



## INNOVATION IN ONCOLOGY – ECIO 2012

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**The Third European Conference on Interventional Oncology (ECIO) was a ground-breaking one: following the success of previous years, it was announced that the biennial congress will now become an annual fixture in the interventional radiological calendar.**

**ECIO 2012 was held from April 25-28 in Florence, Italy. 1,120 delegates from over 60 countries took part in over 40 hours of educational sessions, covering a diverse spectrum of oncologic considerations.**

### NEW ADVANCES, NEW FORMATS

New session formats were introduced to maximise the sharing of scientific know-how, including a „Meet the Professors“ format, in which expert practitioners discussed how they select and treat patients for given clinical cases. E-voting allowed for active audience participation, and new Hands-on Workshops allowed participants to practice ablation techniques under the guidance of experts. With these and established sessions, such as workshops, clinical and technical focus sessions and guest lectures, ECIO 2012 showcased the excellent technical skills, sound clinical management and well-founded research that characterise interventional oncology.

### A TEAM APPROACH TO TUMOURS

Interdisciplinary collaboration remained a cornerstone of ECIO, with the innovative “Bring Your Referring Physician” programme once again attracting numerous oncologists, hepatologists and nephrologists to the congress. The involvement of IRs in hospital tumour boards is a key concern for all in the field – it is imperative if cancer patients are to be offered the most effective treatment plan possible.

### TOP THEMES

Amidst the wealth of sessions on offer, two themes emerged as the most popular: interventional management of HCC, for which a wealth of supporting data already exists, and training in interventional oncology. This underlines the demand for top quality training and education in the field, and ECIO is proud to fill this demand with our new annual programme. Mark your 2013 calendars for Budapest, June 19-22!

