countries.

### Young ESGAR Ambassadors

YE has involved 30 YE ambassadors from 30 different countries with the aim to expand the Young ESGAR network and understand the needs and willingness of young colleagues interested in abdominal imaging at a broader international level. Within this broader activity, the YE has involved the YE ambassadors in the first Instagram Live activity.

### Social activities

YE organises different social events during conferences, including the traditional aperitivo which was called “Young ESGAR Bowls & Brews” at the 2025 ESGAR Annual Meeting.

### ESGAR Annual Meeting

YE has helped in the organisation of the School of ESGAR sessions and the online Cases of the Day quiz. YE is also in charge of organising the successful Tricky Cases session where YE members get a chance to present their most difficult clinical cases. YE members can also get together to network and interact in the YE lounge.

### Young ESGAR @ECR 2025

During ECR 2025 in Vienna YE has been active part of the “Bracco and ESR: Young Clubs Take the Lead” held on February 27, 2025, where attendees could solve challenging imaging cases in an interactive setting.



# YOUNG ESGAR

## Young ESGAR Activities (2025)

### 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.

### YE network WhatsApp group

YE has launched the YE network WhatsApp group as an informal space for YE members to share ideas, interest and participation to International conference, facilitating organisation of informal chats and meetings at conferences. The group now is composed of 60 members.

The YE coordinating team is in touch with the full YE network via monthly newsletters.

### Social media platforms

YE is involved in the development of online content for the YE network in various social media platforms. This year, the YE has launched the “Sign of the month” activity on social media.

## Young ESGAR Ambassadors

The Young ESGAR Ambassadors are dynamic members, chosen by the Young ESGAR Coordinating Team to serve as the vital link between Society and the next generation of abdominal radiologists. This role involves actively inviting young radiologists interested in abdominal imaging to become ESGAR members and advertising ESGAR activities across national hospitals and local institutions.

Armenia	Arpine Brutyan	Greece	Marina Kapsali
Australia	Arjuna Somasundaram	India	Anuradha Chandramohan
Austria	Katharina Lampichler	Iran	Faezeh Khorasanizadeh
Belgium	Alba Igual	Italy	Filippo Crimi
Bulgaria	Kalina Chupetlovska	Lithuania	Ruta Dubeikaite
Canada	Vanessa Murad	Netherlands	Bibi Martens
Chile	Eduardo Gallardo Olguin	Norway	Javier Luzon
China	Yuan-Cheng Wang	Poland	Katarzyna Biernacka-Racicot
Colombia	Stephanie Trujillo	Portugal	Ana Teresa Martins Villares
Croatia	Martina Suton Glavinic	Romania	Adriana Mirela Calin-Vainak
Denmark	Simona Gentile	Spain	Alba Salgado
France	Eduard Reizine	Turkey	Ebru Karubalut
Georgia	Nino Batiashvili	UK	Benjamin Rea
	Anna Dumbadze	Ukraine	Romana Pavliuk
Germany	Isabel Molwitz	USA	Roberta Catania

# 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 and Young ESGAR Social Media Coordinators. 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, Cases of the Month, and dedicated Young ESGAR cases. In 2025, we introduced a new monthly post series called “Sign of the Month”. Each month, we highlight one key imaging sign - short, practical, and perfect for everyday learning. Our goal is simple: to make GI radiology easier, more visual, and more fun, one sign at a time.

## FACEBOOK

@esgarsociety joined Facebook in November 2015 and has the largest number of followers on ESGAR social media channels with 4,000 people following the ESGAR page (increase from 3,900 in 2024) and with posts reaching 3,000 people.

## X (FORMER TWITTER)

@esgarsociety joined X in April 2016 and currently has 3,115 followers, an increase from 3,000 in 2024. The account has published 88 posts and generated over 250,000 impressions in the past year. The ESGAR X page actively promotes member activities by retweeting and sharing the most relevant content. We invite you to tag @EsgarSociety in your tweets on abdominal radiology topics.

## INSTAGRAM

@esgarsociety joined Instagram in December 2017 and has now 2,782 followers (increase from 2,225 in 2024) with around 100 posts and several Instagram stories published in 2025.

## LINKEDIN

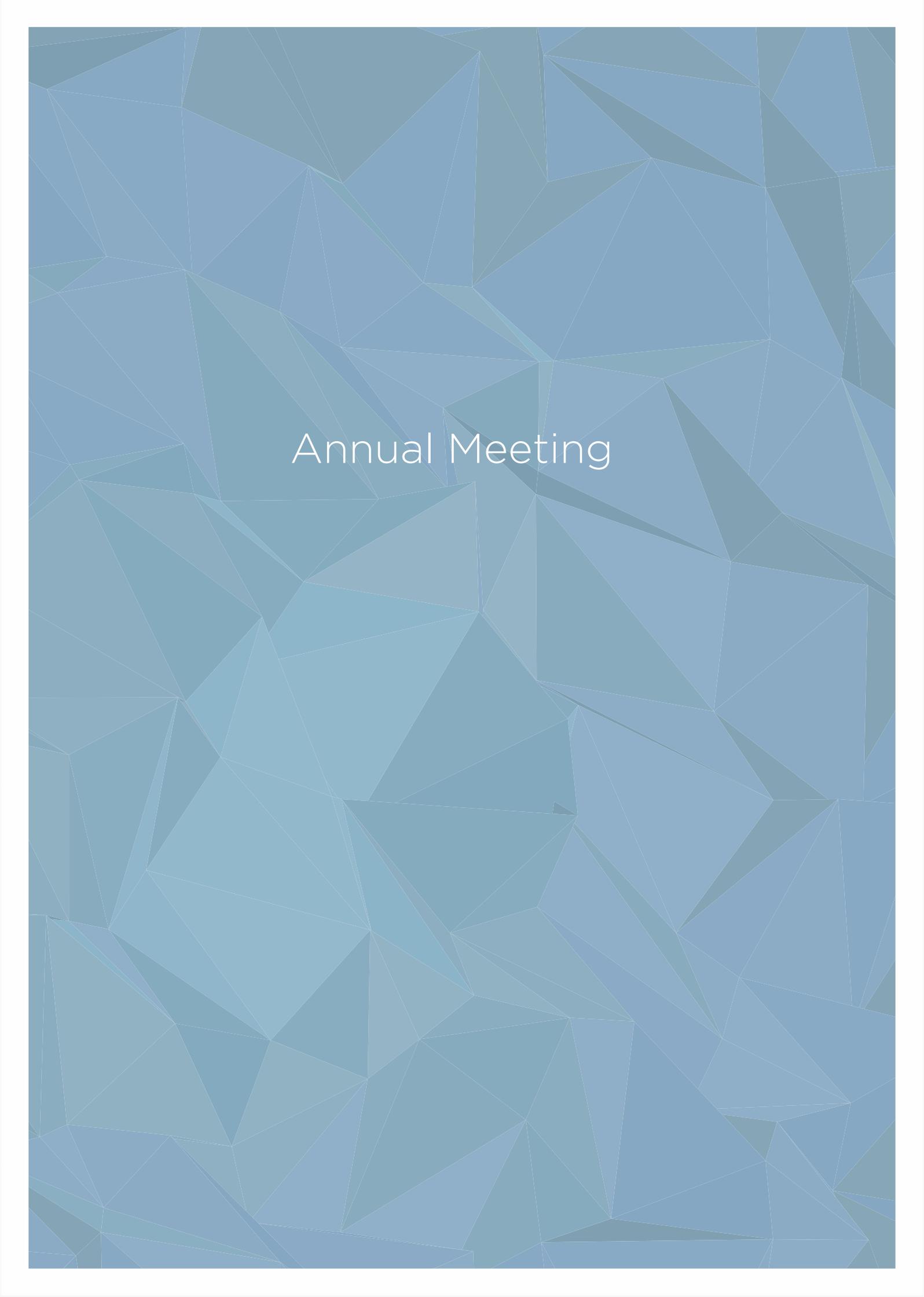
@esgarsociety joined LinkedIn in 2017 and has now 2,845 followers (increase from 1,848 in 2024). We encourage you to add ESGAR to your personal LinkedIn profile as a company you are involved in, and link to our page.

In 2026, ESGAR will further enrich its social media presence with a weekly programme of educational content and society updates, including news on upcoming ESGAR meetings, Case of the Month, Journal Watch, exclusive online Young ESGAR cases and the new Sign of the Month series.

