

## Dear colleagues,

A lot has happened since I last wrote to you on March 20. As Sars-CoV-2 continues to spread around the world, many countries are adopting drastic measures to try to contain the pandemic and flatten the curve. Our thoughts are with the patients suffering from COVID-19 and the families who have lost loved ones to the disease, but while our hearts are heavy, our minds must stay focused on contributing as much as we can to help fight the virus.

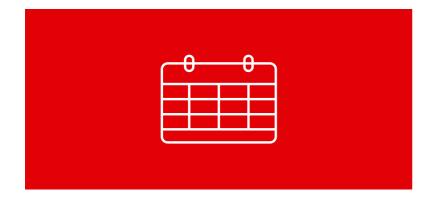


CIRSE has been working on a number of initiatives to help sharing information about Sars-CoV-2, including a resource centre on the CIRSE website featuring useful articles, checklists and webinars. This list of links is continually expanded and I invite all of you to send any useful information you would like to share to publications@cirse.org. Other initiatives include work on a checklist for IRs and a dedicated webinar with specialists who have been in the frontlines of fighting the disease. I will keep you updated on these projects on a weekly basis.

As we are all doing our share to battle this crisis, it is also important not to lose sight of other aspects of our work and look forward to the time after the pandemic. The CIRSE 2020 Scientific Programme Committee has recently released the preliminary programme for our annual meeting, so I would like to invite you all to take a short break from the world out there, browse the CIRSE 2020 preliminary programme and look forward to another outstanding congress celebrating science, education and our community!

which we are confident will take place as planned in September. I would like to thank all of you who have submitted abstracts, making 2020 the year with the second highest number of submissions.

Afshin Gangi **CIRSE President** 



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beneficial for use during the COVID-19 crisis. If you know of any other useful information that you would like us to share, let us know at <a href="mailto:publications@cirse.org">publications@cirse.org</a>!

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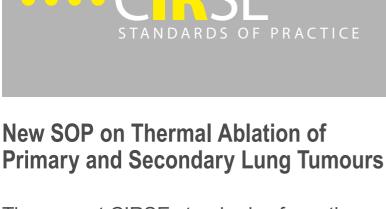
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