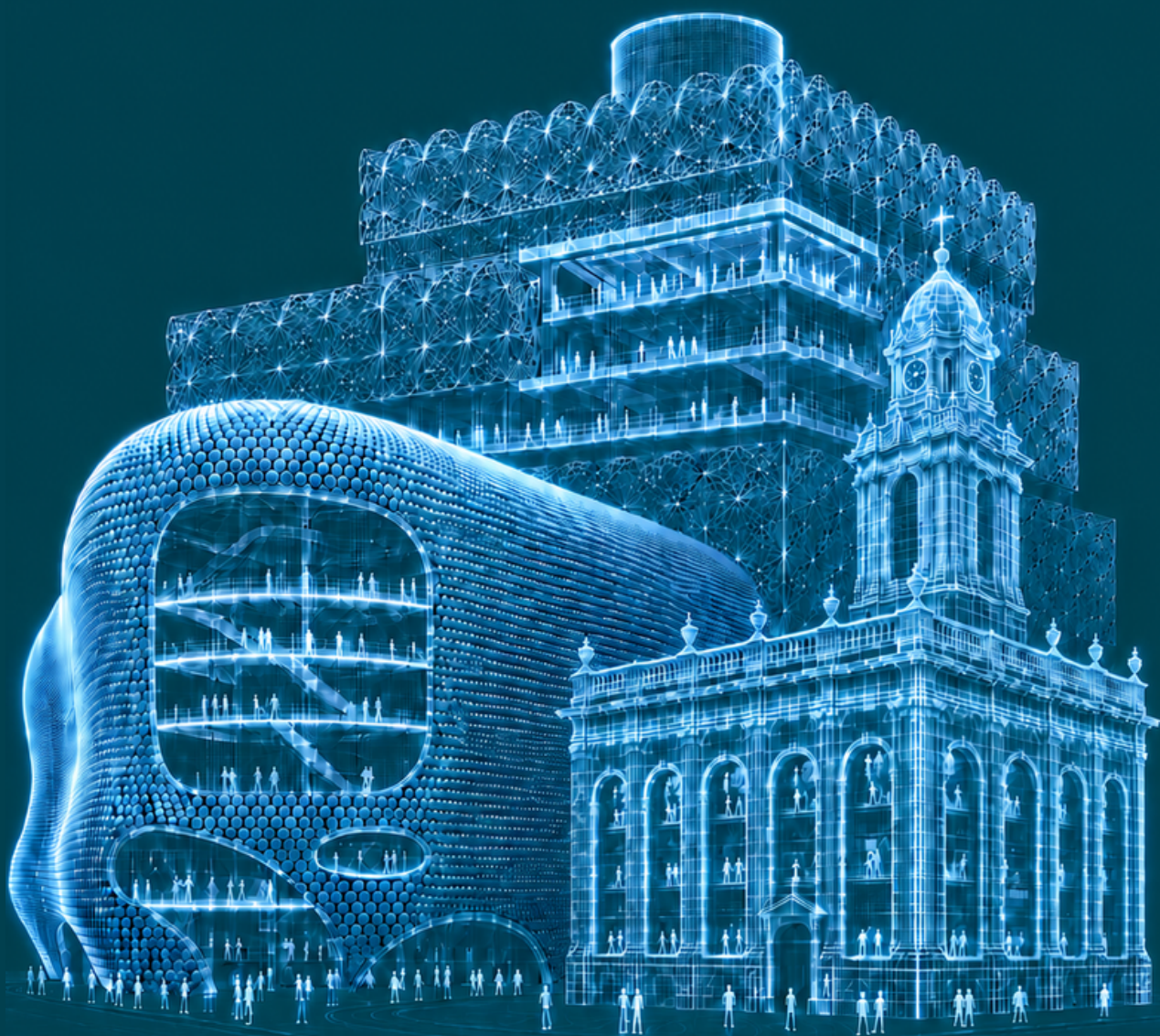


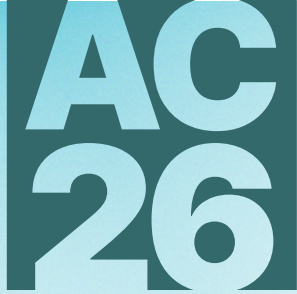
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Optimising clinical outcomes with practical imaging

12-13 November 2026
The Birmingham Conference & Events Centre





Welcome to the Annual Congress 2026

The British Institute of Radiology invites you to its **Annual Congress 2026 (BIRAC 2026)**, taking place in Birmingham on 12–13 November 2026. This year's theme, *"Optimising Clinical Outcomes with Practical Imaging"* brings together cutting-edge knowledge and real-world application to support excellence in patient care. The programme will deliver practical imaging approaches for common clinical conditions, alongside expert-led insights into more complex and challenging cases, equipping attendees with skills they can apply immediately in clinical practice.

Designed as a truly multidisciplinary event, BIRAC 2026 welcomes radiologists, radiographers, clinical scientists, radiation oncologists, trainees, and industry professionals, reflecting the core value of collaboration championed by the British Institute of Radiology. In addition to advancing clinical expertise, the congress will also focus on professional development and workplace wellbeing, recognising the importance of supporting the imaging workforce. There will also be opportunities to showcase innovation through oral presentations selected from top abstract submissions.

