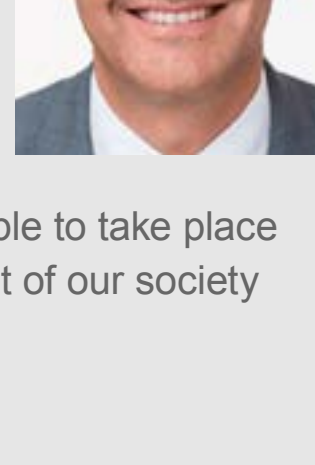


SEASONS'S GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Dear friends and colleagues,

We find ourselves at the end of 2023, and what a year it has been!



In many ways, this was the year that we have been waiting for since March 2020. The long shadows of the pandemic that still lingered well into 2022 have finally dissipated. What a thrill it has been to move through 2023 with the confidence that all of our meetings, events, and educational opportunities would be able to take place without disruption. It has been my pleasure to serve as president of our society during this great year.

**Onward and upward**

The momentum we felt starting to build post-pandemic has continued throughout the year. We now find ourselves with a record 9,600+ members, a number we expect will continue to grow. As a society, we are grateful and exceptionally fortunate to have such dedicated and enthusiastic members.

Our online and digital offerings have continued to expand. The CIRSE Library now boasts over 11,000 titles. The CIRSE Academy added 13 new courses this year, bringing the total available courses to 59, with more in the works. The EBIR is able to accommodate more hopeful candidates than ever before, offering a fully remote exam format available in English, German, and Spanish. The European Curriculum and Syllabus for Interventional Radiology, on which the EBIR is based, was also updated with a third edition this year.

CIRSE's journals continue to gain popularity, with a record high impact factor for CVIR and a first-ever impact factor for CVIR Endovascular announced in 2023.

With the help of Next Research, CIRSE launched its Chronic Limb-threatening Ischemia treated with Intravascular Lithotripsy Observational Study (CALCIO) this year, marking its first venture into endovascular research. IASIOS, the International Accreditation System for Interventional Oncology, also continued to grow exponentially and recently accredited its first US centre.

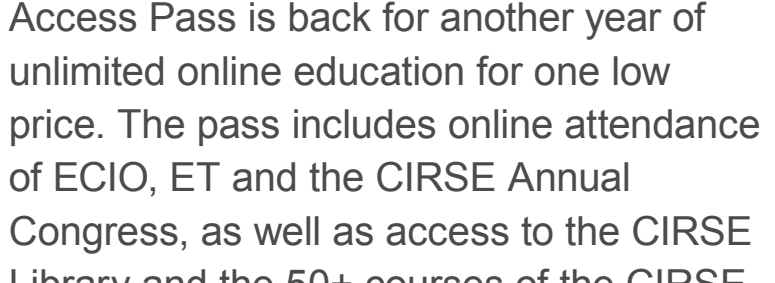
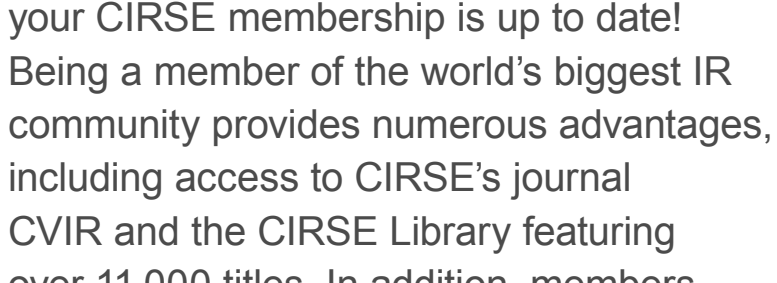
As for our meetings – you were there! From ECIO to ET, ICCIR, ESIR, and of course, the CIRSE Annual Congress, we could not have asked for a better year.

**An eye towards the future**

During the CIRSE 2023 Opening Ceremony, I spoke about CIRSE's five-year vision for the future of IR. It is imperative that we expand further into clinical services and patient care, that we focus on IR therapies and treatment, and that we continue to place an emphasis on training and excellence in IR. Our plans are already in motion, and the wheels will continue to turn after my time in office concludes next September. For the remaining year of my presidency, I look forward to continuing to work together with all of you in the endeavour of making our vision for the bright future of IR a reality.

I wish you a happy holiday season and a great start into the new year. See you in 2024!

