National Cardiac Imaging Organisations 2016
Dear Colleagues,

The European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI) is delighted to count on your ongoing collaboration. The EACVI cannot fulfill its main objectives without your support and active participation. This is fundamental in getting to know each other better and for a more efficient cooperation.

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the fifth EACVI National Societies Summit, in Marseille, France on the 3-4 June 2016. We look forward to finding out what has happened in the field of Cardiovascular Imaging in your respective countries since we met, last year, in Barcelona, as well as discussing the main opportunities for collaboration.

We are pleased to present you with the 2016 edition of the National Cardiac Imaging Organisations Booklet which provides an overview of the main activities within each ESC member country for 2016. We would like to warmly thank the chairpersons of the Working Groups and of the National Societies who have contributed to the data collected.

We hope this will provide you with insight on what has changed in shaping the future of Cardiovascular Imaging as well as identifying the needs of our European Community as a whole.

Best Regards,

Prof. Gilbert Habib
President EACVI
2014-2016

Prof. Bogdan A. Popescu
Chair EACVI European Communities Committee,
EACVI President Elect 2016-2018

Please note that the information available in this booklet have been consolidated with the best of our knowledge, and validated by the National Societies and/or Working Groups representatives of each country. Should you find mistakes or incomplete data, please do not hesitate to come back to us so that we can improve the accuracy of these information for the future.
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General Information

Current President: Gilbert Habib
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Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: December 2016

Collaboration with other Imaging Organisations: European Working Groups & National Societies in Imaging (ESC member countries), American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), Asian-Pacific Association of Echocardiography (AAE), Brazilian Dept of Cardiovascular Imaging (DIC), Canadian Society of Echocardiography (CSE), Chinese Medical Association, Echocardiography Council of the Inter-American Society of Cardiology (ECOSIAC), Indian Academy of Echocardiography (IAE), Japanese Society of Echocardiography (JSE), Korean Society of Echocardiography (KSE), Saudi Heart Association (SHA)

Membership

Number of EACVI members 2015: 6360 members
Membership fee: €25/€65/€130/€250
Duration: Calendar year
Benefits: Journal, e-learning platform, educational products, discounts on congresses & Certification exams, voting rights, live courses & grants

Congresses

EuroEcho-Imaging congress 7-10 December 2016 Every year
EuroCMR congress 25-27 May 2016 Every year
ICNC congress 7-9 May 2017 Every two years

Journal

“European Heart Journal - Cardiovascular Imaging”, Impact Factor 2014: 4.105
Issues per year: 12 Number of pages: 96

Accreditation

Type of Accreditation / Certification: TOE, TTE (Individual & Laboratory)
CHD, CMR (Individual), Stress Echo (Laboratory)

Education & Scientific

Resources available: e-learning platform, physical courses, webinars & recordings, tutorials, scientific recommendations, educational products, research & registries
General information
Current President: Efrosina Kajo
E-mail: ninakajo@yahoo.com
Duration of term: Three years
Next electoral period: October 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Albanian Imaging Association

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 123 members
Membership fee: Free
Duration: Three years
Benefits: Newsletters, Live courses, Reduced fee for congress, Educational resources and material

Congress
Albanian Society of Echocardiography congress
When: 1st week October
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 250

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 3-4
ARMENIA

Working Group of Echocardiography of Armenian Association of Cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Lusine Tunyan
E-mail: lusine@tunyan.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: May 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: No

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 13
155 members
Membership fee: 10 Euros
Duration: One year
Benefits:
- Newsletters
- Educational resources and material
- Live courses

Congress
"Congress of Armenian Cardiologists Association" (Part of the National Society congress)
When: May Every two years
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 350

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TEE, TOE, Stress echo

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 4
AUSTRIA

Working Group for Echocardiography of the Austrian Society of Cardiology
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
www.atcardio.at/en/work-groups/echocardiography/
Current President: Franz Glaser
E-mail: fglaser@gmx.at
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: June 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: No

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 110
Number of members:
No formal membership
Formal membership will be introduced in June 2016

Congress
Jahrestagung der Österreichischen Kardiologischen Gesellschaft (Yearly Congress of the Austrian Society of Cardiology)
When: 01-04 June 2016
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 800

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TEE

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 17
Belarusian Scientific Society of Cardiology

(Working groups: arterial hypertension; heart rhythm disorders; rehabilitation of patients with myocardial infarction; emergent and interventional cardiology; medical informative systems; coronary artery disease; cardio-vascular surgery; epidemiology, primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases; inherited and multifactorial connective tissue disorders; Belarusian association of heart failure.)