Building on the success of our first Instagram Live edition, we will further continue to host live sessions covering radiology training pathways, fellowship opportunities, and practical guidance for international radiologists. We warmly invite you to follow ESGAR on your preferred social media channel and engage with our growing community.

### Social Media Coordinators:

Ana Villanueva Campos, Madrid/ES; Cesare Maino, Milan/IT;  
Adriana Calin-Vainak, Cluj-Napoca/RO; Irmina Morawska, Warsaw/PL



# Annual Meeting

# ESGAR ANNUAL MEETING 2025

## THE ESGAR ANNUAL MEETING

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

In 2025, the 36<sup>th</sup> ESGAR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course was held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands from May 13 - 16 under the presidency of Jaap Stoker.

Yet again, ESGAR 2025 proved to

- ... be a truly international gathering and the leading global event in gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology,
- ... bring together over 1,850 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 2026  
Montpellier, France  
June 9 - 12  
Meeting President:  
Ingrid Millet, Montpellier/FR

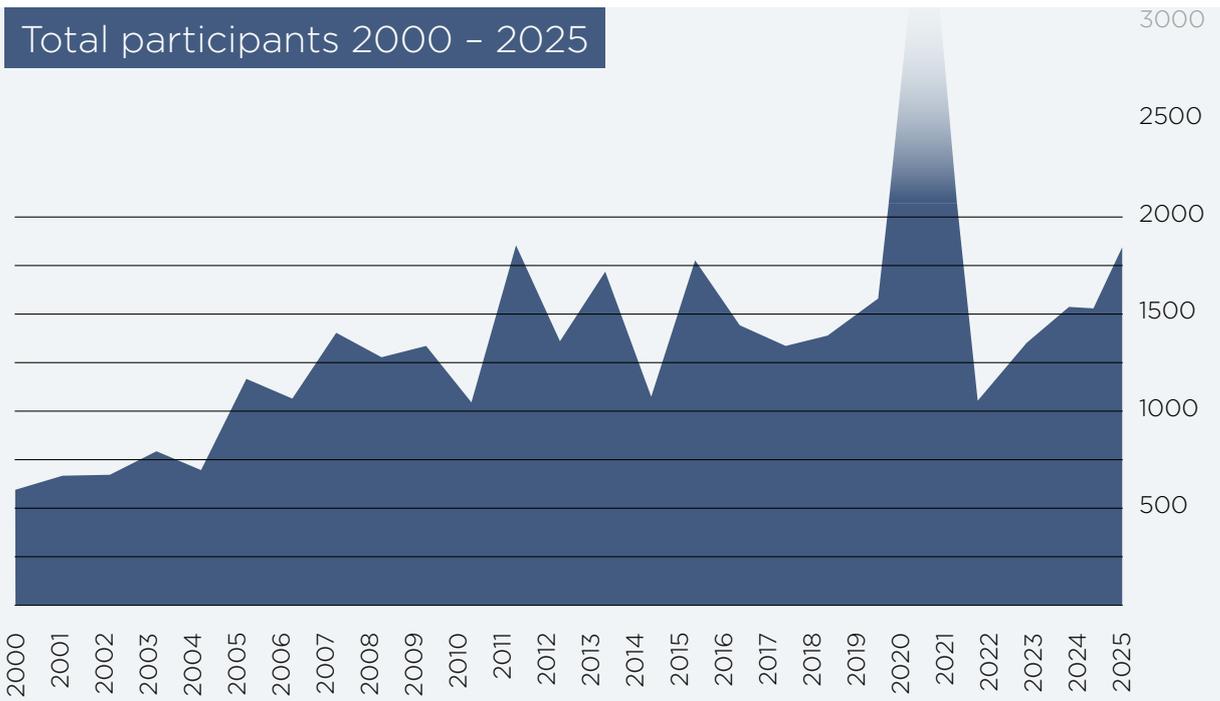


ESGAR 2027  
Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
June 15 - 18  
Meeting President:  
Damian Tolan, Leeds/UK



ESGAR 2028  
Athens, Greece  
June 20 - 23  
Meeting President:  
Sofia Gourtsoyianni,  
Athens/GR

Total participants 2000 - 2025



2000 | La Grande Motte/FR

2001 | Dublin/IE

2002 | Orlando, FL/US  
Joint Meeting with SGR

2003 | Budapest/HU

2004 | Geneva/CH

2005 | Florence/IT

2006 | Crete/GR  
Joint Meeting with SGR

2007 | Lisbon/PT

2008 | Istanbul/TR

2009 | Valencia/ES

2010 | Dresden/DE

2011 | Venice/IT

2012 | Edinburgh/UK

2013 | Barcelona/ES

2014 | Salzburg/AT

2015 | Paris/FR

2016 | Prague/CZ

2017 | Athens/GR

2018 | Dublin/IE

2019 | Rome/IT

2020 | Virtual

2021 | Virtual

2022 | Lisbon/PT

2023 | Valencia/ES

2024 | Gothenburg/SE

2025 | Amsterdam/NL

# ANNUAL MEETING 2025

36<sup>th</sup> ESGAR Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course  
 May 13 - 16, 2025

## ESGAR 2025 MEETING PRESIDENT

Prof. Jaap Stoker, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### IMPORTANT FACTS

1,850 participants from 65 countries worldwide attended the meeting.

- 1 Postgraduate Course: "Navigating uncertainty after treatment"
- 42 ESGAR Tutorials
- 1 Research Tutorial
- 3 Image Guided Therapy Sessions
- 10 Lecture Sessions
- 5 School of ESGAR Sessions
- 2 Poster Sessions
- 1 One Case Three Lessons Session
- 1 Tricky Cases Session
- 2 Foundation Courses
- 14 Scientific Sessions
- 6 CTC Sessions
- 11 US Sessions

### ESGAR HONORARY FELLOW 2025:

András Palkó, Szeged/HU  
 Christine O. Menias, Phoenix, AZ/US

### ESGAR GOLD MEDALLIST 2025:

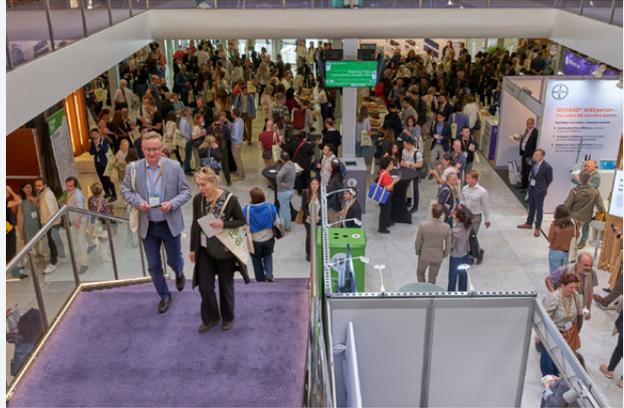
Andrea Laghi, Rome/IT

- > ESGAR Honorary Lecturer: H.-U. Laasch, Manchester/UK
- > SAR Honorary Lecturer: P.J. Pickhardt, Madison, WI/US
- > ASAR Honorary Lecturer: S.H. Park, Seoul/KR
- 4 Industry Symposia organised by: Bayer AG, Bracco, GE Healthcare and Guerbet
- 2 Industry Hands-on workshops organised by Siemens

## Top 10 participating countries at ESGAR 2025



# IMPRESSIONS



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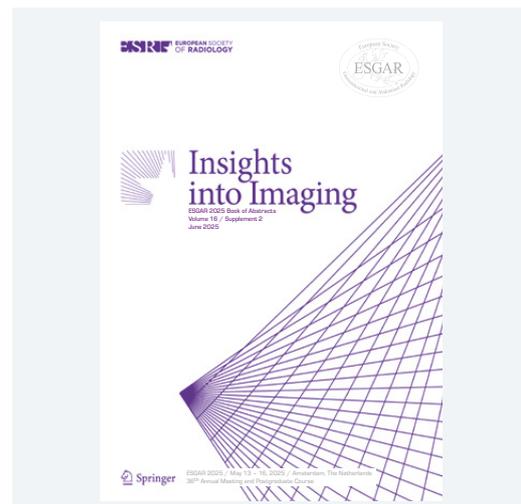