You won't want to miss this opportunity
to connect, learn, and be inspired.



Registration and abstract submissions are now open.
Secure your place at BIRAC 2026 today.

What to expect

Optimising clinical outcomes with practical imaging

Experience a dynamic mix of clinical education, innovation and collaboration. The congress offers essential imaging updates, practical tips, and specialty-focused sessions—reflecting the broad clinical and technical themes central to the event's programme.



Clinical insights

Essential imaging updates and practical guidance drawn from the congress's broad educational scope.

Innovation & technology

Sessions exploring emerging imaging technologies and AI-driven developments that support service advancement.

Multidisciplinary learning

A collaborative environment bringing together radiographers, clinicians, scientists, oncologists, physicists and industry partners for shared development.

Thursday 12th November

Time	Stream 1	Stream 2
08:00	Registration	
08:25	President's welcome	
	Session 1 20 Feet of Trouble: Gastric, Small Bowel, and Mesenteric Mischief Chair: Dr Ben Rea	Session 1 Imaging in Young Women Chair: Dr Vasiliki Papoulouka
08:40	GIST Dr Yutaro Higashi, Consultant Radiologist, Nottingham University Hospital	Imaging young women: practical pearls and pitfalls TBC
08:55	NET Dr Meetal Shah, Consultant GI/HPB Interventional Radiologists, Nottingham University Hospital	Young and Pregnant women with breast cancer MDM approach TBC
09:10	Small bowel tumours and polyps Dr Ed Godfrey, Clinical Consultant, Cambridge University Hospitals	Equality and access in breast imaging pathways TBC
09:25	Mesenteric mimics Dr Dipal Patel, Consultant Radiologist, Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital	Optimising imaging for cervical brachytherapy TBC
09:40	Q&A	
09:50	Coffee Break	
	Session 2 Paediatrics Chest Imaging Chair: Dr Jeannette Kraft	Session 2 AI Chair: Dr Yvonne Thackray
10:20	The neonatal CXR Dr Jeannette Kraft, Consultant Paediatric Radiologist, Leeds Children's Hospital	Title TBC
10:40	Congenital chest malformations Dr Monique Shahid, Consultant Paediatric Radiologist, Leeds Children's Hospital	Title TBC Ms Yvonne Thackray, Visiting Lecturer in Radiography Industry Liaison CRRAG Research group, School of Health and Medical Sciences City St George's, University of London
11:00	Paediatric Cardiology for the generalist Dr Thomas Semple, Cardiothoracic Imaging Specialist, Royal Brompton Hospital	TBC
11:20	Paediatric TB, Dr Annmarie Jeanes, Consultant Paediatric Radiologist, Leeds Children's Hospital	TBC Professor Silvia Cirstea, Deputy Head of the School of Computing and Information Science, Anglia Ruskin University
11:40	Session 3 Professional wellbeing	Session 3 Multidisciplinary approach H&N imaging Chair: Dr David Summers
12:50	Lunch	

Thursday 12th November - cont'd

Time	Stream 1	Stream 2
13:45	The BIR Sir Godfrey Hounsfield Lecture	
14:15	Plenary Session	
14:45	Highest Rated Proffered Papers Presentations	
15:15	Coffee Break	
	Session 4 MSK - Pitfalls in MSK reporting Chair: Dr Tom Turmezei	Session 4 Empowering leaders in Radiology Chair: Mr Thomas Welton
15:45	Pitfalls in Paediatric Radiology Dr Samantha Low, Consultant Radiologist, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Refreshing the 'A partnership between patients, practitioners and the public within imaging and radiotherapy services' document Dr Emma Hyde
16:05	Assessing the failing hip replacement Prof Andoni Toms, Consultant Radiologist, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Why do we keep fixing the wrong things: the sticky plaster illusion Benjamin Roe
16:25	Spinal infection and inflammation: MRI patterns not to miss Dr Kimberly Lam, Consultant Musculoskeletal (MSK) Radiologist, Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospital NHS Trust	Professional wellbeing developments in the quality standards for imaging framework Katherine Jakeman
16:45	New lipoma guidelines: important updates for the radiologist Dr Saif Sait, Consultant Radiologist, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (RNOH) London Area	
17:00	Drinks Reception	
18:00	End of Day 1	

