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## UEMS SECTION OF RADIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

### THE YEAR 2019 IN REVIEW

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**Dear Delegates,**

On behalf of Prof. Paolo Ricci and of the Executive Bureau of the Radiology Section, please find below this special issue of the periodical Newsletter, entirely dedicated to the year 2019 in review, in order to look back on the Section's past events and numerous achievements.

On behalf of Prof. Paolo Ricci and of the Executive, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your steady support and to formulate you the best Season's greetings and wish you all a happy New Year!

With warmest regards,

Francesco

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Brussels, the European Parliament in Winter





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### The Year 2019 in Review

#### January

12th January, Brussels. Advisory Council on CME, open to UEMS Sections and Boards, National Accreditation Authorities and European Scientific Societies. Expansion of the EACCME in and beyond Europe, through agreements with Spain, Tunisia and Armenia.

#### February

1st February, Brussels. Meeting of the Section with European Commission, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs to discuss on the revision of Professional Qualification Directive and Annex V.

28th February, Vienna. ESR-UEMS Joint Session, organised alongside the European Congress of Radiology 2019; that edition has been dedicated to "The Bigger Picture".



ECR 2019 attendees discussing professional challenges and EU strategies during the ESR-UEMS Joint Session, a very important moment in the life of the Section.

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### March

1st March, Vienna: Meeting of the NR Division; approval of the Training Curriculum in Interventional Neuroradiology.

2nd March, Vienna. Spring Meeting of the Section. Prof. Paolo Ricci re-elected as President of the Section for a second mandate.

### April

12th-13th April, Brussels. UEMS Council. The ETRs in Interventional Neuroradiology have been unanimously approved: a huge success for the Section and the partner European Scientific Societies which have collaborated to the realisation of the Curriculum.

### May

May 31 - June 01, Nice - Sophia Antipolis. CESMA Spring meeting. EDiR - European Diploma in Radiology presented as a model examination for structure, scoring methodology, assessment and software.

### July

15th July, Brussels: Publication of the European Survey "CME-CPD in Europe, an evolving process", edited by the Section through the support of national delegates.

### September

07th September, Barcelona. Traditional meeting of the IR Division, on the occasion of CIRSE Annual Congress.

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28th September, Rome. Meeting of the NR Division alongside the meeting of the parent Section.

28th September, Rome. A successful Autumn Meeting of the Section, with participation of guests from ESR, ESNR, EBNR and ESMINT.

### October

18th-19th October, London. UEMS Council, hosted by the British Medical Association. Elections of UEMS Enlarged Executive for 2020-2024 took place at that important edition.



Prof. Ricci meets the Italian NMA delegation at UEMS Council



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### November

8th November, Vienna. The International Day of Radiology (IDoR) has been celebrated for the eighth time, that time dedicated to sports imaging, joined with enthusiasm by individual supporters and more than 170 radiology-related professional societies from all over the World.

21st-22nd November, Genoa. Presentation of UEMS-ESR collaboration at the ESR Annual Leadership meeting.



Cranium Florens - An art installation in Vienna to raise awareness of the significance of radiology and its role in modern medicine and healthcare

### December

6th-7th December, Tel Aviv. CESMA Winter meeting, hosted by the Israeli Medical Association. Workshop on how to become an appraiser and appraisal scenario enactment.

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### **Save the date**

**UEMS Advisory Council on CME-CPD:** Brussels, 11 January 2020

**UEMS Conference on CME-CPD:** Sevilla, March 06-07, 2020

**ECR 2020, "A Clear Vision for Radiology":** Vienna, March 11 - 15, 2020

**ESR-UEMS Joint Session "Visibility of imaging professionals in the EU":** March 12, 2020 (08:30-10:00) alongside ECR 2020.

**Meeting of the NR Division:** Vienna, March 12, 2020 (10:00-12:00)

**Meeting of the Section:** Vienna, March 13, 2020 (10:00-12:30)

**UEMS Spring Council 2020:** Brussels, April 24-25, 2020

**CESMA Spring Meeting:** Brussels, May 15-16, 2020

**UEMS Fall Council 2020:** Limassol, October 16-17, 2020

**UEMS Spring Council 2021:** Brussels, April 16-17, 2021 (to be confirmed)

### **Voices from Brussels: EU focus on Lung Cancer**

Lung cancer is one of the most common and aggressive forms of cancer, with more than 2.000.000 people diagnosed worldwide each year, and is the leading cause of cancer death globally. Unfortunately, it currently has one of the lowest survival rates of any cancer in Europe, with a 5-year survival rate of less than 15%. When lung cancer is detected based on symptoms, the disease is already at an advanced stage, meaning curative treatments are ineffective in up to 90% of cases.

Over 20 years ago, starting in the US, November has been dedicated to the Lung Cancer Awareness Month, in order to raise awareness and recognition of the typical symptoms

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and to encourage earlier diagnosis ensuring the best possible chance of treating the disease effectively. Lung cancer is still a silent and terrible killer also in Europe: it has been calculated it kills more individuals than colon, breast and prostate cancers and traffic accidents all together.



On November 06, 2019 - under the auspices of the MEP Claudia Gamon - the European Society of Radiology (ESR), the European Respiratory Society (ERS) and Lung Cancer Europe (LuCE) have joined forces to organise an event at the European Parliament in Brussels and the three organisations have taken

the opportunity to publish a factsheet that aims to raise awareness of lung cancer and the need for increased visibility of that disease in EU policies.

In particular, the European Society of Radiology and the European Respiratory Society agreed that the European Commission's upcoming strategy to tackle the burden of lung cancer in Europe should also include prevention, screening, early detection and rapid diagnosis. Specifically, there is current evidence that lung cancer screening is more effective than mammography or colonoscopy screenings and a short and painless CT scan is the recommended screening test for lung cancer detection; CT screening also detects other pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases and could be introduced as a lung health check.

Commissioner Designate for Health Stella Kyriakides has been specifically tasked by President Ursula von der Leyen to support Member States to improve cancer prevention and care. Europe's Beating Cancer Plan should propose actions to strengthen our approach



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at every key stage of the disease: prevention, early detection, rapid diagnosis, treatment, life as a cancer survivor and palliative care. To help radiologists introduce Lung Cancer Screening (LCS) and reduce lung cancer mortality, the European Society of Thoracic Imaging (ESTI) has developed a dedicated LCS training programme: <https://www.myesti.org/lcsworkshops/>

Find out more on the EU policy on cancer:

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/non\\_communicable\\_diseases/cancer\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/non_communicable_diseases/cancer_en)

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