# ANNUAL MEETING 2025

## 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 Amsterdam, Netherlands:

Mahsoem Ali, Amsterdam/NL  
 Easan Anand, London/UK  
 Alice Bernardi, Modena/IT  
 Antonino Andrea Blandino, Palermo/IT  
 Iacopo Capitoni, Siena/IT  
 Feng Che, Chengdu/CN  
 Antonella Del Gaudio, Rome/IT  
 Lotte Ewals, Eindhoven/NL  
 Gloria Giacomelli, Fano/IT  
 Elisabeth Goedegebuure, Amsterdam/NL  
 Max Golden, Madison, WI/US  
 Frederik Hartmann, Rotterdam/NL  
 Chhaya Keshvala, Leeds/UK  
 Monica Milazzo, Palermo/IT  
 Irmina Morawska, Warsaw/PL  
 Moritz Oberparleiter, Basel/CH  
 James Platt, Leeds/UK  
 Cristian Sica, Siena/IT  
 Noor Tilman, Amsterdam/NL  
 Martin Watzenboeck, Vienna/AT



The abstracts of scientific oral presentations are published in “Insights into Imaging”:  
 ESGAR 2025 Book of Abstracts / Volume 16 / Supplement 2 / June 2025  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13244-025-02017-2>

You can also find the “Book of Abstracts” in your Personal ESGAR Account via [www.esgar.org](http://www.esgar.org).

# ANNUAL MEETING 2025

## 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 eleven 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

Tae Hyung Kim, New York, NY/US

### CUM LAUDE

Katarzyna Biernacka-Racicot, Lodz/PL

Vanessa Murad, Toronto, ON/CA

Giovanni Roccella, Partinico/IT

Hyun Kyun Yang, Seoul/KR

### CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Bruna Andreucci, São Paulo/BR

Nino Bogveradze, Vienna/AT

Jin-Young Choi, Seoul/KR

Anne Dessent, Kessel-Lo/BE

Paolo Niccolò Franco, Lissone/IT

Mohamed Amine Haouari, Paris/FR

Cato Huisman, Amsterdam/NL

Aric Lee, Singapore/SG

Meghavi Mashar, Preston/UK

EL Mehdi Mniai, Villejuif/FR

Joshua Shur, London/UK

# ANNUAL MEETING 2025

## 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:

N. Bogveradze, Vienna/AT

R. Cannella, Palermo/IT

F. Castagnoli, London/UK

K. De Paepe, Boston, MA/US

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



Athanasios Giannakis, Athens/GR

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

# ANNUAL MEETING 2025

## European Radiology ESGAR Awards

On the occasion of the ESGAR 2025 Annual Meeting, the following “European Radiology ESGAR Awards 2025” were presented. The articles were chosen by the jury from among 25 papers, published by ESGAR Members (first and/or last author must be an ESGAR member) in the journal “European Radiology” during the calendar year 2024.

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 (Stuart A. Taylor), and the European Radiology Editor in Chief (Bernd Hamm).



### GOLD AWARD

Hanyu Jiang, Yun Qin, Hong Wei, Tianying Zheng, Ting Yang, Yuanan Wu, Chengyu Ding, Victoria Chernyak, Maxime Ronot, Kathryn J. Fowler, Weixia Chen, Mustafa R. Bashir, Bin Song

*For publishing the paper with the title:*

*“Prognostic MRI features to predict postresection survivals for very early to intermediate stage hepatocellular carcinoma”*



### GOLD AWARD

Anaïs Delagnes, Marine Roux, Valérie Vilgrain, Boris Guiu, Valérie Laurent, Olivier Sutter, Ivan Bricault, Hervé Trillaud, Christophe Aubé, Anita Paisant

*For publishing the paper with the title:*

*“Fat-containing hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with cirrhosis: proposal of a diagnostic modification regarding enhancement characteristics”*



### SILVER AWARD

Vicky Goh, Susan Mallett, Victor Boulter, Robert Glynne-Jones, Saif Khan, Sarah Lessels, Dominic Patel, Davide Prezzi, Manuel Rodriguez-Justo, Stuart A. Taylor, Richard Beable, Margaret Betts, David J. Breen, Ingrid Britton, John Brush, Peter Correa, Nicholas Dodds, Joanna Dunlop, Sofia Gourtsoyianni, Nyree Griffin, Antony Higginson, Andrew Lowe, Andrew Slater, Madeline Strugnell, Damian Tolan, Ian Zealley, Steve Halligan

*For publishing the paper with the title: “Multivariable prognostic modelling to improve prediction of colorectal cancer recurrence: the PROSPeCT trial”*

# ANNUAL MEETING 2025

## Insights into Imaging Award

On the occasion of the ESGAR 2025 Annual Meeting, the following “Insights into Imaging Award 2024” was presented. The article was chosen by the jury from among 9 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 2024.

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:

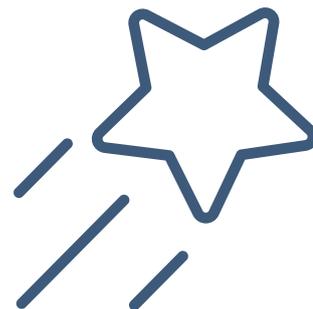
Giorgia Porrello, Roberto Cannella, Jacques Bernuau, Antoine Agman, Giuseppe Brancatelli, Marco Dioguardi Burgio, Valérie Vilgrain

*For publishing the paper with the title: “Liver imaging and pregnancy: what to expect when your patient is expecting”*

# ANNUAL MEETING 2025

## 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 2025



*Roberto Cannella  
University of Palermo  
Palermo, Italy*



*Isabelle De Kock  
Ghent University Hospital  
Ghent, Belgium*



*Riccardo de Robertis Lombardi  
University of Verona - AOUI Verona  
Verona, Italy*

# ANNUAL MEETING 2025

## Junior Mentorship Programme 2024/2025

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

**Mentor:** Max Lahaye

The Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam/NL

**Mentee:** Atenea Morcillo

Hospital Universitario de Gran Canaria Dr. Negrín, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria/ES

Abstract SE-101: Evaluating abbreviated MRI protocols: 3D T2-WI Vs. 2D T2-WI in rectal cancer staging



# HONORARY FELLOWS 2025

Christine O. Menias  
Phoenix, AZ/US



Dr. Christine O. “Cooky” Menias is a distinguished American radiologist, professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, and the current and first female editor of *RadioGraphics*, one of the leading educational journals in radiology. She has made significant contributions to the field of abdominal imaging and continues to shape medical education and research in radiology.

Born in Cairo, Egypt, Christine Menias pursued her undergraduate studies at Marquette University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology and French in 1990. She then obtained her medical degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine in 1995. Following her medical studies, she completed her residency and an abdominal imaging fellowship at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Christine Menias began her career in diagnostic radiology as a body imager in the abdominal imaging section at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology. She held several leadership positions there, including Co-Director of Body Computed Tomography and Emergency Radiology, and Assistant Residency Programme Director in Radiology.

After 15 years at Washington University, she joined the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona, in 2013 as a Professor of Radiology. From 2016 to 2020, she served as the Chair of the Abdominal Imaging Section at Mayo Clinic Arizona.

Her academic and clinical expertise is widely recognised, evidenced by her extensive engagement in scientific presentations and educational outreach. She has delivered over 200 invited national and international presentations, and her work has received numerous accolades from prestigious organisations such as the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) and the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS).

Over the years, she has gained recognition as an outstanding educator in abdominal imaging, with expertise in oncologic, transplant, gynecologic, and emergency radiology. She has been a visiting professor at more than 15 institutions around the world, including universities and medical centres in the United States, Thailand, Chile, China, and India.

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# HONORARY FELLOWS 2025

Christine O. Menias  
Phoenix, AZ/US

She is actively involved in numerous professional societies, holding fellowships and memberships in several leading international radiology organisations. These include the Gold Society of Abdominal Radiology, the RSNA, the ARRS, the American Society of Emergency Radiology, and the Association of University Radiologists. She joined ESGAR as a corresponding member in 2019 and became a fellow of the society in 2023.

Christine Menias has made substantial contributions to academic literature. Her scholarly output includes over 270 peer-reviewed journal articles. She is also the author or co-author of 12 books and has contributed 64 chapters to academic textbooks. In addition, she has published more than 160 scientific abstracts that have been presented at leading radiology conferences worldwide.