**General information**

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Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:
- Belarusian Society of general ultrasound
- Belarusian Society of functional diagnostics

**Membership**

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Benefits:
- Educational resources and material, live courses

**Congress**

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| Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): | 1000 |

**Journal**

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

**Accreditation**

Cardiologic certification exam includes echo, radiologic exam - CT, CMR, SPECT, general ultrasound exam - vascular ultrasound

**Education**

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BELGIUM

Belgian Working Group on Non-invasive Cardiac Imaging (BWGNICI)
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

**General information**

Current President: Bernard Cosyns
E-mail: bcosyns@gmail.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: December 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: EACVI

**Membership**

**EACVI Members 2015:**
Number of members: About 100
Membership fee: 150 Euros
Duration: One year
Benefits: Subscription to Journal included, reduced fee for congress

**Congress**

Symposium of BWGNICI
When: Third Friday of November
Symposium during the Belgian Society of Cardiology annual meeting
When: 28-29 January 2016
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): About 150

**Journal**

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

**Accreditation**

No accreditation / certification process available / CME credits

**Education**

Resources available: Physical courses, Hand-outs course, pocket book, CD-ROMs, Syllabi
Number of courses per year: 2
New website under construction
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Working Group for Echocardiography of Association of Cardiologist and Angiologist of Bosnia and Herzegovina

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

**General information**

Current President: Zumreta Kušljugic
E-mail: zumreta.kusljugic@ukctuzla.ba
Duration of term: Three years
Next electoral period: Information not available
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:
- Association of Cardiologist of Croatia
- Association of Cardiologist of Slovenia

**Membership**

**EACVI Members 2015:**
- Number of members: 94 members
- Membership fee: Free membership
- Duration: Unlimited
- Benefits: Reduced fee for congress, live courses, Educational resources & material

**Congress**

“Congress Cardiologists and Angiologists of B&H” (Part of the National Society congress)
- When: May
- Every three years
- Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 500

**Journal**

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

**Accreditation**

Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TTE

**Education**

Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 1
BULGARIA

Bulgarian Working Group of Cardiovascular Imaging (Former Echocardiography)

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information

Current President:
E-mail:
Duration of term:
Next electoral period:
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:

www.echo.cardiobg.com
www.fcibg.com
Krasimira Hristova
khristovabg@yahoo.com
Two years
June 2017
Yes

Membership

EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members:
Membership fee:
Duration:
Benefits:

95
143 members
Free membership
Unlimited
Educational resources and material
Live courses

Congress

National Meeting of Non-invasive Cardiovascular Imaging
Biannually: Echocardiography conference
When: June 2017
Every 2 years

Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners):

350

Journal

No specific journal, using national cardiology journal for publishing papers

Accreditation

Type of Accreditation / Certification:
Subjects:

Individual
TTE, TEE, CHD, Stress echo

Education

Resources available:
Number of courses per year:

Physical Courses
10
## CROATIA

### Working Group on Echocardiography and Imaging modalities in cardiology of the Croatian Cardiac Society

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

### General information

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### Membership

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### Congress

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### Journal

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

### Accreditation

| Type of Accreditation/Certification: | Laboratory, Individual |
| Subjects: | TEE |

### Education

**Resources available:** Physical courses, workshops "Echo on wheels" project, individual education in Referral ECHO centre

| Number of courses per year: | 5-6 |
CYPRUS

Working Group of Echocardiography of the Cyprus Society of Cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: www.echocy.org
Kyriakos Yiangou
E-mail: iangouk@hotmail.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: June 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: No other Imaging Societies in Cyprus

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 16
Number of members: 80 members
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: None specific

Congress
Cyprus Echo (Imaging) Summit
When: Every May
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 90

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 3-4
CZECH REPUBLIC

Working Group of Echocardiography of the Czech Society of Cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
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Duration of term: Four years
Next electoral period: Not available
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Working Group of Nuclear Medicine in Cardiology

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 39
Number of members: 550 members
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: None

Congress
"Praguecho” Annual International Meeting on Advances in Echocardiography, independent meeting
When: 07 April 2016
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 280

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TEE

Education
Resources available: Physical meetings/courses
**DENMARK**

Ekko nucleus of Dansk Cardiologisk Selskab

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

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EGYPT

Egyptian Echocardiography Working group of the Egyptian Society of Cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

**General information**
Current President: Wafaa Elaroussy
E-mail: waroussy@gmail.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: February 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: None

**Membership**
**EACVI Members 2015:** 121
Number of members: 250 members
Membership fee: 30 LE
Duration: 1 year
Benefits:
- Reduced fee for congress
- Restricted online content
- Reduced fee for accreditation

**Congress**
Egyptian Echocardiography Working Group Annual Meeting
When: Second weekend of October
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 200

