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EuroSafe Imaging has launched its Call for Action at ECR 2018

An interview with EuroSafe Imaging Chair, Professor Guy Frija

ECR Today: The first EuroSafe Imaging Call for Action was launched in 2013 to guide the objectives of EuroSafe Imaging. Since then, a new version, the EuroSafe Imaging Call for Action 2018, has been released. What does it cover?

GF: The general approach has not changed. The EuroSafe Imaging Call for Action is still committed to supporting the ESR Call for Action launched by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and commissioned by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 2012. However, the actions have been updated and aligned. The Call for Action is now focused on the clinical perspective of medical imaging and radiation protection, and in general, in more concrete terms, the concept of clinical diagnostic reference levels has now been reflected in the Call for Action, which we strongly advocate and promote. We also support the European Commission project EUCLID, which develops clinical diagnostic reference levels and establishes a framework for medical imaging in Europe. In general, the new Call for Action will help to more clearly define the development and use of management systems for dose exposure collection and monitoring, and the establishment of key quality indicators.

ECRT: What other actions will EuroSafe Imaging focus on in the coming year?

GF: These coming years we plan to focus on the protection of children from radiation, as a new guideline for good and safe use of imaging for the vulnerable group is needed. Therefore, we advocate launching a new dedicated project in this area, in particular for the establishment of clinical diagnostic reference levels for paediatrics. To support these actions, we aim to work closely with the ESR to develop a dedicated paediatric imaging.

ECRT: Why does your research fall under the framework of the Call for Action?

GF: The main Call for Action launched in 2013 included the actions to collaborate with research platforms and to develop an innovative research agenda for medical imaging. In general, we have fully achieved this with the establishment of the European Alliance for Medical Radiation Protection (EAMRIS) and the publication of its first strategic research agenda in 2013. The new Call for Action goes much further. We will support research in advanced topics of radiation protection, such as artificial intelligence and image processing, in order to promote the dissemination and translation of this research into clinical practice.

ECRT: What other actions will need to be transposed by the member states before ESR 2018?

GF: The new basic safety guidelines for medical radiation protection, such as artificial intelligence and image processing, will be a key action. In addition, we advocate the development of the ESR clinical decision support system, and have just launched a new working group at the congress to support dissemination of the ESR Guide. In addition, various ESR educational activities are underway, such as the ESR Imaging Safety Challenge, and we are currently working with the IAEA Radiation Protection Section on a tool to help staff comply with the new BSS and improve the quality of patient care.

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