She has served as the Associate Editor of Gynecologic Imaging for Abdominal Radiology and chaired the editorial board for abdominal imaging at RadioGraphics. In October 2019, she was appointed Editor of RadioGraphics by the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), becoming the first female to hold this prestigious position.

Christine Menias' career reflects a deep commitment to advancing the field of radiology through education, research, and clinical excellence, establishing her as a respected leader and innovator in abdominal imaging on a global scale.

# HONORARY FELLOWS 2025

András Palkó  
Szeged/HU



Prof. András Palkó, is a highly respected Hungarian radiologist with over four decades of significant contributions to medical education, clinical radiology, and international radiological societies. A graduate of the University of Pécs Medical School, he completed his medical degree *summa cum laude* in 1977. He went on to specialise in radiology, obtaining his board certification with distinction in 1981, followed by a Ph.D. in 1994 and habilitation in 1999.

His early medical and academic career was rooted at the Department of Radiology of the University of Pécs, where he developed extensive experience in general radiology, ultrasound, interventional radiology, computed tomography (CT), and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). His international experience includes a senior registrar post in Kuwait in 1992 and professional training trips to Germany and the United States. Between 1996 and 1997, András Palkó served as head of radiology at Baranya County Hospital before taking on the leadership of the Department of Radiology at the Szeged University Medical School in 1998, a position he held until his retirement in 2018. Since then, he has served as Professor Emeritus at the same institution.

András Palkó has played an instrumental role in medical education, teaching radiology at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in Hungarian and English since the early 1980s. His contributions to teaching earned him multiple “Excellent Teacher” awards at the University of Szeged. He has also been a longstanding invited lecturer for the European School of Radiology since 2006.

Throughout his career, he has held numerous national and international leadership roles. He was president of the Hungarian Society of Radiologists (2002 - 2004), president of the Hungarian College of Radiology (2004 - 2011), and editor-in-chief of *Magyar Radiológia* (2013 - 2017).

At the European level, he has been deeply involved in the European Society of Radiology (ESR), serving as president in 2012 and a member of the Board of Directors (2009 - 2013). András Palkó joined ESGAR in 1998 and became a fellow of the society in 2003. He entered the ESGAR Executive Committee in 2006 as the Chairman of the By-Laws committee and was elected treasurer in 2008. He served as Secretary general of ESGAR from 2012 - 2016.

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# HONORARY FELLOWS 2025

András Palkó  
Szeged/HU

A prolific academic, András Palkó has authored 91 peer-reviewed scientific publications, edited or co-edited three books, contributed 31 book chapters, and delivered over 200 invited lectures worldwide. His main research interests include advanced imaging of the gastrointestinal tract and liver, experimental contrast agents, computer-assisted organ segmentation, and emergency radiology.

András Palkó has received prestigious awards such as the Zsebők and Alexander Memorial Awards from the Hungarian Society of Radiologists, the Batthyány-Strattmann Memorial Award from the Hungarian Ministry of Health, and the Gold Medal of the European Society of Radiology. He holds honorary memberships in several national radiological societies, including those of France, Ireland, Poland, Austria, Romania, Serbia, and the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA).

# GOLD MEDAL 2025

Andrea Laghi  
Rome/IT



Prof. Andrea Laghi is an internationally recognised academic radiologist and healthcare leader. He serves as Full Professor of Radiology at Sapienza – University of Rome and Director of the Diagnostic Radiology Unit at Sant’Andrea University Hospital. In his role as Council Member of the Superior Health Council (CSS), he has contributed extensively to national health policy in Italy, particularly in diagnostic imaging, artificial intelligence, and medical technology renewal. He has coordinated and participated in several working groups on clinical appropriateness, AI integration, and public health innovation.

Andrea Laghi completed his medical degree and residency in Radiology at Sapienza – University of Rome, both with highest honours. He pursued further clinical and research training at prestigious institutions in Boston, Washington DC, and New York, focusing on abdominal imaging, MRI, and advanced CT techniques. He later obtained board certification in Nuclear Medicine and completed a Master in Healthcare Management, reinforcing his leadership in both academic and clinical settings.

In addition to his professorship, Andrea Laghi directs the Radiology Residency Programme at Sapienza and coordinates teaching in diagnostic imaging. He has held positions on the board and in committees of many international societies, such as the ESR, the RSNA, UEG and ECCO, just to name a few.

Andrea Laghi became a member of ESGAR in 1998 and joined the Executive Committee as Chair of the Education Committee in 2007. He held this position for two terms before becoming Chair of the Workshop Committee in 2011. In 2017, Andrea Laghi joined the Executive Board as Vice President and served as President from 2021 to 2023.

Andrea Laghi was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the successful CTC Workshop series, which has attracted participants worldwide over the past 20 years. He also organised the first JESS – the Junior ESGAR Summer School in 2015 in Rome. This initiative still draws residents from across the globe each year and is a highlight of the society’s calendar for young radiologists. In 2019, Andrea Laghi served as Meeting President of the 30th Anniversary Annual Meeting, held in Rome, Italy. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Italian Society of Medical Radiology (SIRM).

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# GOLD MEDAL 2025

Andrea Laghi  
Rome/IT

Andrea Laghi has made substantial contributions to the advancement of medical imaging. His research focuses on imaging biomarkers, radiomics, oncologic imaging, and the clinical application of artificial intelligence. He has authored over 400 scientific papers indexed in PubMed, along with 18 books and 110 book chapters. He holds an H-index of 60 on Scopus, reflecting the significant impact of his work. His research has attracted major funding from national and international bodies, including the European Union, the Italian Ministry of Health, and the Italian Association for Cancer Research.

He is regularly invited to speak at global conferences and high-level policy events. Most recently, he contributed as a keynote speaker and expert to G7 Health meetings, helping to shape discussions on artificial intelligence and innovation in healthcare.



# Workshops

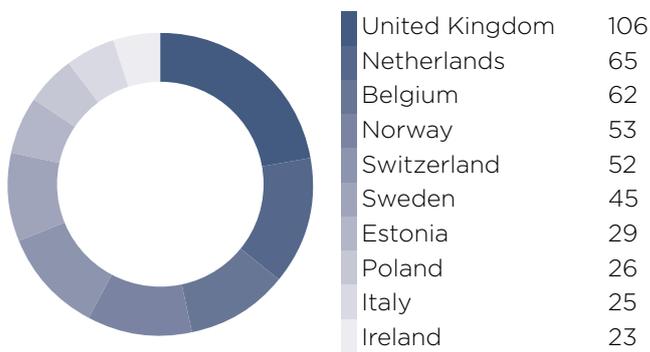
# ESGAR WORKSHOPS 2025

In 2025, a comprehensive educational programme in abdominal imaging was delivered through 13 workshops, comprising 9 on-site and 4 online events. The programme covered a wide range of topics, including image-guided procedures, advanced MRI applications, hepatobiliary and pancreatic imaging, emergency radiology, and oncologic staging. Led by internationally recognised faculty, the workshops combined expert lectures with hands-on training and interactive, case-based discussions, attracting several hundred participants from over 50 countries.

The year also saw the introduction of new educational formats, most notably the Case Reading Week, designed to deepen diagnostic skills through intensive image interpretation. In addition, the Small Bowel Imaging Workshop was held on-site for the first time, marking an important milestone in the evolution of practical, multidisciplinary training within the programme.