Christoph Binkert,  
CIRSE President

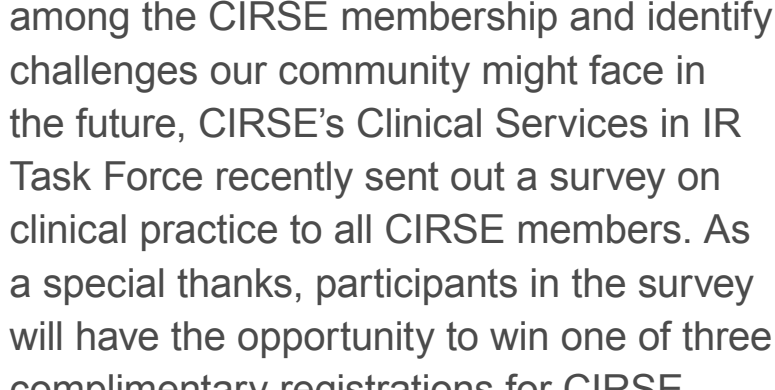
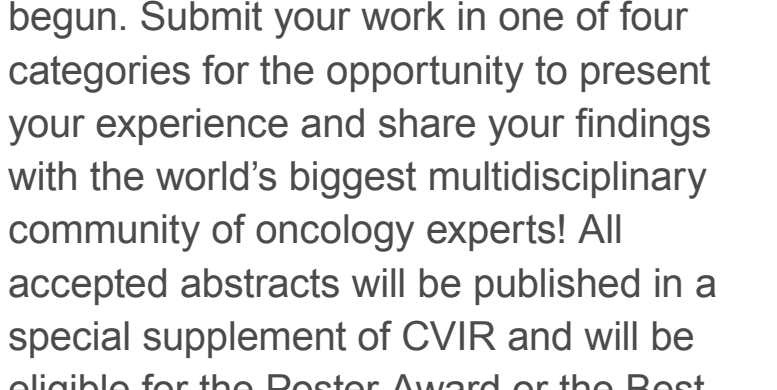


**Renew your CIRSE membership**

2024 is around the corner, so make sure your CIRSE membership is up to date! Being a member of the world's biggest IR community provides numerous advantages, including access to CIRSE's journal CVIR and the CIRSE Library featuring over 11,000 titles. In addition, members enjoy strongly reduced fees for all CIRSE congresses, ESIR courses, and the All-Access Pass, which in turn grants further savings. Members also gain eligibility for the CIRSE Fellowship Grant Programme and the chance to certify their knowledge by taking the EBIR. Access the myCIRSE area and update your membership now!

**Get your 2024 All-Access Pass**

Due to popular demand, the CIRSE All-Access Pass is back for another year of unlimited online education for one low price. The pass includes online attendance of ECIO, ET and the CIRSE Annual Congress, as well as access to the CIRSE Library and the 50+ courses of the CIRSE Academy. In addition, All-Access Pass holders enjoy strongly reduced onsite fees if they wish to attend any of the CIRSE 2024 congresses in person. Get your All-Access Pass today and start enjoying its benefits right away, giving you an extra month of usage!

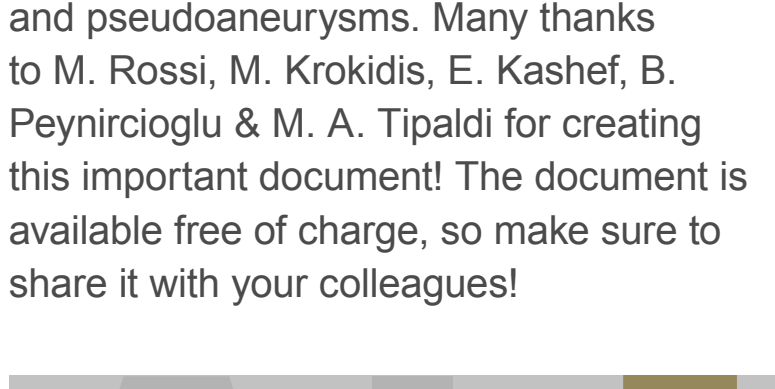
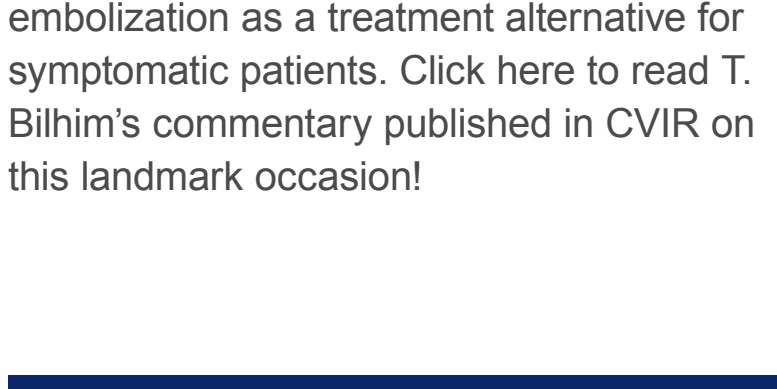


