General terms and conditions for the application to and participation in the ECR 2020 ‘Invest in the Youth’ programme

1. Scope of the programme
   • The Invest in the Youth programme (hereinafter called ‘the programme’) is a voluntary support programme initiated and funded by the European Society of Radiology (ESR) to support young professionals in their active participation in the European Congress of Radiology 2020 (hereinafter called ‘the congress’).
   • The inclusion in the programme grants successful candidates free registration to the ECR and a hotel accommodation voucher.

2. Application criteria
   • Application to the programme is open to residents in radiology under the age of 35, or physicists undertaking PhDs under the age of 35, or radiographers in training under the age of 30.
   • Age limits apply to the time of the congress; this means that the applicants’ 36th or 31st birthday, respectively, must be after March 15, 2020.
   • The applicant must be an active member of the ESR or respectively a friend of the ESR in good standing for the calendar year 2019.
   • To apply for the programme, the applicant must
     — Complete an online application via the dedicated online tool (https://esociety.netkey.at/esr/IITY-application), AND
     — Must be a submitting and presenting author of a research presentation or poster abstract for the congress.

3. Online application
   • An online application must be completed via the online application tool (https://esociety.netkey.at/esr/IITY-application).
   • The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of all entered data.
   • Applications from non-members are not possible, and will not be considered for inclusion in the programme.
   • To provide evidence of the entered data, the applicant must upload a copy of his/her passport (meaning the page showing full name, date of birth and portrait photograph), and a proof of his/her residency (meaning a letter issued in English and signed by the head of department or institution, or the supervisor of the training programme).
   • The applicant is responsible for the legibility and accuracy of the provided proofs. Only documents that are legible or suitable will be considered; documents that do not disclose the required information and/or are irrelevant will lead to rejection from the programme.
   • After submission of the online application, the ESR office reviews the application documents within 3 weeks, and informs the applicant about the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria, not taking into account at this stage the quality of the abstract submission(s). The applicant will receive an e-mail, and information will also be available in the MyUserArea (under ‘Invest in the Youth’).
4. Abstract submission
   • The applicant must submit an abstract for the congress before the general abstract submission deadline October 15, 2019 (accepted abstract types: research presentation or poster; the latter for scientific exhibits or educational exhibits).
   • Abstracts must be submitted online (see www.myESR.org/congress/abstract-submission).
   • The applicant must be the submitting and presenting author of the abstract, otherwise the application will not be considered.
   • Presenter changes or nomination of substitutes will lead to immediate exclusion from the programme.
   • The applicant must use the same ESR personal ID for their online application and for their abstract submission(s), otherwise the application and the abstract(s) cannot be linked, and subsequently application criteria might not be fulfilled.

5. Selection process
   • For the selection of final recipients, various parameters will be considered, such as abstract submission and acceptance, geopolitical spread and previous inclusion in the programme.
   • The ESR reserves the right to grant support at its sole discretion. No details about the scoring and the evaluation of the applications will be revealed, neither to applicants nor to the public.

6. Inclusion in the programme
   • Notifications about final acceptance or rejection to the programme will be sent via e-mail to all eligible applicants by December 4, 2019 at the latest.
   • Completed and paid registrations of accepted applicants before December 4, 2019 will not be refunded.
   • Places in the programme are non-transferable.
   • Presenter changes or nomination of substitutes will lead to immediate exclusion from the programme, also after the notification of acceptance.

7. For all accepted applicants only:
   • Applicants need to confirm their participation in the programme in writing before January 10, 2020 to invest@myESR.org.
   • No response or late confirmations after this deadline will be considered as refusal to participate in the programme.
   • Applicants need to confirm their congress registration (online via the MyUserArea under ‘MyRegistration’) before January 10, 2020.
   • In case of not attending the congress despite inclusion and confirmation of acceptance to the programme, a cancellation fee of EUR 200 will be charged by the ESR for compensation of reservation and management costs. Cancellation fees can be paid by bank transfer or by credit card (VISA or MasterCard/EuroCard).
   • In case of unexpected and involuntary events resulting in unavailability to attend the congress, the applicant must inform the ESR in writing via e-mail to invest@myESR.org.

No refunds or compensations will be made.