## PARTICIPANTS FROM TOP 10 COUNTRIES

(777 PARTICIPANTS ALTOGETHER FROM 58 COUNTRIES):



## ONLINE ABDOMINAL IMAGE GUIDED PROCEDURES

## ONLINE PERITONEAL METASTASES

### ABDOMINAL IMAGE GUIDED PROCEDURES ONLINE WORKSHOP

January 30, 2025

#### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

M. Krokidis, Athens/GR

#### PARTICIPANTS

37 participants from 24 countries

#### WORKSHOP FACULTY

N. Arkoudis, Athens/GR  
O. Brook, Boston, MA/US  
A. Dimopoulou, Uppsala/SE  
R. Garcia Marcos, Valencia/ES  
L. Garzelli, Paris/FR  
T. Helmberger, Munich/DE  
J. Heverhagen, Bern/CH  
R. Inchingolo, Bari/IT  
D. Ippolito, Monza/IT  
M. Krokidis, Athens/GR  
M. Maas, Amsterdam/NL  
G. Orgera, Rome/IT  
P. Peddu, London/UK  
M. Pezzullo, Brussels/BE  
F. Vernuccio, Palermo/IT  
M. Zerunian, Rome/IT

### PERITONEAL METASTASES ONLINE WORKSHOP

February 10, 2025

#### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATORS

M. Lahaye, Amsterdam/NL  
V. Vandecaveye, Leuven/BE

#### PARTICIPANTS

110 participants from 35 countries

#### WORKSHOP FACULTY

A. D'Hoore, Leuven/BE  
E. Dresen, Leuven/BE  
F. Iafrate, Rome/IT  
M. Lahaye, Amsterdam/NL  
D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL  
P. Rousset, Lyon/FR  
V. Vandecaveye, Leuven/BE



## ABDOMINAL MRI FROM THEORY TO APPLICATION WORKSHOP

February 13 - 14, 2025  
London, United Kingdom

### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

M.A. Bali, Rome/IT

### LOCAL ORGANISER

D.-M. Koh, London/UK

### PARTICIPANTS

44 participants from 14 countries

### WORKSHOP FACULTY

M.A. Bali, Rome/IT  
A. Ba-Ssalamah, Vienna/AT  
D. Bowden, Cambridge/UK  
G. Brancatelli, Palermo/IT  
M. Chouhan, Brisbane/AU  
D.-M. Koh, London/UK  
O. Lucidarme, Paris/FR  
C. Matos, Lisbon/PT  
G. Morana, Treviso/IT  
W. Schima, Vienna/AT  
J. Shur, London/UK  
S.A. Taylor, London/UK  
V. Vandecaveye, Leuven/BE  
J. Winfield, London/UK  
C.J. Zech, Basel/CH  
M. Zins, Paris/FR

## ADVANCES IN HPB IMAGING WORKSHOP

March 26 - 28, 2025  
San Servolo (Venice), Italy

### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR & LOCAL ORGANISER

G. Morana, Treviso/IT

### PARTICIPANTS

57 participants from 17 countries

### WORKSHOP FACULTY

C. Ayuso, Barcelona/ES  
M.A. Bali, Rome/IT  
A. Beleú, Treviso/IT  
M. D'Onofrio, Verona/IT  
R. De Robertis, Verona/IT  
A. Deganello, London/UK  
B. Frittoli, Brescia/IT  
L. Grazioli, Brescia/IT  
D.-M. Koh, London/UK  
G. Morana, Treviso/IT  
N. Papanikolaou, Lisbon/PT  
A. Persson, Linköping/SE  
M. Ronot, Clichy/FR  
C. Triantopoulou, Athens/GR



## LIVER IMAGING WORKSHOP

April 10 - 11, 2025

Msida, Malta

### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

C.J. Zech, Basel/CH

### LOCAL ORGANISER

K. Cortis, Msida/MT

### PARTICIPANTS

37 participants from 17 countries

### WORKSHOP FACULTY

R. Albazaz, Leeds/UK  
 M.A. Bali, Rome/IT  
 A. Ba-Ssalamah, Vienna/AT  
 G. Brancatelli, Palermo/IT  
 C. Cannataci, Zejtun/MT  
 K. Cortis, Msida/MT  
 M. Garbajs, Maribor/SI  
 K. Kulpina, Mellieha/MT  
 Y. Menu, Paris/FR  
 J. Podgórska, Warsaw/PL  
 P. Rodríguez Carnero, Madrid/ES  
 V. Vilgrain, Clichy/FR



## PANCREAS IMAGING WORKSHOP

June 26 - 27, 2025

Stockholm, Sweden

### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR & LOCAL ORGANISER

N. Kartalis, Stockholm/SE

### PARTICIPANTS

40 participants from 18 countries

### WORKSHOP FACULTY

F. Baldaque Silva, Stockholm/SE  
 T. Bollen, Nieuwegein/NL  
 N. Kartalis, Stockholm/SE  
 J.M. Löhr, Stockholm/SE  
 L. Loizou, Stockholm/SE  
 R. Pozzi-Mucelli, Stockholm/SE  
 E. Rangelova, Gothenburg/SE  
 M. Ronot, Clichy/FR  
 A. Tzortzakakis, Stockholm/SE  
 C. Valls Duran, Stockholm/SE  
 V. Vilgrain, Clichy/FR  
 G. Zamboni, Verona/IT  
 M. Zins, Paris/FR



## LIVER IMAGING WORKSHOP

September 18 - 19, 2025  
Tallinn, Estonia

### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

C.J. Zech, Basel/CH

### LOCAL ORGANISER

M. Reim, Tartu/EE

### PARTICIPANTS

74 participants from 14 countries

### WORKSHOP FACULTY

G. Brancatelli, Palermo/IT  
M. Breikšs, Riga/LV  
A. Denissova, Tartu/EE  
M. Karçaaltincaba, Ankara/TR  
N. Kartalis, Stockholm/SE  
R. Luksaite, Vilnius/LT  
Y. Menu, Paris/FR  
A. Negård, Lørenskog/NO  
M. Radzina, Riga/LV  
M. Reim, Tartu/EE  
R. Sartoris, Clichy/FR  
K. Seer, Tallinn/EE  
M. Tiidermann, Tartu/EE  
C.J. Zech, Basel/CH



## CASE READING WEEK: MASTERING ABDOMINAL IMAGE INTERPRETATION

October 14 - 17, 2025  
Mallorca, Spain

### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

S. Gourtsoyianni, Athens/GR

### PARTICIPANTS

46 participants from 16 countries

### WORKSHOP FACULTY

R. Cannella, Palermo/IT  
L. Curvo-Semedo, Coimbra/PT  
M. França, Porto/PT  
S. Gourtsoyianni, Athens/GR  
N. Kartalis, Stockholm/SE  
D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL  
C. Reiner, Zurich/CH  
M. Ronot, Clichy/FR  
D. Tolan, Leeds/UK  
G. Zamboni, Verona/IT  
M. Zerunian, Rome/IT  
M. Zins, Paris/FR



ACUTE ABDOMEN ONLINE  
WORKSHOP  
ABDOMINAL EMERGENCY IMAGING:  
From Protocols to Practice  
November 6 - 7, 2025

**SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR**

I. Millet, Montpellier/FR

**PARTICIPANTS**

106 participants from 29 countries

**WORKSHOP FACULTY**

C. Bourgioti, Athens/GR  
I. Millet, Montpellier/FR  
P. Nikolaidis, Chicago, IL/US  
J. Puylaert, The Hague/NL  
F. Wessels, Utrecht/NL  
J. Wessling, Münster/DE  
M. Zins, Paris/FR

MASTERCLASS IN SMALL BOWEL  
IMAGING WORKSHOP  
HANDS-ON MR & ULTRASOUND

November 13 - 14, 2025  
Ghent, Belgium

**SCIENTIFIC COORDINATORS**

I. De Kock, Ghent/BE  
A. Plumb, London/UK

**LOCAL ORGANISER**

I. De Kock, Ghent/BE

**PARTICIPANTS**

66 participants from 18 countries

**WORKSHOP FACULTY**

G. Bhatnagar, Surrey/UK  
I. De Kock, Ghent/BE  
N. Grunshaw, Cumbria/UK  
T. Lobaton Ortega, Ghent/BE  
C. Maaser, Lueneburg/DE  
P. Paolantonio, Rome/IT  
A. Plumb, London/UK  
J. Puylaert, The Hague/NL  
J. Rimola, Barcelona/ES  
M. Scharitzer, Vienna/AT  
J. Stoker, Amsterdam/NL  
S.A. Taylor, London/UK  
C. Teichert, Amsterdam/NL



## RECTAL CANCER STAGING AND RESTAGING ON MRI WORKSHOP

December 9 - 10, 2025  
Leuven, Belgium

### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATORS

R.G.H. Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL  
D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL  
E. Dresen, Leuven/BE

### LOCAL ORGANISER

E. Dresen, Leuven/BE

### PARTICIPANTS

30 participants from 17 countries

### WORKSHOP FACULTY

G. Beets, Maastricht/NL  
R.G.H. Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL  
N. Bogveradze, Vienna/AT  
L. Curvo-Semedo, Coimbra/PT  
A. D'Hoore, Leuven/BE  
E. Dresen, Leuven/BE  
M. Lahaye, Amsterdam/NL  
D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL  
M. Maas, Amsterdam/NL  
P. Maerten, Leuven/BE  
S. Nougaret, Montpellier/FR  
C. Schraepen, Leuven/BE  
J. van Griethuysen, Amsterdam/NL

