

Society News

15TH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY SOCIETY 2022 — FOCAL IS BETTER

MiCo - Milano Convention Centre, Milano, Italy;
19~23 June 2022

Message from the President



As chair, I am happy to invite you to attend the 15th Congress of the International Stereotactic Radiosurgery Society (ISRS). The ISRS board strongly believe that an in-person Congress is the best way to exchange ideas and solutions, and develop new strategies in patient care, in common with ISRS multidisciplinary development goals.

Milan is ideally located to host our 2022 Congress, at which we aim to promote multidisciplinary collaboration with the forward-looking mindset that has always been the spirit of ISRS.

As you know, the use of single and multiple fraction radiosurgery to treat both brain and body lesions has gained momentum over the last few years, and turns out to be more promising than ever. In this scenario, new technologies are being developed for the treatment of focal lesions. This represents a challenge, which we should investigate to ensure that attendees are exposed to cutting-edge radiosurgery developments, with the aim of continuing to deliver the best possible treatments.

We believe that this Congress can be the right place to take stock of the current situation, tackle the present challenges and turn them into opportunities for progress.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Milan, meanwhile you will be receiving all the necessary details for your participation in the event.

Laura Fariselli

Chair of the 15th ISRS Congress
ISRS President

The preliminary program is now available!

The call for abstracts is now open. Abstract submission deadline: 28 January 2022 Midnight (CET) – UTC +01:00

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<https://isrscongress.org/>

ISRS CERTIFICATION

With the opening up of travel following the pandemic, we are delighted to announce that the ISRS Certification (formerly Accreditation) programme has received unprecedented interest and demand from centres wanting to demonstrate their dedication and proficiency in performing quality radiosurgery. This surge has taken the certification committee by some surprise and we have worked hard to ensure that the necessary contracts, protocols and checklists are prepared to enable a comprehensive and objective audit. Following initial orders for certification, we will be performing our first in-person audit before the end of the year. We are really excited with this new initiative and look forward to sharing with you the outcome of this first audit in a future newsletter.

What is the certification process?

The ISRS is committed to raising the level of quality of SRS treatment delivery around the world and promoting the highest levels of clinical expertise. Our Certification Service aims to recognize centres that demonstrate best practice in terms of patient selection, treatment planning, dosimetry and patient care in intracranial SRS. This service is equally suited to experienced centres or those that are starting to treat for the first time and would benefit from an external audit. The certification process firstly involves the completion of a pre-visit questionnaire which enables the Certification Team to gain a good understanding of the equipment and practices at the centre. This is then followed up with a two-day visit by an expert physicist who performs a comprehensive audit of the centre in terms of practices, as well as a physical dosimetry audit. Remote support by an expert SRS physician via video conferencing is also provided. Centres that pass the certification process will be able to use the prestigious 'ISRS Certified' certification stamp for a period of three years from the date of award. A streamlined process for re-certification will be available.

Ian Paddick

Chair of ISRS Certification Committee
ISRS Past President

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