

# EFRS ~ News

## EFRS

- 27 societies
- 25 countries
- 77.500 Radiographers
- Proactive
- Strong
- Cooperation
- Dynamic

## EFRS elections

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May all EFRS member societies received a call for nominations and election lists.

The Board trusts that you will actively contribute in these first elections by submitting candidate names and Board election lists before the deadlines.



## Annual General Meeting 2009

As announced in EFRS News 1 the first EFRS Annual General Meeting will take place in Lisbon on Friday and Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2008.

The meeting will start on Friday at 13.30 hrs. and will continue on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> all day. Saturday evening the event will be closed by a dinner/dance celebrating the first EFRS AGM and of course *Radiography Day*.

Provisional inventory of agenda items:

- Board reports 2008, activities, actions, finances
- Explanation of the final EFRS Constitution
- Discussion and approval of the EFRS Internal Rules
- Proposal for the EFRS code of Ethics
- Election Finance Committee
- Election Board
- Discussion / approval plans and budget of the elected Board
- Discussion about the development of an EFRS long term plan until 2013

EFRS members are invited to send agenda items to [info@efrs.eu](mailto:info@efrs.eu) Members will receive the organisational details and the registration form by the end of June.

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## Promotional activities

One of the action points in the agreed EFRS transition plan for 2008 was to start active PR and to make EFRS known to related organisations in Europe.

Through this PR, direct mail and on recommendation of member societies several interesting contacts already have been established.

The EFRS will be presented and promoted at the Slovak National congress (May), the Central European Symposium (June), The Baltic congress (September) and in 2009 at the ECR.

If member societies would like to promote the EFRS a PowerPoint presentation is available. Just send an e-mail to [info@efrs.eu](mailto:info@efrs.eu) with some information about the event and you will receive the presentation.

## European Commission

The **European Commission** has agreed to create a mutual link to their web page about professional recognition.

[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/qualifications/links\\_en.htm#proforganisations](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/links_en.htm#proforganisations)

EFRS is listed on this page as European professional organisation. Through this link you find the, constantly updated, list of national contact points for recognition of qualifications in the EU + EEA countries and Switzerland.

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*“EFRS  
Building a solid and  
long lasting  
organisation in  
Europe”*

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## The Alliance for MRI

**The Alliance for MRI** is an initiative of the European Society of Radiologists (ESR).

In 2004, the European Union adopted the EU Physical Agents 2004/40/EC (EMF) Directive to reduce adverse health effects on workers linked to short-term exposure to electromagnetic fields.

The deadline for implementing the Directive was April 2008. After pressure from, among others, the Alliance for MRI the European Parliament approved a request by the European Commission to postpone this Directive for a period of 4 years in order to have sufficient time to review this Directive.

The alliance has invited

EFRS to participate in their **strategy meeting** in Brussels on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

Sija Geers-van Gemeren will represent EFRS in this meeting as expert. She is involved in a Dutch governmental commission with regard to this matter. For more information see [www.efrs.eu](http://www.efrs.eu) - under the button "update".



## Clinical Audit project

### The clinical audit project

The EC directive 97/43/EURATOM (MED-directive) introduced the concept of Clinical Audit for the assessment of medical radiological practices (diagnostic radiology, nuclear medicine and radiotherapy). There has been high variation between the approaches of the Member States in the implementation of clinical audits and the need for further guidance has been evident since the conclusions from the first international symposium on clinical audit in Tampere 2003. The European Commission started in June 2007 a special project to review in detail the status of implementation of Clinical audits in Member States and to prepare European Guidance on Clinical Audits for

diagnostic radiology, nuclear medicine and radiotherapy.

The purpose of this EC project is to provide clear and comprehensive information and guidance on the procedures and criteria for clinical audits in all radiological practices, in order to improve the implementation of Article 6.4 of the MED-directive.

The project consortium has considered to be of high importance that the draft Guidance on clinical audit prepared by the EC project would be critically evaluated by the representatives of the European professional societies. The purpose of this critical evaluation would be to find out, or to get an impression of, on the standpoint of the European professional societies, the appropriateness and general ap-

plicability of the EC Guidance for clinical audits in each field of radiological procedures.

The project consortium has invited EFRS to appoint a critical reviewer for their draft document and to present the outcomes in the **International Workshop 8-10 September 2008** in Tampere (Finland).

Graciano Paulo will be in charge of this EFRS action. To get a broader view from all over Europe and to stimulate a maximum input from the point of view of radiographers the Board would like to invite expert co-reviewers from its member societies to contribute to the final report. See call for experts in this Newsletter. For more information see [www.efrs.eu](http://www.efrs.eu) under the button "update".

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*"Information and guidance on the procedures and criteria for clinical audits in all radiological practices"*

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## Cooperation

### HENRE

Higher Education Network for Radiography Education in Europe (HENRE).

Several options are developed to link the HENRE network to EFRS and to join forces in future. Further discussion will take place in the HENRE AGM in July. The EFRS Board aims to have a proposal ready for the EFRS AGM in November.

### EFRS & ISRRT

Katrin Sigurdardottir and Bodil Andersson have been elected respectively as ISRRT regional vice-president for Europe-Africa and regional director for Europe.

Deliberations are started up to establish cooperation in Europe. The EFRS Board aims to have a proposal ready for the AGM in November.



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The website is constantly updated and extended.

Your suggestions for further improvement are very welcome.

EFRS societies are invited to create a link on their national site, to stimulate access for their members.

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## Call for experts

Looking at the activities as described it is evident that EFRS needs to set up a database with Radiographer experts in all fields of the profession, management and education. You are therefore invited to look into your membership, recruit such experts and to register them in the **EFRS Human Resource data base**.

**At the moment EFRS urgently needs:**

1. co-reviews for the clinical audit project The document (80 pages) will be available half June and the results are presented 8-10 September.
2. MRI-experts to give feedback on the review of the EU-directive EMF.

Who accepts the challenge? [info@efrs.eu](mailto:info@efrs.eu)