## RECTAL CANCER STAGING & RESTAGING ON MRI ONLINE WORKSHOP

December 10, 2025

### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL

### PARTICIPANTS

98 participants from 28 countries

### WORKSHOP FACULTY

G. Beets, Maastricht/NL  
R.G.H. 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



## RECTAL CANCER STAGING AND RE-STAGING ON MRI WORKSHOP

December 11 - 12, 2025

Leuven, Belgium

### SCIENTIFIC COORDINATORS

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

D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL

E. Dresen, Leuven/BE

### LOCAL ORGANISER

E. Dresen, Leuven/BE

### PARTICIPANTS

31 participants from 10 countries

### WORKSHOP FACULTY

G. Beets, Maastricht/NL

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

N. Bogveradze, Vienna/AT

L. Curvo-Semedo, Coimbra/PT

A. D'Hoore, Leuven/BE

E. Dresen, Leuven/BE

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P. Maerten, Leuven/BE

S. Nougaret, Montpellier/FR

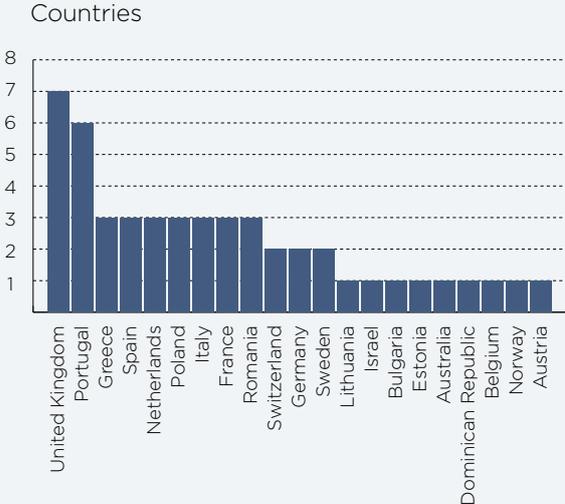
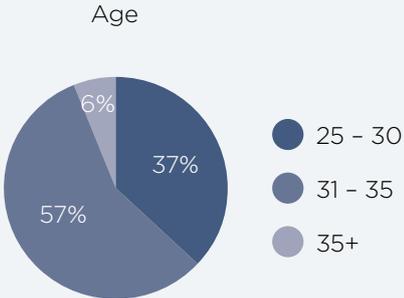
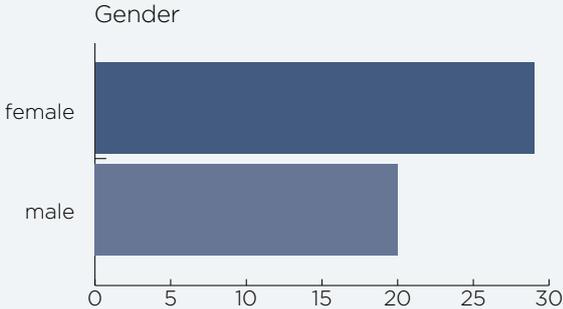
C. Schraepen, Leuven/BE

J. van Griethuysen, Amsterdam/NL

# JUNIOR ESGAR SUMMER SCHOOL (JESS)

June 16 - 20, 2025  
Athens, Greece

## SUMMER SCHOOL STATISTICS



# JUNIOR ESGAR SUMMER SCHOOL (JESS)

June 16 – 20, 2025  
Athens, Greece



## FEEDBACK

“The quality of the lectures was excellent, with valuable lessons and insights relevant to both junior and senior residents and fellows. I learned a lot and found the level to be just right.”

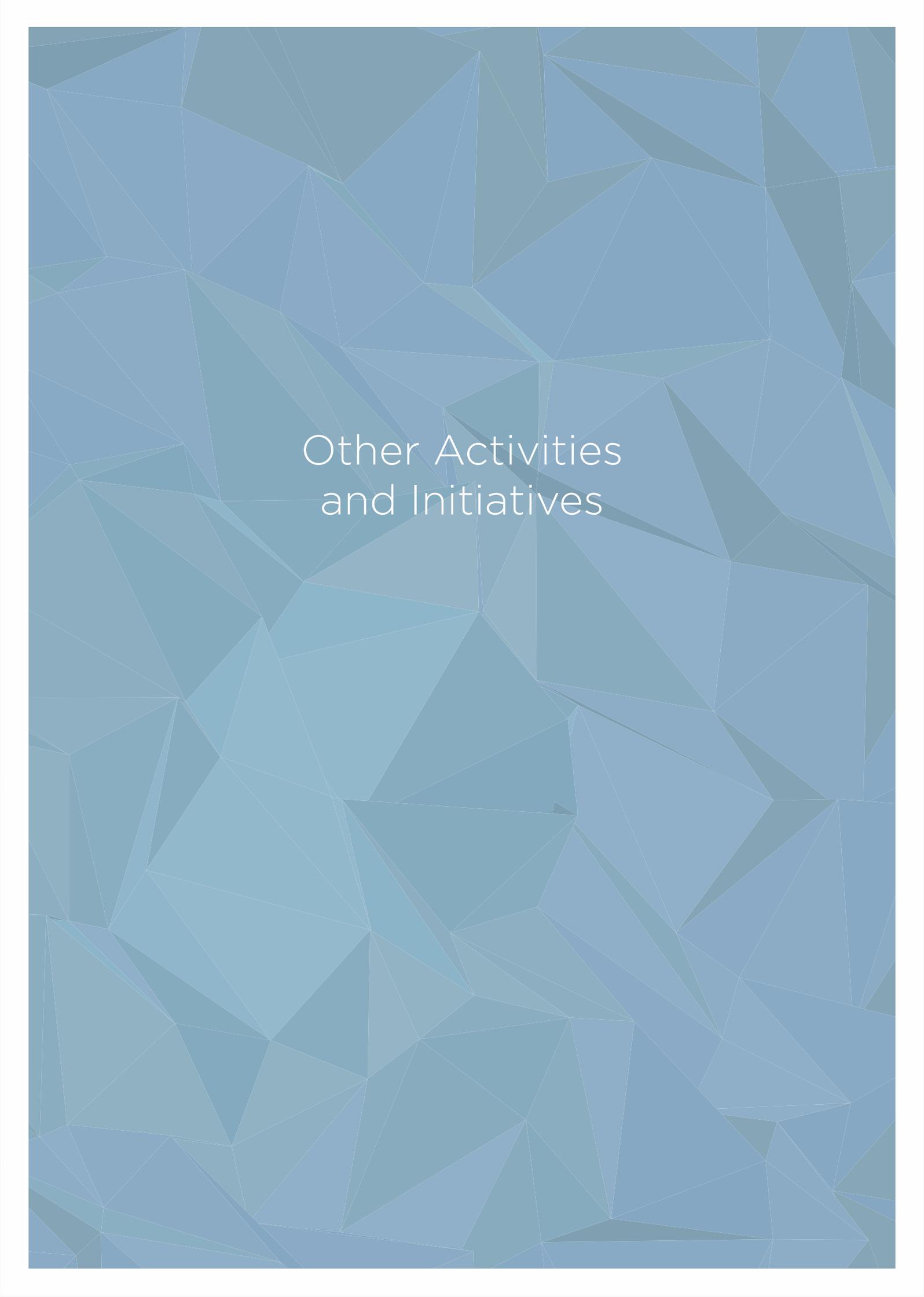
“The lecturers were not only great experts in their fields but also approachable, inspiring, and deeply committed to sharing their knowledge. Almost all talks were excellent and very engaging.”

“Extremely well organised course, running on time and as per schedule, with a very good balance between focused teaching, rest, and social activities.”

“Beyond the academic side, connecting with colleagues from such diverse backgrounds was incredibly enriching. The social activities created a warm, friendly atmosphere and lasting friendships.”

“This was an outstanding and truly memorable experience. I leave with new knowledge, fresh perspectives, valuable connections, and memories that will last a lifetime.”