**Journal**
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

**Accreditation**
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TEE

**Education**
Resources available: Online courses
Number of courses per year: 2
ESTONIA

Working Group of Echocardiography of the Estonian Society of Cardiology
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

**General information**

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**Membership**

**EACVI Members 2015:**

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**Congress**

Meeting of the Working Group of Echocardiography

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**Journal**

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

**Accreditation**

No accreditation / certification process available

**Education**

Resources available: Physical courses

| Number of courses per year: | 2 |
FINLAND

Cardiac Imaging Section of the Finnish Cardiac Society
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Riikka Lautamaki
E-mail: Riikka.lautamaki@tyks.fi
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: October 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Working group of Echocardiography

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 36
Number of members: Not available
Membership fee: Not available
Duration: Not available
Benefits: Not available

Congress
Spring and autumn meetings of Finnish Cardiac Society
When: October & March
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): Not available

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Cardiac Imaging

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 5
FINLAND

Echocardiography Section of the Finnish Cardiac Society
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

**General information**

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**Membership**

**EACVI Members 2015:** 36

The sections of the Finnish Cardiac Society don't have any memberships. The Echocardiography Section has a nucleus consisting 10 persons

**Congress**

Spring and autumn meetings of Finnish Cardiac Society

- **When:** October & March
- **Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners):** 280

**Journal**

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

**Accreditation**

No accreditation / certification process available

**Education**

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FRANCE

French Working Group on Cardiovascular Imaging of the French Society of Cardiology
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

**General information**

Current President: Stéphane Lafitte
E-mail: stephane.lafitte@chu-bordeaux.fr
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: December 2017

Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:

**Membership**

**EACVI Members 2015:**

Number of members: 1346 members
Membership fee: 150 euros for SFC and 35 Euros for Filiale Echo
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits:
- Newsletters
- Reduced fee for congress
- Restricted online content
- Educational resources and material, live courses

**Congress**

“PARIS-ECHO, Echocardiography and Cardiac Imaging” (Independent congress)
When: 14-16 June 2017
Every 2 years
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 1000

**Journal**

“L’Echo de la Filiale”
Issues per year: 3-4
Number of pages: 25

**Accreditation**

No accreditation / certification process available

**Education**

Resources available: Broadcasts
Number of courses per year: 3 or 4
GEORGIA, Republic of

Georgian Working Group of Cardiovascular Imaging (GWG-CVI)

(Part of the Georgian College of Cardiology)

General information
Current President: Akhaladze Natela
E-mail: akhaladze_natela@yahoo.com
Duration of term: Four years
Next electoral period: November 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: GWG-CVI has 3 sections Echocardiography, cMR, cCT

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 27
Membership fee: 125
Duration: Not available
Benefits: Educational resources and material
Reduced fee for congress

Congress
CVI conference (Part of Congress held by Georgian College of Cardiology)
When: 1st November
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 380

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Imaging

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TEE, TOE, Stress Echo

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 4
GERMANY

Working Group of Echocardiography of the German Cardiac Society

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information

Current President: Ralph Stephan Von Bardeleben
E-mail: stephan.von_bardeleben@unimedizin-mainz.de
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: April 2018
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: German Society of Ultrasound in Medicine

Membership

EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 287 members
Membership fee: No fee
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Networking, Actual working groups, News

All working group members, who are automatically members of the society, have free entrance to the annual meeting as well as to the autumn meeting of the DGK. Members of the society and therefore of the working group under age of 34 had until now each year the possibility to apply for free entrance to the congress of the ESC.

Congress

“Leipziger Echosymposium” Annual German Echo Congress
When: 16-18/06/2016
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 500
EKK – Echokardiographie Kongress Cologne, Independent Imaging Congress
When: 03-05/11/2016
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 800

Journal

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation

No accreditation / certification process currently available. Curriculum according to German Society of Cardiology

Education

Resources available: Physical courses of the Academy of the DGK
GREECE

Working Group of Echocardiography
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Nikos Kouris
E-mail: kourisnik@gmail.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: February 2018
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Other Working Groups

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
228 450 members
Number of members:
Free membership
Membership fee:
Unlimited
Duration:
Benefits:
Newsletters, live courses
Educational resources and material

Congress
Annual congress of working groups of Hellenic Cardiology Society and 5 smaller congresses dedicated to echo or imaging are organised under the auspices of the WGE
When: Every February
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 450

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual, Laboratory
Subjects: TEE, TOE, Stress Echo

Education
Resources available: Online courses
GREECE

Working Group for non invasive cardiac imaging (CT-SPECT- cardiac MRI)