**Submit your abstract for ECIO 2024**

Abstract submission for ECIO 2024 has begun. Submit your work in one of four categories for the opportunity to present your experience and share your findings with the world's biggest multidisciplinary community of oncology experts! All accepted abstracts will be published in a special supplement of CVIR and will be eligible for the Poster Award or the Best Scientific Paper Award respectively. Find out more about the requirements and get tips and tricks from previous submitters to start putting together your abstract today!

**Clinical practice survey**

In order to assess the current practice among the CIRSE membership and identify challenges our community might face in the future, CIRSE's Clinical Services in IR Task Force recently sent out a survey on clinical practice to all CIRSE members. As a special thanks, participants in the survey will have the opportunity to win one of three complimentary registrations for CIRSE 2024. If you have not received the survey, please get in touch at [sljjepevcic@cirse.org](mailto:sljjepevcic@cirse.org).

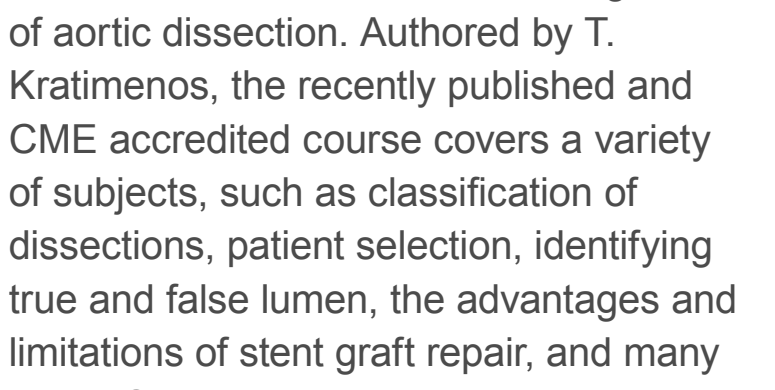
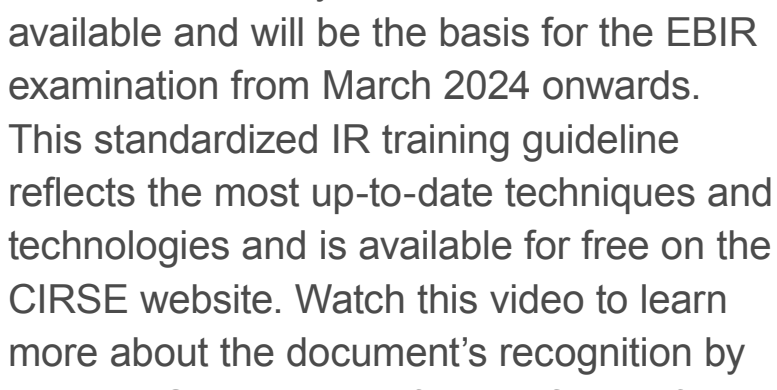


**AUA includes PAE in guidelines for BPH treatment**

The American Urological Association's recently updated guidelines for the management of benign prostatic hyperplasia now include prostatic artery embolization as a treatment alternative for symptomatic patients. Click here to read T. Bilhim's commentary published in CVIR on this landmark occasion!

**New SOP on visceral aneurysms and pseudoaneurysms**

CIRSE's latest standards of practice document gives expert recommendations on the endovascular treatment of visceral and renal artery aneurysms and pseudoaneurysms. Many thanks to M. Rossi, M. Krokidis, E. Kashef, B. Peynircioglu & M. A. Tipaldi for creating this important document! The document is available free of charge, so make sure to share it with your colleagues!

