



Dear Friends and Colleges,

2020 has been a rollercoaster for all of us, with the initial shock vis-à-vis the scope of this global pandemic giving way to a bold response from the medical community, showing its strength, ingenuity and perseverance, and ultimately hope for the vaccines and overcoming this crisis.



2020 has also been the biggest trial for CIRSE in its 35-year history. Fortunately, thinking on our feet and quickly adapting to new circumstances has always been a strength of interventional radiologists, and I am happy to say that we have more than met this year's challenges.

At the beginning of the pandemic, we responded to the most urgent needs of the medical community; providing knowledge on how to deal with the virus, prepare our wards, train our staff in the new hygiene requirements, and provide our services to patients despite the additional challenges. To this end, CIRSE created a very useful checklist in cooperation with the APSCVIR, a COVID-19 resource centre, and a series of webinars in which IRs from hard-struck countries shared their experiences.

With in-person meetings being an important factor in carrying out our society's mission of providing IR education and knowledge exchange, we also had to think reactively regarding our congresses. Thanks to the excellent work of our programme committees and the CIRSE office, ECIO 2020 was converted into a wonderfully instructive series of webinars that will continue up until February 2021. Our annual congress took place as an online Summit, making it possible for more interested parties than ever before to join in. This was clearly shown in the more than 18,000 active users who accessed the custom-made platform. I am extremely proud of our community for coming together in great numbers to discuss the most important challenges in our field, present the latest research and educate the next generation.

As this year comes to an end, we continue to work diligently to keep the scientific exchange going and to provide top-notch IR education, with a free webinar on CLI treatment and the first two instalments of ECIO Virtual, focusing on HCC and colorectal cancer and cholangiocarcinoma, respectively now available in the CIRSE Library.

At our General Assembly held virtually on November 23, our articles of association were amended to include the ET SPC Chairpersons in the Executive Committee and postpone the CIRSE elections to the year 2022, as due to COVID-19 the various CIRSE committees were not able to meet in person and conduct the work they were elected for as intended. The motions were accepted by a vast majority, and I look forward to all committees resuming their full workload and meeting in person again in 2021.

With countries around the globe preparing to distribute the new vaccines, I am hopeful that we will be able to meet again for onsite congresses and courses starting in the summer; but whatever next year holds in store, I can guarantee that all CIRSE congresses will take place as planned, be it online or in person.

On that note, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to continue our work for interventional radiology in 2021!

Afshin Gangi
CIRSE President

ECIO 2021

ECIO 2021: Call for abstracts

Interventional oncologists are invited to submit their educational, research or case abstract by January 11 and become part of the ECIO 2021 programme! All presenters of accepted abstracts will receive free registration for the congress.



Ambulatory care: the time is now

Join us on January 12 for a webinar which will scrutinize the various aspects of ambulatory care, covering numerous aspects, such as guidelines, healthcare economics, and patient and procedure selection in both endovascular and interventional oncology care. Attendance is free of charge, so why not sign up today!



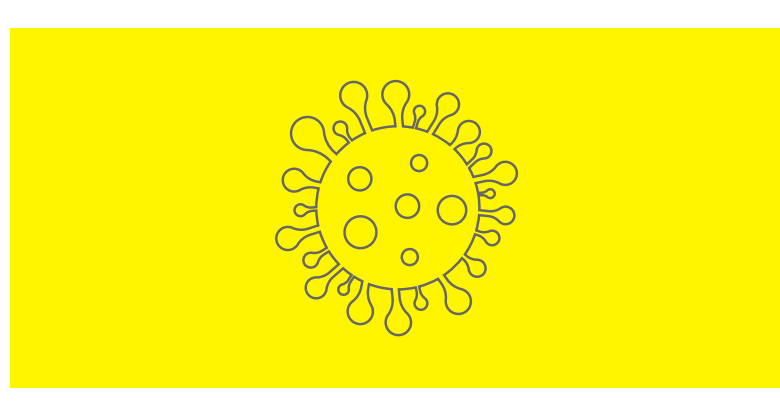
CLI webinar available on demand

If you missed the recently streamed webinar on treatment strategies for CLI patients, you can now watch it on demand for free. The 90-minute session included enlightening lectures on many aspects of the disease and its treatment, ranging from challenging pathologies to optimising acute outcomes.

CIRSE library

Your one-stop shop for IR education

In 2020 you've been asked to give up a lot, but not your IR education! The CIRSE Library offers all you need with both live and on-demand access to the field's most up-to-date information, making it easy to stay at the cutting edge of medicine year-round.



Impact of COVID on IR

CIRSE will shortly send out a questionnaire about the effects of COVID-19 on IR service provision and staff. Sharing your experience and participating in the survey will only take a few minutes, and will greatly help your community!

ECIO VIRTUAL

Join in for ECIO Virtual

The first two instalments of the ECIO Virtual webinar series, respectively focusing on HCC and colorectal cancer and cholangiocarcinoma, are now available on demand via the CIRSE Library. If you have not been able to join ECIO Virtual, it's not too late! You can still register to be there live for parts 3 and 4 focusing on lung and renal cancer and MSK treatments.

CVIR

Special section on aorta

Guest Editor Prof. Ajay Chavan has put together a CVIR special section dedicated to aortic interventions, providing readers with an excellent overview of the state of the art in the field. Access the articles here!

CVIR ENDOVASCULAR

CVIR Endovascular featured article

The newest CIRSE standards of practice document published in CVIR Endovascular provides best practices for gynaecological and obstetric haemorrhage. The paper is freely available to read and download, so make sure to share!

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Industry Spotlight

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New in 2020, the CIRSE Library's Industry Spotlight shows the latest developments in tools and materials from CIRSE's corporate partners. Browse the free-to-access material to stay on the cutting edge of modern medicine!