Schedule - Friday 13th November

Time	Stream 1	Stream 2
08:00	Registration	
	Session 1 Common Neuroradiology REALM themes Chair: Dr Samantha Mills	Session 1: MRI/Physics/IPEM Chair: Mrs Katharine Thomson, Dr Geoff Charles, Prof Dan McGowan
08:30	Introduction to assessing Neuroradiology discrepancies; tertiary level MDTs and formal second opinion services Dr Samantha Mills, Consultant Neuroradiologist, Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust Liverpool	Imaging of Movement Disorders: the added value of PET and MRI Dr Yanina Bergamo, Molecular Neuroimaging/ PET and MRI - Coordinator, Neurodegenerative Section Diagnostic Imaging Department FLENI – Buenos Aires – ARGENTINA
08:45	Neuro-oncology errors and learning Dr Harpreet Hyare, Consultant Neuroradiologist, University College London	The evolution of Theranostics in Nuclear Medicine Dr Shaunak Navalkissoor, Consultant in Nuclear Medicine, Royal Free London Hospital
09:00	Spine errors and learning Dr Shubh Biswas, Consultant Neuroradiologist, Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust Liverpool	Clinical optimisation of Photon-counting CT Ed McDonagh, Head of Diagnostic Radiology Physics, The Royal Marsden
09:15	Vascular errors and learning Dr Grant Mair, Consultant Neuroradiologist, Edinburgh	Title TBC Dr Philippa Bridgen, Superintendent Advanced MRI Research Radiographer Confidential Advisor, St Thomas' Hospital
09:30	Q&A	
09:50	Coffee Break	
	Session 2 Acute Abdomen Chair: Dr Sara Upponi	Session 2 Navigating the leap from Radiology Resident to Consultant Chair: Dr Jianan Yuan, Agnieszka Lucarz, Jack Gao
10:20	Acute imaging of the aorta Dr Andy Winterbottom, Vascular and Interventional Radiologist, Cambridge University Hospitals	Consultant job planning Dr Thomas Elswood, Consultant Radiologist, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow
10:35	Acute imaging in pregnancy Dr Rebecca Wiles, Consultant Radiologist, NHS Liverpool University Hospitals Group	The Christie Fellowship Dr Jianan Yuan, Clinical Radiology Fellow, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
10:50	Imaging of bowel ischaemia Dr Carla Goncalves, Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary Diagnostic Radiology Consultant, Guy's and St Thomas NHS Trust London	The Toronto abdominal imaging fellowship at JDMI Dr Nikhil Mirajkar, Consultant Radiologist, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge
11:20	Imaging of the paediatric acute abdomen Dr Mani Thyagarajan, Consultant Radiologist. Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	New Zealand/Australia Fellowship Dr Mhairi Dupre, Consultant Radiologist
	Q&A	Q&A

Schedule - Friday 13th November continued

Time	BIR meets the Argentine Society of Radiology (SAR) and the Argentine Federation of Radiology (FAARDIT)	
	Session 3	
11:40	Alzheimer's disease in the era of anti-amyloid therapies: ARIA monitoring and amyloid PET evaluation Dr Yanina Bergamo, Molecular Neuroimaging/ PET and MRI - Coordinator, Neurodegenerative Section Diagnostic Imaging Department FLENI – Buenos Aires – ARGENTINA	
11:55	Imaging clinical subtypes of Alzheimer's disease: a practical MRI-PET approach Dr Yanina Bergamo, Molecular Neuroimaging/ PET and MRI - Coordinator, Neurodegenerative Section Diagnostic Imaging Department FLENI – Buenos Aires – ARGENTINA	
12:10	Inflammatory Changes around the Knee: An Early Imaging Marker of Osteoarthritis Dr Patricia Nally, Consultant MSK & Paediatric Radiologist, Head of Musculoskeletal Imaging, Traumatólogos Asociados, Mar del Plata, Argentina, FAARDIT Member	
12:25	Fat Pads Under the Spotlight: The Role of Adipose Tissue Inflammation in Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Dr Patricia Nally, Consultant MSK & Paediatric Radiologist, Head of Musculoskeletal Imaging, Traumatólogos Asociados, Mar del Plata, Argentina, FAARDIT Member	
12:50	Lunch	
13:45	Bayer Symposium: Pitfalls in Liver Imaging Prof Mark Callaway, Consultant Radiologist, Bristol Royal Infirmary	
14:15	The Mayneord Lecture	
14:45	BIR Awards	
15:00	Coffee Break	
	Session 4	Session 4
	GU Dr Amish Lakhani	Out of hours Imaging Chair: Dr Priya Suresh and Dr Qaiser Malik
15:30	Adrenal imaging - non-adenomatous nodules Professor Anju Sahdev, Professor of Clinical Diagnostic Imaging, Radiology Consultant and a Director for Research, St Bartholomew's Hospital, Barts Health	From Diagnosis to Action: Imaging That Requires Intervention Dr Sakib Moghul, Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Mid and South Essex Hospitals
15:45	Prostate biopsy strategies Dr Balraj Dhesi, Consultant Abdominal Radiologist working at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust	The 5-Minute Trauma Report Dr Chris McLeavy, Consultant Radiologist, Liverpool Hospitals Group
16:00	Management of indeterminate testicular lesions on US Dr Dean Huang, Consultant Radiologist, King's College Hospital, London	Imaging Gynaecological Emergencies Dr Sarah Keegan FRCR MbChB (Hons) Bsc Hons PGCE, Consultant Radiologist, Royal Liverpool Hospital, Liverpool University Hospitals Group
16:15	TBC	Out of hours paediatric imaging: what not to miss Dr David Garbera, Consultant Paediatric Radiologist, Alder Hey Children's Hospital
16:30		Q&A
16:45	End of Day 2	

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