

## TO ESR MEMBERS

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Dear ESR member

The European Network for the Assessment of Imaging in Medicine (EuroAIM) was initiated by the European Institute for Biomedical Imaging Research because evidence for rational use of imaging technology is frequently lacking.

The EuroAIM wants now to create an **Evidence-based radiology European working group (EBR European WG)**. The background of reference for this group is the paper recently published in the European Radiology (Sardanelli F, Hunink MG, Gilbert FJ, Di Leo G, Krestin GP. Evidence-based radiology: why and how? Eur Radiol. 2009 Sep 4. [Epub ahead of print] DOI 10.1007/s00330-009-1574-4), which was promoted by the ESR Research Committee.

The proposal of program for the EBR European WG is as follows:

1. To plan a series of gap analyses aimed at assessing by means of systematic research:
  - a. what radiological topics are covered by recent systematic review and meta-analyses and what topics are uncovered;
  - b. what radiological topics uncovered by recent systematic review and meta-analyses have enough original primary studies to be meta-analyzed and what topics do not.
2. To select topics on which primary studies are available while systematic reviews and meta-analyses are lacking in order to do them.
3. To define shared rules for issuing EBR-based European radiological guidelines.

***Members of the ESR who want to cooperate with the EuroAIM becoming members of the EBR European WG should contact Prof. Francesco Sardanelli sending a short CV. We are looking for radiologists or radiology residents who want to participate in the process of supporting a larger diffusion of Evidence-based principles and practice in the European radiological community.***

**The first meeting of the EBR European WG will be held during the ECR 2010:**

**FRIDAY, 5 MARCH 2010, 15:00-16:30 hrs – Room O2 B552**

Best regards.



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