

Press Release

CIRSE 2026 – Breaking Barriers, Expanding Care

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From September 5-9, 2026, the [CIRSE Annual Congress](#) will return as the world's premier platform for healthcare professionals to advance their knowledge and practice across the full spectrum of interventional radiology (IR). Set in Copenhagen, Denmark at the [Bella Center](#), the congress will bring together thousands of IR specialists, trainees, and industry partners for five days of education, innovation, and multidisciplinary collaboration.

The 2026 congress motto, *Breaking Barriers, Expanding Care*, reflects one of CIRSE's core missions: to broaden access to high-quality interventional radiology and to unlock its potential for patients in Europe and around the globe.

The scientific programme, which consists of over 200 sessions, will be organized around eight dedicated topic tracks and two sub-tracks to cover the breadth of interventional procedures and engage healthcare professionals of all experience levels. The arterial track will examine a wide range of topics from technical developments to landmark trial data, including a hot topic symposium examining drug-eluting technologies in lower limb arterial interventions, a new vascular MDT session featuring interventional radiologists alongside vascular surgeons, and in-depth explorations of bioresorbable scaffolds and vessel preparation for above and below knee arterial disease.

The venous track will reflect the growing importance of venous treatment in daily practice. Dedicated sessions will focus on pulmonary embolism treatment methodology, building successful PE response teams, and a review of the latest PE trials. A session on post-thrombotic venous occlusions will explore new treatment technologies and approaches for this evolving subspecialty.

The interventional oncology track will highlight the field's rapid evolution, with sessions on advanced imaging navigation, new frontiers in renal cancer, and a range of hands-on workshops offering a compelling look at the next era of minimally invasive cancer care. The embolization programme will feature a hot topic symposium on genicular artery embolization, an expert round table on arteriovenous malformations, and technical updates on prostate artery embolization.

The non-vascular track will cover the full spectrum of treatment options in this space, with a particular focus on biliary disease addressed through an advanced focus session covering biliary procedures such as percutaneous transhepatic cholangioscopy. Additional topics will include pain management, thyroid tumour treatment, and urogenital procedures.

Within the neurointerventional track, expert faculty will provide a comprehensive review of middle meningeal artery embolization for subdural haematoma as well as dedicated sessions on stroke treatment complications management and a controversy session on the next generation of carotid artery stenting. The IR management track will address workflow optimization and safety in daily practice, covering topics such as day-care IR units, IR integration into trauma teams, complications reporting, and IR in extreme and outer space environments.

The [Interdisciplinary Endovascular Aortic Symposium \(IDEAS\)](#), which serves as a congress-within-a-congress, will bring together vascular surgeons and interventional radiologists to examine the full range of aortic treatment options through expert round tables, complex case-based discussions, and hands-on planning courses. This multidisciplinary forum remains one of the most distinctive and highly regarded features of the CIRSE Annual Congress.

Hands-on learning remains a central pillar of the congress, with 80 hands-on sessions to choose from. Satellite symposia from leading corporate partners will give attendees the opportunity to update their knowledge on the latest tools and materials, while learning centres will provide practical experience with devices relevant to clinical practice. The ever-popular [Radiation Protection Pavilion](#) will return, featuring informative talks on best practices in radiation safety within a dedicated exhibition area displaying the latest radiation safety products.

[SPHAIRE](#), CIRSE's dedicated space for artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies in IR, will once again feature at the congress. Building on its success in previous years, SPHAIRE will host a series of expert-led talks and discussions bringing together clinicians, engineers, and industry to explore how AI and emerging technologies are transforming IR and improving patient outcomes.

Supporting the next generation of IR professionals continues to be a priority for CIRSE. The [European Trainee Forum](#) will present curated sessions for [trainees](#) and [students](#) at the start of their careers. Medical students are welcome to attend the congress free of charge and may apply for travel support. Dedicated events, including an introductory lecture on the fundamentals of IR, will help students discover this dynamic medical discipline.

For further information about the congress, visit cirsecongress.cirse.org.

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