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Theodoros Karamitsos
E-mail: karamits@gmail.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: February 2018
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Working Group for Echocardiography

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 228
70 members
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Educational resources and material

Congress
Working Group Seminars
When: 11-13/02/2016
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners):
350

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Imaging

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TOE, Stress Echo

Education
No educational courses
HUNGARY

Imaging section of the Hungarian Society of Cardiology
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: www.mkardio.hu
Albert Varga
E-mail: varga.albert@med.u-szeged.hu
Duration of term: Three years
Next electoral period: 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 76
Number of members: Around 400
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Educational resources and material

Congress
Independent meeting
When: October
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): Between 2-300

Journal
No independent journal (imaging section in Cardiologia Hungarica)

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TTE, TEE, Stress Echo

Education
Resources available: Teaching/educational courses
Online
IRELAND

I.C.E. - The Irish Cardiac Echo and Imaging Group

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

**General information**

Current President: www.icecho.org
Angie Brown
E-mail: angiebrown29@gmail.com
Duration of term: Five years
Next electoral period: April 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: The British Society of Echocardiography

**Membership**

**EACVI Members 2015:**

- Number of members: 62
- 450-500 members
- Membership fee: Free membership
- Duration: Unlimited
- Benefits:

**Congress**

Independent meeting/congress & an AGM as part of the ICS meeting

- When: April/May
- Every year
- Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 140

**Journal**

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

**Accreditation**

Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual & Laboratory
Subjects: Separate TTE, TEE, stress & paediatric

**Education**

Resources available:

- Online via BSE
- Physical meetings/courses
ISRAEL

The Israeli Working Group on Cardiac CT and Nuclear cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Arik Wolak
E-mail: arikmd@gmail.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: April 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: SCCT, SCMR, the Israel Radiological Association (ISRA)

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 45
Number of members: About 60
Membership fee: None
Duration: 2 years
Benefits: Educational resources & material, Live courses

Congress
Local meetings
When: About 3-4 annually
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 120

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Cardiac CT and Nuclear cardiology

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
No educational courses
ISRAEL

The Israeli Working Group on Echocardiography
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Yaron Shapira
E-mail: yshapira@post.tau.ac.il
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: April 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Ad-hoc collaboration with the Israeli Working Group on Nuclear Imaging & Cardiac CT

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 45
Number of members: 150
Membership fee: None
Duration: Unlimited

Congress
Various scientific meetings
When: At least twice a year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 80

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 1
ITALY

ANMCO - Cardiac Imaging section
(Working Group of the Italian Association of Hospital Cardiologists)

General information
Current President: Fausto Rigo
E-mail: faustorigo@alice.it
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: FIC-ESC

Membership
**EACVI Members 2015:** 570
Number of members: 5 members
Membership fee: 70 euros
Duration: Two years
Benefits: Newsletters, Subscription to Journal included, Educational resources and material

Congress
AMCO (Part of the National Cardiac Society congress)
When: June
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 600

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: No
Subjects:

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 3
ITALY

Italian Association of Nuclear Medicine (AIMN)
(Independent Association)

General information
Current President: Raffaele Giubbini
E-mail: raffaele.giubbini@unibs.it
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Società Italiana di Radiologia Medica (SIRM)

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 800 members
Membership fee: 175 Euros
Duration: One year
Benefits:
- Newsletters, Live courses
- Reduced fee for congress & accreditation
- Subscription to Journal included
- Restricted online content
- Educational resources and material

Congress
Congresso AIMN (Independent congress)
When: Spring
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 600

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Nuclear Medicine

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification:
Subjects: Individual
SPECT, PET

Education
Resources available:
Number of courses per year: Courses
Not available
ITALY

Italian Society of Cardiovascular Echocardiography (SIEC)

(Independent Association)

General information
Current President: Paolo Colonna
E-mail: paolocolonna@siec.it
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: May 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Actually indirect with EACVI, Eurovalve

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 570
Number of members: 2892 members
Membership fee: 70 Euros (50 for <40yo)
Duration: One year
Benefits: Newsletters, Reduced fee for congress, Subscription to Journal included, Restricted online content, Educational resources and material, Live courses, Reduced fee for accreditation

Congress
National meeting of Italian society of cardiovascular echography (SIEC)
When: April/May
Every 2 Years
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 880

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual, Laboratory
Subjects: TEE, TOE, Stress Echo, Others: Paediatric, emergency, Vascular

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 22
ITALY

Working Group on Imaging of the Italian Society of Cardiology (SIC)

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Andrea Igoren Guaricci
E-mail: andrea.guaricci@gmail.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: December 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: ANMCO, SIEC