# Other Activities and Initiatives

# EDGAR

## The ESGAR Diploma



The ESGAR Diploma is a qualification, established due to the growing need for subspecialised recognition in gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology. The ESGAR 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



The ESGAR  
Diploma in  
Gastrointestinal  
and Abdominal  
Radiology

In 2025 we had 10 participants onsite in Amsterdam, and 5 taking the exam online.

### DIPLOMA HOLDERS:

Serdar Aslan, Giresun/TR	Sonaz Malekzadeh, Sion/CH
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# ESGAR ONLINE



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-POSTERS

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



## TOPIC PACKAGES

Topic-focused packages compiled from past Annual Meetings are available online all year for ESGAR members, who wish to update their knowledge or prepare for EDGAR.

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 2025

February	C. Terra, Viana do Castelo/PT
March	M. França, Porto/PT
April	D. Caruso, Rome/IT
May	C. Triantopoulou, Athens/GR
June	R. Luksaite, Vilnius/LT
July	G. Zamboni, Verona/IT
August	D. Bellini, Latina/IT
October	G. Porrello, Palermo/IT
November	C. Reiner, Zurich/CH
December	M. Karcaaltincaba, Ankara/TR

## CASE OF THE MONTH AUTHORS 2025

February	G. Porrello, Palermo/IT
March	P. Rodríguez Carnero, Madrid/ES
April	G. Porrello, Palermo/IT
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# ESGAR ONLINE



## E-ACADEMY WEBINARS 2025

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 this year have been free of charge and available for ESGAR Members and Non-Members.

Treatment response in HCC: LI-RADS and more  
January 22, 2025

Speaker: P. Rodríguez Carnero, Madrid/ES

Moderator: J. Rimola, Barcelona/ES

Participants: 106 (Members and Non-Members)

MRI staging and restaging after neoadjuvant  
therapy of rectal cancer

February 19, 2025

Speaker: F. Crimi, Padua/IT

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

Participants: 140 (Members and Non-Members)

Ethics and good practices in scientific  
publications and editorialism

March 19, 2025

Speaker: P. Rodríguez Carnero, Madrid/ES

Moderator: D. Tolan, Leeds/UK

Participants: 23 (Members only)

CT and DECT in the small bowel ischemia

April 23, 2025

Speaker: S. Romano, Naples/IT

Moderator: M. Zins, Paris/FR

Participants: 50 (Members only)

Noninvasive imaging biomarkers in  
chronic liver disease

May 28, 2025

Speaker: C. Maino, Milan/IT

Moderator: F. Vernuccio, Palermo/IT

Participants: 36 (Members only)

When spleen is the key:  
how to reach a diagnose

June 11, 2025

Speaker: G. Porrello, Palermo/IT

Moderator: M. Radzina, Riga/LV

Participants: 48 (Members only)

Abdominal tuberculosis: Imaging findings  
and challenges in the diagnosis

July 23, 2025

Speaker: A. Chandramohan, Vellore/IN

Moderator: J. Stoker, Amsterdam/NL

Participants: 47 (Members only)

Pitfalls in liver imaging

August 20, 2025

Speaker: D. Stocker, Zurich/CH

Moderator: G. Brancatelli, Palermo/IT

Participants: 95 (Members only)

# ESGAR ONLINE



Peritoneal carcinomatosis

September 16, 2025

Speaker: A. Veron, Brussels/BE

Moderator: M.A. Bali, Rome/IT

Participants: 57 (Members only)

Cystic pancreatic lesions: How to guide  
management with radiological imaging

October 23, 2025

Speaker: B. Mascarin, Verona/IT

Moderator: G. Morana, Treviso/IT

Participants: 73 (Members only)

Imaging of acute and chronic mesenteric  
ischemia

November 27, 2025

Speaker: F. Matteini, Palermo/IT

Moderator: M. Ronot, Clichy/FR

Participants: 62 (Members only)

Imaging around bariatric surgery

December 17, 2025

Speaker: T. Olbers, Linköping/SE

Moderator: D. Tolan, Leeds/UK

Participants: 41 (Members only)

# ESGAR RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

## ESGAR Research Tutorials

The following research tutorial was organised during the 2025 ESGAR Annual Meeting in Amsterdam:

How to write a great radiological paper: tips from the experts

Presented by: S. Mallet, London/UK; S. Halligan, London/UK; G. Zamboni, Verona/IT

## ESGAR Research Mentorship

The mentoring programme was relaunched in collaboration with Young ESGAR as a peer-to-peer initiative. It follows a structured, stepwise approach aimed at completing a small-scale research project and preparing a submission for the ESGAR Annual Meeting.

The following mentor/mentee pairs completed a project and submitted their work to be presented on the occasion of ESGAR 2025:

Mentor: Max Lahaye, Amsterdam/NL

Mentee: Atenea Morcillo, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria/ES

Abstract: SE-101: Evaluating abbreviated MRI protocols: 3D T2-WI Vs. 2D T2-WI in rectal cancer staging

## Speed Mentoring Sessions at ESGAR 2025

Following the success of the Research Speed Mentoring sessions in 2023 and 2024, the sessions were repeated at ESGAR 2025 in Amsterdam. Held in the Young ESGAR Lounge, they were once again highly appreciated by the young participants.

### Speed Mentoring Session 1

Moderator: S.A. Taylor, London/UK

Mentors:

Maxime Ronot, Clichy/FR

Steve Halligan, London/UK

Jaap Stoker, Amsterdam/NL

Marc Zins, Paris/FR

### Speed Mentoring Session 2

Moderator: D. Tolan, Leeds/UK

Mentors:

Giuseppe Brancatelli, Palermo/IT

Musturay Karçaaltıncaba, Ankara/TR

Regina Beets-Tan, Amsterdam/NL

Valerie Vilgrain, Clichy/FR

# ESGAR RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

## ESGAR Rising Stars at ESGAR 2025

The Rising Star Award recognises promising young researchers in abdominal radiology and serves as a stepping stone for further career development in the field.

The ESGAR 2025 Rising Star award recipients were:

Roberto Cannella, Palermo/IT

Isabelle De Kock, Ghent/BE

Riccardo de Robertis Lombardi, Verona/IT

## ESGAR Research Seed Grants

Starting in 2026, the Research Seed Grant Programme will be updated and merged with the Research Mentorship Programme.

The new ESGAR Mentoring and Seed Grant Programme will be a structured, step-by-step initiative designed to support junior researchers in setting up and executing a small-scale research (or educational) project. The programme will guide participants from project conception through abstract submission to the ESGAR Annual Meeting and, where successful, support further development into a full-length peer-reviewed publication.

## Guidelines – Recently published

The following guidelines were completed in 2025:

- ESGAR guidelines on MRI for clinical management of rectal cancer – Part I primary staging (published February 2026)
- ESGAR guidelines on MRI for clinical management of rectal cancer – Part II restaging and response evaluation (published February 2026)
- EAES, ESCP, and ESGAR clinical practice guideline update on taTME for rectal cancer (published December 2025)
- ECCO-ESGAR-ESP-IBUS Guideline on Diagnostics and Monitoring of Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Part 1: initial diagnosis, monitoring of known inflammatory bowel disease, detection of complications (published July 2025)
- ECCO-ESGAR-ESP-IBUS Guideline on Diagnostics and Monitoring of Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Part 2: IBD scores and general principles and technical aspects (published July 2025)
- ESGAR consensus statement on MR imaging in primary sclerosing cholangitis (published April 2025)

In addition, the guideline development manual (available at [esgar.org/guidelines](http://esgar.org/guidelines)) has been updated to provide guidance to working groups on the various steps of guideline development and publication.

