

NEWSLETTER

UCC Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy
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Welcome to the ECR '26 Special Edition newsletter from MIRT/MIRS at UCC!

The team travelled to Vienna again this year for a very enjoyable and rewarding European Congress of Radiology. We were delighted that we had a record number of presentations and research projects running. A huge congratulations to our amazing and diligent students!

We had:

8 staff members in attendance
3 MSc Diagnostic Radiography students – thank you Ailise, Robbie and John. You were, and are, a credit to UCC. And also, to Balwant who joined online to conduct interviews during the congress as part of her research project. It was great to see you in virtual format! Thankyou to EFRS for space in the Research Hub.

3 PhD students. Mo'men, Yasser and David - you were a great help and it was fantastic to see your work presented.

We were also able to have many discussions with attendees about our programmes, both pre and post registration courses. We are always open to questions, suggestions and discussion. We are open for applications now for:

- * Post-graduate MSc in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy
- * Post-graduate PgC/PgD/MSc in Diagnostic Radiography
- * Computed Tomography
- * Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- * Mammography (PgD coming in September '26)
- * Image Interpretation (September '26)
- * Imaging Informatics (January '27)



Above left: Dr Laura McLaughlin (MRI) and right: Dr Clare Rainey (Mammography)

Please email MIRT@ucc.ie for more information or visit our website: [Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy | University College Cork](https://www.ucc.ie/en/medicalimaging)
[Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences MSc | Online | University College Cork | UCC | Ireland | Postgraduate Degree | Courses](https://www.ucc.ie/en/medicalimaging)

We presented:
21 Electronic Posters (EPOS)
6 Oral Scientific Abstract Presentations
4 Invited Presentations
And moderated 6 sessions
2 Hands-On Workshops.



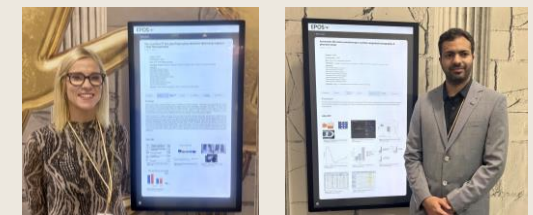
Left: Dr Charbel Saade (CT programme) and Dr Andrew England (MIRS programme director) at the UCC information stand



Above: the UCC MIRT/MIRS team at the Radiographers' area in ECR. from left: Ailise Roche, John Monaghan, Robbie Powell, Mo'men Bani-Ahmad, Yassar Hadi, Dr Clare Rainey, Mrs Niamh Moore, Dr Laura McLaughlin, Mr Peter Murphy, Prof. Mark McEntee, Dr Andrew England.



Above: ECR entry hall '26: "Rays of Knowledge"



Above left : Mrs Niamh Moore and above right: Yassar Hadi with their EPOS poster presentations

EFRS Research Hub

MSc and PhD students had the opportunity to gather data at the EFRS Research Hub. The team offer sincere thanks to Dr Jonathan Portelli and his team for the opportunity.



Top left: John Monaghan and a participant in his study. Top right: Mo'men Bani-Ahmad and David Adebayo
Bottom left : Ailise Roche and Balwant Kaur (online) collecting interview data for Balwant's study. Bottom right: Robbie Powell and a participant for his AI accuracy study.

We were fortunate to be able to run two workshops:

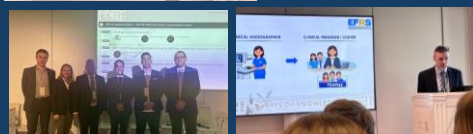
- * Image Quality
- * Contemporary approaches to radiography education- Facilitating DetectedX Workshop



Right: the team at the DetectedX workshop. Below left : Niamh Moore presenting at the DetectedX workshop

Presentations, Chairing sessions and moderation

We presented work from both our own research, on behalf of students and invited talks on our areas of expertise:



From above left: Dr Clare Rainey speaking on AI in clinical radiography, David Adebayo presenting on his PhD work, Dr Andrew England, Chairing the ESR MRI safety and quality subcommittee session, and Mr Ciaran Walsh talking about pathways to clinical leadership.



Incoming President of EFRS – Prof. Mark McEntee

The team wish Prof. McEntee every best wish for his incoming Presidency of EFRS and wish him a productive and most enjoyable year ahead!

Thank you ECR '26:
Until next year...

Thank you, reader, from MIRT/MIRS at UCC. We hope you have enjoyed this special edition newsletter. As always, we would love to hear from you LinkedIn or via email at MIRT@ucc.ie