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 570
Number of members: 400 members
Membership fee: 100 Euros (annual fee of Italian Society of Cardiology)
Duration: Indefinite
Benefits: Subscription to Journal included Newsletters

Congress
Congress of the Italian Society of Cardiology
When: December
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 1800

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Imaging

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
No resources available for the moment
LATVIA

Latvian Working Group on Echocardiography
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Artem Kalinin
E-mail: artem_kalinin@yahoo.com
Duration of term: Four years
Next electoral period: 2019
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: With radiology and neurology societies

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 16
98 members
Membership fee: 10 Euros
Duration: One year
Benefits: Educational resources and material, Live courses, Newsletters, Reduced fee for congress

Congress
International Symposium of Echocardiography
When: November
Every Year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 100

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TEE, TOE, Stress ECHO, CMR, CT, SPECT, Vascular Ultrasound

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 2-3
LATVIA

Working Group of Non Invasive Diagnostics in Cardiology
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Iveta Mintale
E-mail: iveta.mintale@stradini.lv
Duration of term: Four years
Next electoral period: Oct 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Working Group of EchoCg

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 16
Membership fee: All the members of Latvian Society of Cardiology
Duration: 10 Euros
Benefits: One year
Educational resources and material
Live courses, Newsletters
Reduced fee for congress
Restricted online content

Congress
The congress of Latvian Society of Cardiology
When: October
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): Every 2 years
300

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Imaging

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual, Laboratory
Subjects: TEE, TOE, Stress ECHO, CMR, CT, SPECT
Vascular Ultrasound (Laboratory only)

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 2-3
LEBANON

Lebanese Working Group of Cardiac Imaging
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Elie Chammas
echammas@inco.com.lb
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: July 2018
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: ASE

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 25
Number of members: 350 members
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Calendar Year
Benefits: Educational resources and material, Reduced fee for congresses/accréditation

Congress
Half a day at Lebanese society of Cardiology congress
When: October
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 400

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Teaching/educational courses, Online/Web & Broadcasts
LITHUANIA

Cardiovascular Imaging Working Group of the Lithuanian Society of Cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: www.lcs.lt
Sigita Glaveckaite
E-mail: sigita.glaveckaite@santa.lt
Duration of term: 4 years
Next electoral period: 2018
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 58
Number of members: 100
Membership fee: None
Duration: Calendar Year
Benefits: Educational resources and material
Newsletters
Reduced fee for congress

Congress
Novelties in Cardiology
When: December
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 200

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Cardiovascular Imaging

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 2
LITHUANIA

Working Group of Echocardiography of Lithuanian Society of Cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Jolanta Justina Vaskelyte
E-mail: jvaskelyte@gmail.com
Duration of term: 5 years
Next electoral period: 2020
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Working group of CT & MRI
Working group of echocardiography of Latvia & Estonia

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 58
Number of members: 50
Membership fee: 5 Euros
Duration: Calendar Year
Benefits: Educational resources and material, Newsletters

Congress
Not available
When: Every 2 years
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 150

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 6-10
MACEDONIA, the former Yugoslav Republic

Macedonian Association of Echocardiography
(Independent Association)

**General information**

- **Current President:** E. Srbinovska Kostovska
- **E-mail:** esrbinovska@yahoo.com
- **Duration of term:** Two years
- **Next electoral period:** October 2017
- **Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:** Croatia & Bulgaria

**Membership**

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<td><strong>Benefits:</strong></td>
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**Congress**

- **Meeting of the Echocardiography Association during the Macedonian Congress of Cardiology**
- **When:** May/June 2018
- **Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners):** 700

**Journal**

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

**Accreditation**

- **Type of Accreditation / Certification:** Individual
- **Subjects:** TEE, TTE, CHD & Stress Echo

**Education**

- **Resources available:** Practical education in University Clinic of cardiology
General information
Current President: Aouad Aicha
E-mail: aouadaicha@yahoo.fr
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: February 2018
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: No

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 5
Number of members: 650
Membership fee: 30 Euros
Duration: 1 Year
Benefits:
Subscription to Journal included
Educational resources and material
Live courses, Newsletters

Congress
National Congress of the Moroccan Society of Cardiology
When: October
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 400

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 2
General information
Current President: Berto Bouma
E-mail: b.j.bouma@amc.uva.nl
Duration of term: 1 year
Next electoral period: June 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Working group MRI and CT

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 302
Number of members: 40
Membership fee: Free
Duration: unlimited
Benefits: Other

Congress
CVOI beeldvormingsdag
When: May 2016
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 60

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No Accreditation / Certification programme

