



Spanish Society of Neuroradiology

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The Spanish Society of Neuroradiology (Sociedad Española de Neurorradiología; SENR) was founded in 1972 in Barcelona only a few years after the constitution of the European Society of Neuroradiology (ESNR). The roots of this new society came from a working group in neuroradiology that was created within the Spanish Society of Neurology. In fact, the majority of its founders were either neurologist or neurosurgeons, although radiologists soon joined it. Nowadays, the vast majority of SENR members (245) are radiological-based trained physicians, with full-time or almost fulltime dedication to diagnostic and/or interventional neuroradiology.

Several members of the SENR have actively participated in the European Society of Neurology, as members of the executive committee or as directors of different official scientific meetings of this society. In 1977, Dr. Mariano Rovira† organized for the first time, in Spain, the annual congress of the ESNR in Barcelona. Some years later, two courses of the European Course of Neuroradiology were also organized in Spain, the first one chaired by Dr. Jordi Rusalleda (Platja d'Aro, 1987) and the second one by Dr. Lluís Pons (Palma de Majorca, 1999). In 2005, Dr. Jordi Rusalleda organized, for the second time, the Annual Congress of the ESNR, which was also held in Barcelona. This congress has been considered one of the most successful ever, from both scientific and social sides, and had a record participation with more than 800 attendees.

Dr. Jordi Rusalleda became the President of the ESNR in 2004 in Aachen after being elected vice-president 2 years before in Ancona and during his presidency, important improvements in the structure and function of the ESNR were achieved.

Presently, Dr. Alex Rovira co-chair the European Course of Neuroradiology together with Dr. Massimo Gallucci (L'Aquila, Italy), who alternatively organize the courses in Spain (Tarragona) and Italy (Rome).

As a scientific society, the main purpose of the SENR is to promote scientific and teaching of neuroradiological activities within Spain, and in accordance with the policy of the ESNR, to integrate within one single society the different branches of this radiological speciality, such as diagnostic, interventional, head and neck, spine, and pediatrics.

Two main activities are organized on a yearly basis by the SENR, the Annual Meeting (since the foundation of the Society) and the Spanish Course of Neuroradiology (since 2004). In addition, the SENR is responsible of the section of Neuroradiology within the Spanish Society of Radiology and of the scientific activities in the Congress of the Spanish Society of Radiology, which is organized every 2 years.

In 2009, the XXXVIII Annual Meeting of the SENR will take place in Córdoba, (October 1–3), one of the most attractive cities in Spain, under the presidency of Dr. Antonio Cano. This meeting will include an advanced course on emergencies in neuroradiology, and will include among the invited speakers well-known European neuro-radiologists such as Marco Leonardi, Marco Essig, and István Szikora.

The SENR is a 37-year-old society with many young active members, which invites all European and non-European spanish-speaker neuroradiologists, to visit our website (www.senr.org), to consider becoming members and to participate on the scientific activities of our society.

Spanish Society of Neuroradiology past presidents

1972—Dr. Víctor Queimadelos
 1974—Dr. Carlos Parera
 1978—Dr. Manuel Trujillo†
 1980—Dr. Juan Solé-Llenas
 1984—Dr. Jordi Rusalleda
 1990—Dr. José María Mercader
 1996—Dr. Antonio Pérez-Higueras
 2001—Dr. Luis Nombela

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