



Editorial

The Sixth Special Topic Seminar on New Developments in Contrast Agent Research for MR imaging was held at Schloss Fuschl, close to Salzburg in Austria, in June 1998. Not only were the location and time of the year perfect, but also the facilities. Many contributions were extraordinary, opening new insights and showing novel directions.

Again, the aims of the seminar were a combination of brain storming, exchange of expertise, and looking into new ideas for future development. The feedback has proven that these meetings are considered to be of the highest possible quality and reliability in their scientific statements and offer an interdisciplinary forum, not only between university- and industry-based scientists, but also between basic science and radiology, between research and application, between different imaging modalities, and, last but not least, between R&D and marketing.

EMRF: Activities in 1998 and 1999

The European Magnetic Resonance Forum was founded under the name European Workshop on Magnetic Resonance in Medicine in 1982. In 1991, the European Workshop on Magnetic Resonance in Medicine was incorporated into the newly created EMRF Foundation.

In 1998, EMRF organized two conferences, the bi-annual seminar on contrast agents and a 1-day symposium on medical ethics and diagnostic imaging.

Postdoctoral travel grants to different scientific meetings were awarded to researchers from Italy, Norway and Belgium, additional travel grants allowed various radiologists from Romania to participate in the Congress of the European Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology in Geneva and the European Congress of Radiology in Vienna.

Teaching material was provided to several radiologists and radiology centers in Albania, Romania, Iraq, and Syria.

At the meeting at Fuschl, the European Magnetic Resonance Award 1998 for Medical Sciences was pre-

sented to Gustav K. von Schulthess of Zurich for his contributions to clinical MR imaging; the European Magnetic Resonance Award 1998 for Basic Sciences was presented to Patrick Cozzone of Marseille for his contributions to MR imaging and MR spectroscopy. Since 1990, the selection of the recipients is performed by a Nominating Committee which in 1998 consisted of 50 members from 14 European countries.

Special topic seminars on MRI contrast agents

Contrast and Contrast Agents in Magnetic Resonance Imaging

1st Special Topic Seminar, Trondheim, Norway; 12–13 September, 1988

New Developments in Contrast Agent Research

2nd Special Topic Seminar, Bordeaux, France; 26–28 September, 1990

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3rd Special Topic Seminar, Hamburg, Germany; 23–25 September, 1992

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4th Special Topic Seminar, Santiago de Compostela, Spain; 28–30 September, 1994

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5th Special Topic Seminar, Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy; 5–7 June, 1996

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6th Special Topic Seminar, Salzburg (Schloss Fuschl), Austria; 3–5 June, 1998

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7th Special Topic Seminar, San Anton, Malta; 25–27 May, 2000

A limited number of copies of the proceedings of the meetings in Bordeaux, Hamburg, Santiago de Compostela, and Santa Margherita is available through the Belgian EMRF office: European Magnetic Resonance Forum Foundation, Belgian Office, University of

Mons-Hainaut, Faculty of Medicine, NMR Laboratory, B-7000 Mons; Belgium (www.emrf.org).

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