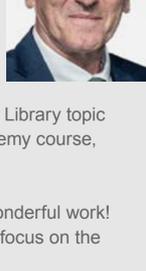


## SEASON'S GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!



### Dear friends and colleagues,

As the year comes to an end, the CIRSE community can look back at one of its most successful years yet and I would like to take a minute to reflect on the many accomplishments we have achieved together in 2025.



Further pursuing the CIRSE Vision for Interventional Radiology, the Clinical Services in IR Task Force created numerous tools to support practitioners, such as educational videos, two CIRSE Library topic packages on clinical involvement, and a dedicated CIRSE Academy course, among others.

Many thanks to Andreas Mahnken and his task force for their wonderful work! They have now handed the baton to a new task force which will focus on the second priority of the CIRSE vision; therapies and treatment.

In the fall, we established a new task force to support the further development of interventional radiology in Africa and Eastern Europe, a topic that is particularly close to my heart. In support of integrating emerging technologies into future activities, a dedicated AI Subcommittee was established.

2025 was also a year of exciting congresses and meetings. ECIO 2025 set new standards in interventional oncology with numerous scientific sessions to discuss the latest study results, present the concepts for upcoming trials, and stimulate further research projects. In May, the biannual International Conference on Complications in Interventional Radiology – ICCIR – once again provided the very important opportunity to discuss procedures that did not go according to plan and how we can learn from them. ET 2025 was another great success, with interventionists from around the globe convening in Porto to discuss everything embolotherapy, from clinical outcomes to the latest data and emerging applications. One day prior to ET 2025, I was happy to host the second European IR Leadership Meeting bringing together the presidents and board members of the European IR societies to discuss how we can work together even more closely in the future to push our specialty forward.

In September, a record number of healthcare professionals flocked to Barcelona for CIRSE 2025 to celebrate CIRSE's 40-year anniversary under the very fitting slogan "40 years of pioneering progress". The number and quality of the sessions was unparalleled, and I would like to thank the more than 500 international experts who shared their knowledge as speakers, moderators, and workshop coordinators for making this happen.

All of this year's congresses are now freely available to our members via the CIRSE Library. In addition, the annual congresses of several of our group members can now also be streamed there, including IROS, SERVEI, and BSIR 2025. I think this is a fantastic way of bringing our community even closer together and offering relevant content in various languages. Another important part of CIRSE's online education portfolio – the CIRSE Academy – also significantly widened its offering and now covers the entire IR curriculum.

To provide continuing education throughout the year, the European School of Interventional Radiology – ESIR – offered twelve clinical practice courses on a great variety of topics ranging from thyroid ablation to MSK embolization. A course of particular interest offered a new format on the modern multidisciplinary tumour board organized in collaboration with IASIOS. Featuring hands-on communications training, this course was a fantastic opportunity for interventional radiologists to strengthen their communication skills, helping them get the attention they deserve within the MDT.

The possibility for our members to apply for a fellowship grant provided another fantastic opportunity to interested IRs to widen their experience at a European Centre of Excellence outside their home country. Applications for the 2026 funding cycle will be accepted until February 9, and I strongly encourage all interested parties to apply.

As equal access to healthcare is at the heart of CIRSE's mission, I am very proud that we were able to attract a major private donation which will allow us to finance projects supporting the development of IR in Eastern Europe and Africa over the next ten years. Many thanks to the donor of the Gehrig-Pereira Grant which we hope will be a gamechanger. Two task forces are currently working on the project outlines and initiatives to be funded with these grants. I am hopeful that this activity will allow us to make a sustainable contribution towards access to IR care in many countries, and that more private donors and our industry partners will join our efforts in the future.

The International Accreditation System for Interventional Oncology Services – IASIOS – also made great strides in 2025. Membership grew steadily and now comprises 95 centres from 29 countries with Hong Kong, Canada, Spain, and Austria joining the ranks. 13 new centres reached accreditation, and I am particularly happy to announce that four centres reached Centre of Excellence status. I would like to thank Boston Scientific for believing in our vision and sponsoring the First Year Forward Grant, which allowed five centres to enrol this year, and is accepting a second round of grants.

To support IRs in the certification of their knowledge of interventional oncology, CIRSE established a new EBIR certificate: the EBIR-IO. This is another important step in certifying expertise, and I encourage all the specialists to review the eligibility requirements. The number of EBIR-certified IRs around the world will soon hit the 2,000 mark; a great achievement of our community.

CIRSE's contract research organization Next Research launched three new studies; ORACLE, BRIGHT, and RESCUE to collect data on orbital atherectomy for lesion preparation in patients with CLI, bleeding reduction in grade II-III haemorrhoids through embolization, and resorbable scaffolds with everolimus-elution for the treatment of infrapopliteal artery disease, respectively. I am very excited about these projects and look forward to seeing them progress.

2025 also saw the establishment of the latest addition to our journal family – CVIR Oncology – an open-access platform under the leadership of Thomas Helmberger which will provide an important stage for publishing in interventional oncology. After eight years at the helm of CVIR Endovascular, founding editor-in-chief Jim Reekers passed the baton to Rob Morgan. CVIR Editor-in-Chief Klaus Hausegger retired as the leading force of CIRSE's flagship journal and passed this important task on to Tiago Bilhim. I sincerely thank the departing EICs for their tireless work for the journals which constitute such an integral part of our society's activities.

Another milestone I was particularly happy to celebrate this year is that our community is now 10,000 members strong, including healthcare professionals from 95 countries. With the support of so many dedicated physicians, radiographers, and corporate partners, as well as the excellent work of the CIRSE office, I am confident that we will be able to further widen the scope of our initiatives in the years to come.