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
General information
Current President: Maureen van der Vlugt
e-mail: maureen.vandervlugt@radboudumc.nl
Duration of term: 3 years
Next electoral period: June 2018
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Radiology (Cardiovascular section of the Radiological Society of the Netherlands (NVvR))

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 302
Number of members: 100
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Newsletters, live courses, Educational resources and material

Congress
Independent but in close collaboration with our National Cardiac Society:
Beeldvormingsavonden = "Imaging Evenings"
When: October, December, February, April 4 times / year (2 hours)
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 30-40

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Cardiac MRI & CT and Nuclear Imaging

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TEE, TOE, CMR, CT through the EACVI for echocardiography and CMR

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 2
NORWAY

Norwegian Working Group of Echocardiography

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information

Current President: Jan Otto Beitnes
E-mail: jan-otto@beitnes.no
Duration of term: 2 years
Next electoral period: October 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: No

Membership

EACVI Members 2015: 85
Number of members: 100 members
Membership fee: No fee for Norwegian cardiologists (Norwegian Society of Cardiology)
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Educational resources and material

Congress

"Høstmøtet i Ekkokardiografi" Part of the National Cardiac Society congress and 2 National Cardiac Society meetings
When: October Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 280

Journal

« Hjerteforum »
Issues per year: 4 Number of pages: approx 800

Accreditation

No accreditation / certification process available

Education

Resources available: Physical courses
General information
Current President: Mariusz Kruk
E-mail: mkruk@ikard.pl
Duration of term: One year
Next electoral period: September 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 215
Number of members: 230 members
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Not available
Benefits: Not available

Congress
Polish Cardiac Society Congress
When: September/October
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 5000

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Nuclear Cardiology, Magnetic Resonance and Cardiac CT

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: None
POLAND

Working Group on Echocardiography of the Polish Cardiac Society
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Piotr Lipiec
E-mail: lipiec@ptkardio.pl
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: September 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 215
Membership fee: Free membership for all members of the Polish Cardiac Society
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Newsletter, live courses

Congress
National Congress of the Working Group on Echocardiography of the Polish Cardiac Society (Independent congress)
When: March-June
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 920

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual, Laboratory
Subjects: TEE, TTE, Stress Echo

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 20
PORTUGAL

Portuguese Working Group of Echocardiography

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Francisco Sampaio
E-mail: fpasampaio@gmail.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: April 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Angio CT, MRI & Nuclear Working Group & Valvular Heart Disease Working Group

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 146
Number of members: 301 members
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Educational resources and material

Congress
Independent meeting
When: 12-13 Feb 2016
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 220

Journal
Portuguese Journal of Cardiology

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TEE, TTE, CHD

Education
Resources available: Physical & Institutional courses
Number of courses per year: 1-2
PORTUGAL

Portuguese Working Group of Nuclear Cardiology, Magnetic Resonance and Cardiac CT
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Ana G. Almeida
E-mail: anagalmeida@gmail.com
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: April 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 146
Number of members: 99 members
Membership fee: Free
(Must be members of the Portuguese Society of Cardiology)
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Newsletter, Restricted online content, Educational resources and material

Congress
Annual Meeting of the Working Group of Nuclear Cardiology, Magnetic Resonance and cardiac CT (Independent meeting)
When: February/March
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): About 120

Journal
Information not available

Accreditation
No Accreditation / Certification programme

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 2-3
ROMANIA

Working Group on Echocardiography and other Imaging modalities
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Ruxandra Jurcut
E-mail: rjurcut@gmail.com
Duration of term: Three years
Next electoral period: 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: EACVI

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 162
Number of members: 200 members
Membership fee: (included in National Society Membership)
Duration: Yearly tax
Benefits: Newsletters
Reduced fee for congress

Congress
Working Groups National Conference
When: 2015, 2017
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 1300
National Society Congress
When: 22-24/09/2016
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 2500

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TEE, TOE, Stress ECHO, Vascular Ultrasound

Education
Resources available: Physical courses, e-learning
Number of courses per year: 2-3
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Section of Echocardiography of the Russian Society Cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information

Simon Matskeplishvili
E-mail: simonmats@yahoo.com
Current President:
Duration of term: Three years
Next electoral period: September 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:
Russian society of ultrasound diagnostics
Russian society of radiology

Membership

EACVI Members 2015:
103
323 members
Number of members:
Free membership
Membership fee:
3 years
Benefits:
Newsletters
Educational resources and material
Live courses
Travel grants for young members with accepted abstracts

Congress

Meeting/congress as part of the National Society meetings
When: 20-23/09/2016
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners):
200

Journal

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation

No accreditation / certification process available

Education

Resources available:
Online
Physical courses
SERBIA

Echocardiographic Society of Serbia (ECHOS)