## Guideline developments:

### ONGOING ESGAR GUIDELINES & GUIDELINES IN COLLABORATION WITH OR SUPPORTED BY ESGAR

- Fatty pancreas consensus statements (EPC)
- UEG initiative to develop quality indicators for pancreatic cancer care
- Pain management in acute pancreatitis (EPC with UEG, EDS, ESDO, EAGEAN, ESPHGAN, ESGAR, ESPCG)
- Multisociety guidelines for pancreatic cancer (E-AHPBA/ESSO)
- Global guidelines on cystic neoplasms of the pancreas (Pancreas Club, IAP, EPC)
- Guideline on Initial Assessment and Management of pancreatic lesions for Primary Care Practitioners (ESPCG)
- Updated guidelines on management and follow up of gallbladder polyps (ESGAR, EAES, EFISDS and ESGE)
- ESGAR/ESUR Guidelines on CT in Acute Abdomen
- ESGAR/EANM Consensus Guidelines for Imaging Anal Cancer
- ESGAR/ESUR guidelines on spectral CT
- ESGAR guideline for training and quality assurance in CT colonography

### Committee members

ESGAR Research Committee (2025-2027)

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Soleen Ghafoor-Stocker, Zurich/CH

For further information and download of the guidelines kindly visit the [ESGAR Website](http://esgar.org)

# PHD STUDENT PROGRAMME

**Irmina MORAWSKA, Warsaw/PL**

The Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology  
Warsaw/Poland

Training centre: Clinical Cancer Centre, Sygehus Lillebælt, University  
Hospital of Southern Denmark in Vejle, Vejle/DK

*The ESGAR Visiting PhD Student Programme enabled me to spend an intensive and inspiring week at the Department of Radiology, Clinical Cancer Centre, University Hospital of Southern Denmark in Vejle, where I gained valuable exposure to multidisciplinary cancer care and advanced abdominal imaging. Participating in several MDT meetings and observing CT- and ultrasound-guided procedures significantly enhanced my understanding of clinical decision-making in colorectal and hepatobiliary oncology. The opportunity to review MRI protocols for colorectal liver metastases directly supported my PhD research and expanded my methodological perspective. Engaging with radiologists, researchers, and surgeons enriched my professional network and broadened my insight into collaborative oncologic practice. The visit was both academically rewarding and personally motivating, and it has strengthened my ambition to pursue future international research collaborations.*



**Jona SHKURTI, Leiden/NL**

The Netherlands Cancer Institute  
Amsterdam/Netherlands

Training center: University College London (UCL) - Centre for Medical  
Imaging / Department of Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering  
London/UK

*The ESGAR Travel Grant allowed me to undertake a research visit to University College London, which proved to be a highly enriching and inspiring experience. During the visit, I engaged with a wide range of researchers and clinicians across imaging, oncology, physics, and data science, gaining valuable methodological insights relevant to my PhD trajectory and research career. I was also exposed to advanced imaging techniques, AI applications, and clinical trial development, broadening my perspective beyond my core research focus. The visit initiated concrete collaborative work that continues beyond the duration of the visit. I am very grateful to Prof. Stuart Taylor and his team for their warm welcome, excellent organisation, and generous sharing of expertise, as well as to ESGAR for supporting this valuable international initiative.*



# ESGAR/ARGANZ FELLOWSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



ESGAR and ARGANZ (Abdominal Radiology Group of Australia and New Zealand) are excited to announce the launch of a new collaborative fellowship exchange, starting in 2026. This initiative is designed to enhance international professional development and foster global collaboration in abdominal radiology.

Each year, one ESGAR member will have the opportunity to undertake a 3-month observership in Australia or New Zealand, hosted by an ARGANZ-affiliated training centre. In parallel, one Australian/New Zealand radiologist will travel to Europe for a similar experience at an ESGAR-affiliated institution.

## Eligibility

ESGAR Fellows or Active Members for at least three years, in good standing who are board-certified radiologists within 5 years of certification. Applicant must be fluent in English language.

# ESGAR/ESOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



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 2025!

Giulio BAGNACCI, Siena/IT

Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria Senese, University of Siena, Siena/IT

Topic: Abdominal Imaging

Training centre: Lapeyronie University Hospital, Montpellier/FR

*During my ESOR exchange fellowship in abdominal imaging at CHU Lapeyronie in Montpellier, I was able to develop both clinically and academically. I strengthened my expertise in benign gynaecological imaging and prostate cancer imaging, focusing particularly on optimising MRI protocols and interpreting images. I also gained valuable experience in acute abdominal conditions and trauma by being exposed to a wide range of emergency CT scans. At the same time, I contributed to a multicentre study, which provided me with valuable insight into the design, coordination and execution of collaborative research. Observing a different organisation of clinical work and training was also truly inspiring. This fellowship has significantly broadened my perspective and will greatly benefit my future clinical practice, research projects and teaching activities.*



# ESGAR/ESOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



Laura CAVERO BARRERAS, San Sebastian/ES  
Hospital Universitario Donostia, Donostia/ES  
Topic: Abdominal Radiology  
Training centre: Fondazione IRCCS San Gerardo die Tintori Monza,  
Monza/IT



*I am truly grateful to ESOR for granting me this unique opportunity to participate in a three-month fellowship program focused on Abdominal Imaging at the Fondazione IRCCS San Gerardo Dei Tintori. It has been a remarkable experience, enriching me both professionally and personally. During my fellowship, I have participated in multiple multidisciplinary meetings, reporting sessions, and research projects. This experience has provided me with a solid foundation in the field of hepato-pancreato-biliary pathologies, particularly on autoimmune hepato-biliary diseases, which will enhance my daily clinical practice. My deepest gratitude to Prof. Ippolito, Dr. Maino, and Dr. Franco for their guidance and support throughout my fellowship. Their expertise and dedication have been remarkable in my learning and growth during this period. I would highly recommend this fellowship to any colleague interested in advancing their skills and experiences abroad.*

Ümmühan Ebru KARABULUT, Istanbul/TR  
Topic: Abdominal Imaging  
Training centre: Università degli Studi di Palermo, Palermo/IT



*This program had long been a professional aspiration of mine, and it exceeded my expectations. Working with my mentors, Dr. Roberto Cannella and Dr. Federica Vernuccio, and being in the same department as Professor Giuseppe Brancatelli was a highly rewarding experience. I gained broad exposure to abdominal imaging, particularly hepatic lesions and diffuse liver diseases, and observed a wide range of pancreatic, biliary, gastrointestinal, and genitourinary pathologies. I also attended multidisciplinary meetings and contributed to two research projects, which enriched my clinical and academic skills. Living in Palermo and Sicily for three months was a wonderful cultural experience, and I am deeply grateful to ESOR and ESGAR for this opportunity.*

# ESGAR/ESOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



Tomáš KOUTNÝ, Prague/CZ  
Military University Hospital, Prague/CZ  
Topic: Abdominal Imaging  
Training centre: Ospedale Ca' Foncello, Treviso/IT

*The ESOR fellowship in Treviso was a valuable professional experience that allowed me to observe the workflow of a high-volume abdominal imaging centre. I gained insight into local MRI protocols, clinical decision-making and daily reporting routines, as well as the organisational aspects that shape their diagnostic approach. I appreciated the opportunity to attend educational courses and multidisciplinary meetings organised by Professor Giovanni Morana, and the extensive teaching archive further enriched my learning. Although the schedule allowed only limited time with Professor Morana, the discussions we had were highly enlightening. Overall, the fellowship broadened my perspective and will positively influence my radiological practice at home.*



Cosmin RUSNEAC, Cluj Napoca/RO  
Cluj County Emergency Hospital, Cluj Napoca/RO  
Topic: Abdominal Radiology  
Training centre: Hôpital Saint-Joseph, Paris/FR

*I would like to express my sincere gratitude for being accepted into the ESOR Fellowship Programme and for the opportunity to join the radiology department of Saint Joseph Hospital in Paris. I was honored to be mentored during this period by Dr. Marc Zins in abdominal radiology, with particular emphasis on pancreatic and intestinal pathologies. Throughout the fellowship, I participated in frequent multidisciplinary meetings, discussed primarily abdominal but also other subspecialty imaging examinations, learned new imaging protocols and had the privilege of being part of the team, even if only for a short time. I am especially grateful to my mentor, Dr. Marc Zins, as well as to Dr. Boulay, Dr. Haouari, and Dr. Yepremian and to all colleagues who generously shared their extensive knowledge and expertise. I would also like to highlight the residents' group present during my stay, who were exceptionally welcoming and supportive, greatly facilitating my integration and my time in Paris. This fellowship will undoubtedly contribute significantly to my overall clinical practice, and I can strongly recommend that anyone interested apply for an ESOR fellowship in the future.*



# 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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UEG Research Committee:	D. Lambregts, Amsterdam/NL, 2024 - 2027
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# ESGAR AND ESR



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Many fellows and members of ESGAR are also represented on an individual basis within the ESR organisation.

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### ECR 2027 - GI TRACT

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