Philippe Pereira  
CIRSE President



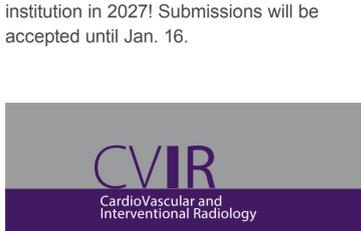
**Submit your embolization abstract**

Abstracts will now be accepted for ET 2026, the world's most comprehensive conference on embolization therapies. Submit your abstract to present your research, educational work, or case report via poster or in person! Click here for more information on abstract types and to submit!



**Register for onsite courses in 2026**

All courses of the European School of Interventional Radiology are now open for registration, offering strongly reduced early fees. The courses will cover a wide range of topics from acute ischaemic stroke to MSK embolization. Browse the full programme here!



**Become an ESIR host**

If you would like to share the procedural and clinical knowledge of your team with interventionalists from around the world, apply now to host a European School of Interventional Radiology course at your institution in 2027! Submissions will be accepted until Jan. 16.



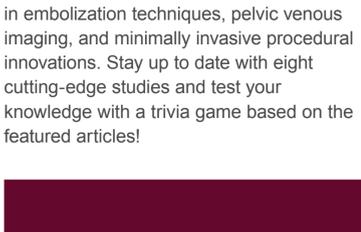
**Newly updated courses**

To keep its content on the cutting edge of technical and clinical development, the CIRSE Academy continuously updates its courses. Most recently, the specialist course on TEVAR and ancillary techniques in acute TBAD and IMH and the course on biliary drainage and stenting have been revised. Click here for the full catalogue!



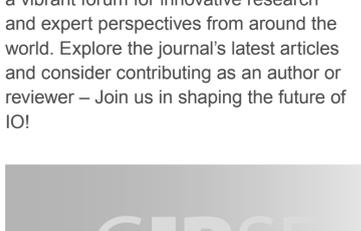
**Special section: MSK embolization**

CVIR's latest special section is dedicated to musculoskeletal embolization, the collection showcasing ground-breaking original research accompanied by insightful commentaries, comprehensive reviews, and letters from leading voices in interventional radiology. We hope you enjoy exploring the articles on this dynamic and rapidly advancing field!



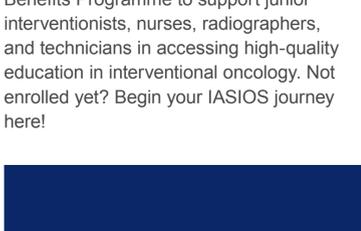
**New Quarterly Update**

CVIR Endovascular's latest quarterly update delves into pelvic congestion syndrome, exploring the newest advances in embolization techniques, pelvic venous imaging, and minimally invasive procedural innovations. Stay up to date with eight cutting-edge studies and test your knowledge with a trivia game based on the featured articles!



**A promising start for CVIR Oncology**

As a fully open-access multidisciplinary journal, CVIR Oncology is available to the entirety of the global IO community. Within only ten months, the journal has become a vibrant forum for innovative research and expert perspectives from around the world. Explore the journal's latest articles and consider contributing as an author or reviewer – Join us in shaping the future of IO!



**Free ECIO 2026 registration**

All IASIOS centres, including newly enrolled institutions, will receive two complimentary registrations for ECIO 2026 through the IASIOS Annual Benefits Programme to support junior interventionists, nurses, radiographers, and technicians in accessing high-quality education in interventional oncology. Not enrolled yet? Begin your IASIOS journey here!



**Become a junior member**

CIRSE junior membership offers a fantastic opportunity for residents and interventionalists in training to become CIRSE members and enjoy full benefits at a much lower cost. Interested parties can apply individually or through their national society to enjoy reduced registration fees for all CIRSE events, eligibility for grants and support programmes, among others. Learn more and apply here!



**Student membership**

Medical students interested in IR can join CIRSE through student membership, granting them access to the CIRSE Library and CVIR as well as fast track registration for all CIRSE congresses. Make sure to let your students know about this great opportunity to join the world's biggest IR community!



For all interested parties wishing to learn more about CIRSE's projects and initiatives, CIRSE Insider provides in-depth articles and interviews on everything going on within the society. Click on the links below to find out more!

**CIRSE updates standards of practice document to improve complications reporting**

CIRSE has released a new standards of practice document modifying the CIRSE Complications Classification system. To learn more about this update, CIRSE Insider spoke with the authors: Christoph Binkert, Dimitrios Filippiadis, Klaus Hausegger, Philippe Pereira, and Anthony Ryan.

[Read full article](#)

**CIRSE Fellowship Grant Programme alumni share insights and advice**

The CIRSE Fellowship Grant Programme allows CIRSE members to apply for a €3,000 grant to fund a one-month stay at a European centre outside their country of residence. Programme alumni Ali Cantürk, Dejan Taneski, Nguyen Tan Tai, and Ornella Moschovaki-Zeiger spoke with CIRSE Insider about their experiences and shared advice for prospective applicants.

[Read full article](#)

**First Year Forward Grant 2026: Reflections from the inaugural recipients**

Supported through an educational grant from Boston Scientific\*, the IASIOS First Year Forward Grant assists hospitals in starting their IASIOS accreditation journey and covers the first year of enrolment for five selected centres.

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**ECIO 2026**

SAVE THE DATE  
April 26 - 30

**ET 2026**

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June 17 - 20

**CIRSE 2026**

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September 5 - 9

**ESIR 2026**

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