(Independent Society)

General information
Current President: Biljana Putnikovic
E-mail: putnikovicb@live.co.uk
Duration of term: Three years
Next electoral period: Autumn 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: No

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 52
Number of members: 400 members
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Not available

Congress
ECHOS (former YUECHO) (Independent congress)
When: Autumn
Every 3-4 years
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 600

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 2
SERBIA

Working Group on Cardiovascular Imaging of Cardiology Society of Serbia
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

**General information**

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**Membership**

**EACVI Members 2015:**

- Number of members: 400 members
- Membership fee: 100 Euros
- Duration: 2 years
- Benefits: Not available

**Congress**

The first Congress of Cardiovascular Imaging of Serbia (CIS) (Independent congress)

- When: 1-3 March 2015
- Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 600

**Journal**

No independent journal dedicated to Cardiac Imaging but the working group actively participates in the journal "Heart and blood vessels" - official journal of the Cardiology society of Serbia

- Issues per year: 4
- Number of pages: 70

**Accreditation**

- Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
- Subjects: TTE, TOE, Stress Echo, CMR, CT, SPECT, PET, Vascular Ultrasound

Educational programmes are under the auspices of the School of medicines University of Belgrade, Novi Sad, Nis, Kragujevac and University clinical centres.

**Education**

- Resources available: Physical courses
- Number of courses per year: 1-2
**SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

*Working Group on Non-invasive Cardiology*

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

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**General information**

Current President: Pavel Chnupa  
E-mail: chnupa@susch.sk  
Duration of term: Three years  
Next electoral period: September 2018  
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Czech Society

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**Membership**

**EACVI Members 2015:** 25  
Number of members: 750 members  
Membership fee: 10 Euros  
Duration: Unlimited  
Benefits: Reduced fee for congresses

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**Congress**

Meeting / congress as part of the National Society meeting  
When: 8-10/10/2016  
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 500-999

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**Journal**

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

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**Accreditation**

Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual  
Subjects: TTE

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**Education**

Resources available: 2 year study
SLOVENIA

Working Group on Cardiac Imaging
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: www.sicardio.org
Natasa Cernic Suligoj
E-mail: natasa.cernic@gmail.com
Duration of term: Five years
Next electoral period: January 2018
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:
Society of nuclear cardiology
Society of radiology (cardiac CT and MRI)

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 61
Number of members: 170 members
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Live courses

Congress
Step Forward in Cardiac Imaging
When: January-March
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 90
Every two years

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: Every 2 years
General information
www.secardiologia.es/secciones/imagen-cardiaca
Joaquin Barba
jbarba@unav.es
Three years
October 2017
No

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 299
950 members
Not specific General SEC fee 185 Euros/year
Unlimited
Newsletters
Reduced fee for congresses
Restricted access online content

Congress
Independent congress
When: Mid March
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 250

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: "Advanced" combined for TTE, TEE, Stress & paediatric

Education
Resources available: Physical meetings/courses
Number of courses per year: 4
## General information

Current President: Meriam Astrom Aneq  
E-mail: meriam.astrom.aneg@regionostergotland.se  
Duration of term: Two years  
Next electoral period: 2017  
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: National society of Nuclear medicine

## Membership

**EACVI Members 2015:** 93  
Number of members: 300  
Membership fee: Free membership for cardiologist but not for clinical physiologist  
Duration: Unlimited  
Benefits: Newsletters

## Congress

Swedish Cardiovascular congress: Svenska Kardiovaskulära Vårsmötet  
When: Every year  
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 1500  
Swedish cardiovascular autumn meeting  
When: Every year  
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 300

## Journal

No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

## Accreditation

Laboratory accreditation: SWEDAC  
Echocardiography certification not available

## Education

Resources available: Physical courses  
Number of courses per year: 4
SWITZERLAND

Working Group for Echocardiography and Cardiac Imaging of the Swiss Society of Cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Hajo Mueller
E-mail: Hajo.Muller@hcuge.ch
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: June 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: ESC

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 161
239 members
(225 ordinary, 14 extraordinary members)
Membership fee: Free membership
Duration: Unlimited
Benefits: Newsletters

Congress
Congress as part of the National Society meeting
When: Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 996

Journal
Cardiovascular Medicine (journal of the Swiss society of cardiology)

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TTE, TEE, CHD, Stress Echo
For TTE a practical exam is part of the specialty board examination and at least 500 TTE studies under supervision are necessary to be certified. TEE and stress: performance of 75 exams under supervision considered sufficient for adequate training for board certified cardiologists. Our WG favours the EACVI accreditation but it is not required for a board certified cardiologist.