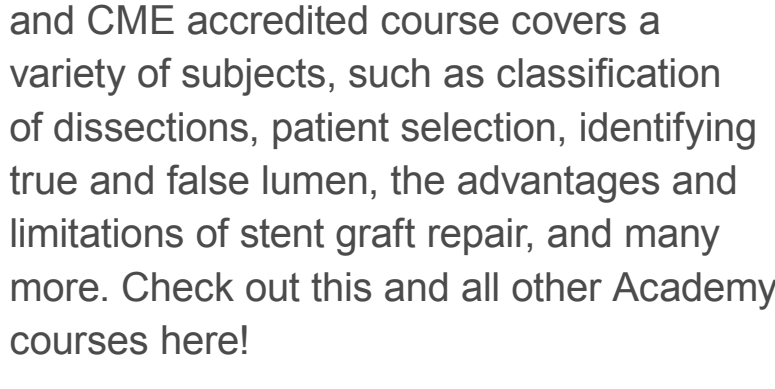
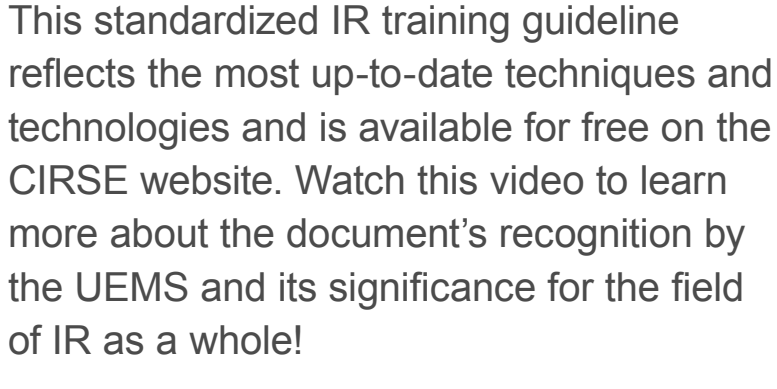


**New curriculum for EBIR exam**

The third edition of the European Curriculum and Syllabus for IR is now available and will be the basis for the EBIR examination from March 2024 onwards. This standardized IR training guideline reflects the most up-to-date techniques and technologies and is available for free on the CIRSE website. Watch this video to learn more about the document's recognition by the UEMS and its significance for the field of IR as a whole!

**CME-accredited: aortic dissection course**

The CIRSE Academy now features a new course on the endovascular management of aortic dissection. Authored by T. Kratimenos, the recently published and CME accredited course covers a variety of dissections, such as classification of dissections, patient selection, identifying true and false lumen, the advantages and limitations of stent graft repair, and many more. Check out all Academy courses here!

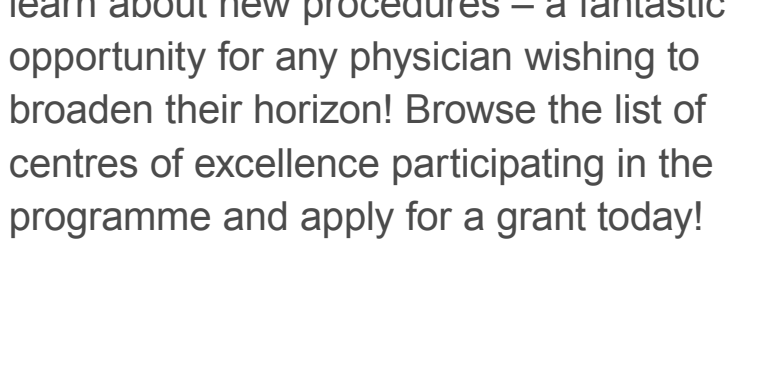
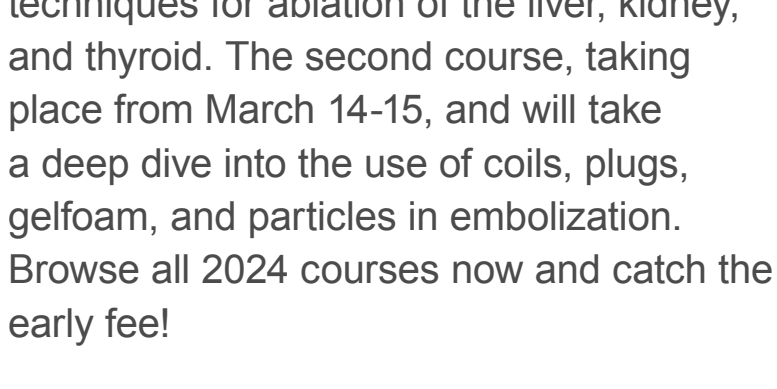


**Let's Krok about it – video with C. Mosconi**

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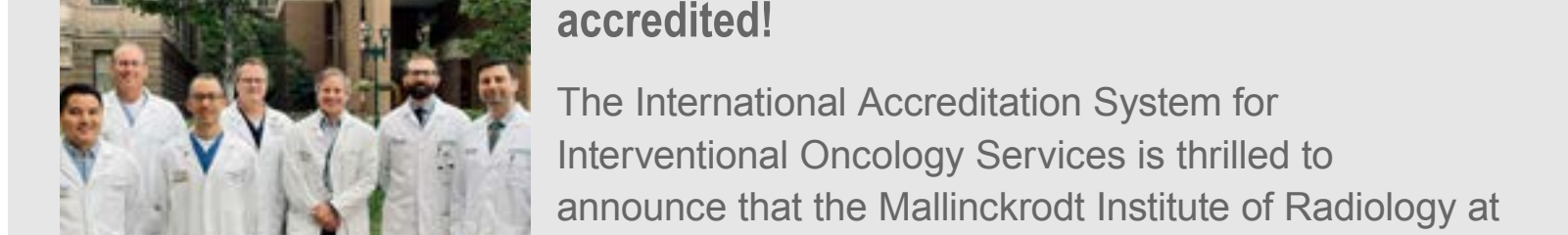


**Upcoming ESIR courses**

The European School of Interventional Radiology is hosting two outstanding courses in early 2024 at Strasbourg's featuring ex-vivo and in-vivo animal lab training sessions. The first course, taking place from Feb. 1-2, will look at the latest techniques for ablation of the liver, kidney, and thyroid. The second course, taking place from March 14-15, and will take a deep dive into the use of coils, plugs, gelfoam, and particles in embolization. Browse all 2024 courses now and catch the early fee!

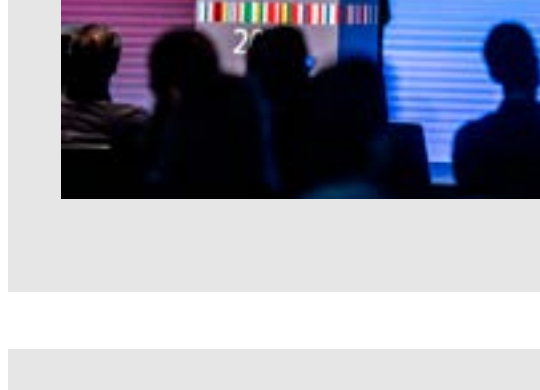
**Fellowship grants**

CIRSE has relaunched its fellowship grant programme allowing CIRSE members to apply for a €3,000 grant to fund a one-month stay at a European centre outside their country of residence. This will allow participating physicians to receive further training, gain new experiences, and learn about new procedures – a fantastic opportunity for any physician wishing to broaden their horizon! Browse the list of centres of excellence participating in the programme and apply for a grant today!



**The CIRSE Newsletter has a new format**

In order to keep you updated on all of CIRSE's projects and initiatives year-round, the society newsletter has changed its format and will not be available online via the CIRSE Insider. Links to the in-depth interviews and articles will be brought to you every month via the e-newsletter, CIRSE's social media channels, and of course the CIRSE app!



**IASIOS global expansion: First US centre accredited!**

The International Accreditation System for Interventional Oncology Services is thrilled to announce that the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University has achieved IASIOS Accredited Centre status.

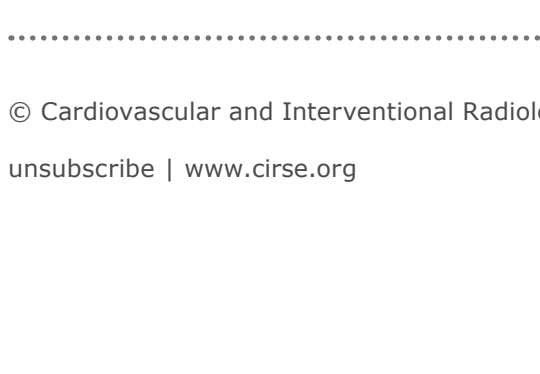
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**ECIO 2024 abstract submission: everything you need to know**

As the world's most comprehensive meeting for interventional oncology, ECIO is an ideal platform for IOs to shine a spotlight on their work. Find out about the various abstract types and what previous submitters had to say about the experience of sharing their work!

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**CIRSE 2023: Controversies and updates in embolotherapy**

In addition to CIRSE's dedicated embolotherapy meeting ET, the CIRSE annual congress includes a robust track dedicated to embolization with a focus on current controversies and research updates in the world of embolotherapy.

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