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 3-4
TUNISIA

Working Group of Echocardiography of the Tunisian Society of Cardiology

(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President: Soraya Benyoussef
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Duration of term: Unknown
Next electoral period: Unknown
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Algerian society, Belgium society

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 21
100 members
Membership fee:
Free membership
Duration:
Unlimited
Benefits:
Newsletters, Live courses

Congress
6th Francophone Congress of Cardiac Imaging
When: 2018
Every 2 years
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 130

Journal
Information not available

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available:
Physical courses
TURKEY

Turkish Cardiac Imaging Working Group of the Turkish Society of Cardiology
(Working Group of the National Cardiac Society)

General information
Current President:
Selen Yurdakul
E-mail: selenyurdakul@hotmail.com
Duration of term:
One year
Next electoral period:
April 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:
No

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
226
1167 members
Number of members:
Free membership
Membership fee:
Every year
Duration:
Voting
Benefits:

Congress
Cardiac Imaging Working Group” (Part of the National Society congress)
When: End of October
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference excluding Industry Partners:
Around 3000
Joint Congress of Non-invasive Cardiology
When: Beginning March
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners):
700

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available dedicated to imaging

Education
Resources available:
Webinars, webcasts organized by the Turkish Society of Cardiology, translated recommendation papers
Physical courses:
2 (Embedded to those 2 congresses)
Number of courses per year:
UKRAINE

Ukrainian Echocardiographic Association

(Independent Society/Association)

General information
Current President: Y. Ivaniv
E-mail: yivaniv@mail.lviv.ua
Duration of term: Two years
Next electoral period: 2016
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies:
Ukrainian Society of Cardiology
Ukrainian Society of Radiology

Membership
EACVI Members 2015:
Number of members: 30
Membership fee:
Free membership
Duration:
Three years
Benefits:
Educational resources and Material
Live Courses

Congress
"Echocardiographic Conference"
When: September
Every year
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 280

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Echocardiography

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual
Subjects: TTE

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 4
General information
Current President: Kshama Wechalekar  
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Duration of term: Two years  
Next electoral period: May 2018  
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: British Society of Cardiovascular Imaging, British Society of Nuclear Medicine, American Society of Cardiology

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 703
Number of members: 130 members  
Membership fee: £45  
Duration: One year  
Benefits: Live courses, newsletters, educational resources and material, restricted online content, reduced fee for congress

Congress
Annual General Meeting of the British Nuclear Cardiology Society (Independent meeting)
When: December or May  
Every year  
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 90

Journal
No independent journal dedicated to Nuclear Medicine

Accreditation
No accreditation / certification process available

Education
Resources available: None  
Number of courses per year:
UNITED KINGDOM

British Society of Echocardiography affiliated to the British Cardiovascular Society

(Independent Society)

General information
Current President: Richard Steeds
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Duration of term: Three years
Next electoral period: October 2017
Collaboration with other Imaging Societies: Imaging Council of the British Cardiovascular Society

Membership
EACVI Members 2015: 703
Number of members: 3300 members
Membership fee: £60
Duration: One year
Benefits: Newsletters, reduced fee for congress & accreditation, Subscription to Journal included, Reduced author submission costs to Echo, Research and Practice, Educational resources and material

Congress
Annual Meeting of the BSE
When: November 11-12th November 2016
Number of attendees at the last conference (excluding Industry Partners): 750

Journal
ECHO journal (BSE printed publication)
Issues per year: 4
Number of pages: 40
Echo Research and Practice Journal (online)
Issues per year: 4

Accreditation
Type of Accreditation / Certification: Individual & Laboratory
Subjects: TEE, TOE, CMR, CT, SPECT (individual) TEE, TOE (Laboratory)

Education
Resources available: Physical courses
Number of courses per year: 4
Additional Working Groups:

Please find preliminary information on the countries below, which could not provide us with their complete data.

**AUSTRIA**

**Working Group for CMR, CT & Nuclear of the Austrian Society of Cardiology**
Current President: Julia Mascherbauer

**DENMARK**

**Working Group for Cardiac Imaging of the Dansk Cardiologisk Selskab**
Current President: Jens Dahlgaard Hove

**GERMANY**

**Working Group of Cardiac MR of the German Society of Cardiology**
Current President: Oliver Bruder

**Working Group Cardiac CT of the German Society of Cardiology**
Current President: Stefan Möhlenkamp

**Working Group Nuclear Cardiology of the German Society of Cardiology**
Current President: Rainer Zimmermann

**NORWAY**

**The Norwegian Society for Magnetic Resonance**
Current President: Frode Rise

**UNITED KINGDOM**

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