

**October 15–16, 2021**

# **13<sup>th</sup> Interventional MRI Symposium 2021**

Leipzig, Germany

**First Announcement  
and Call for Abstracts**

**[www.imri2020.org](http://www.imri2020.org)**

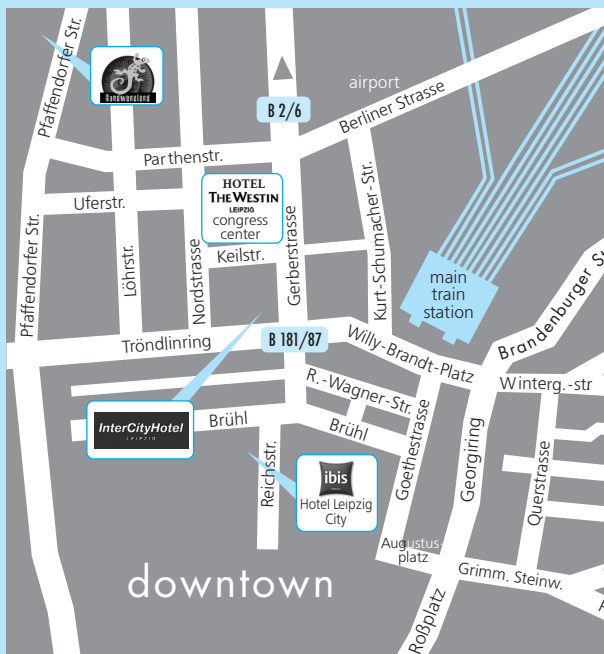
Abstract submission deadline is July 1, 2021



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## Location



## Distances

Airport (Leipzig/Halle) – Downtown or Congress Center (The Westin):

20 min by taxi

Airport – Main train station (Downtown):

13 min by rail (S-Bahn, every 30 min)

Main train station – Congress Center:

6 min by foot

InterCityHotel – Congress Center:

2 min by foot

ibis Hotel Leipzig City – Congress Center:

6 min by foot

Dear colleagues and friends,

Building on the tradition of the biennial Interventional MRI Symposium and the last meeting in Boston in 2018, we would like to cordially invite you to the series' 13<sup>th</sup> edition, iMRI 2021, to be held in Leipzig, Germany. This event is jointly organized by the Department of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology at Leipzig University Hospital, the Department of Radiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, in Boston, and the Department of Radiology and Radiological Science at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore – in close cooperation with Hannover Medical School, University of Magdeburg and Emory Healthcare, Atlanta.

The iMRI Symposium provides an ideal platform for researchers, clinicians and healthcare professionals alike to present their latest results and interact with opinion leaders and innovators in the field. Sessions with both technical and clinical topics will be composed of lectures by invited speakers and proffered scientific papers. We therefore encourage everybody involved in or dedicated to Interventional MRI to submit a short abstract of their work. The meeting is endorsed by the ISMRM (International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine) and the ESMRMB (European Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology) and supported by the Ferenc Jolesz National Center for Image Guided Therapy (NCIGT) at Harvard Medical School.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Leipzig!

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- **Molecular Imaging**
- **Targeted Drug Delivery**
- **New Enabling Technologies**
- **Visualization Techniques and Data Processing**
- **Navigation Techniques**
- **Robotics**
- **Therapy Planning**
- **Hybrid Systems**
- **MR-Guidance of Cellular Therapies**
- **Immunology**
- **Intraoperative MRI**
- **Economic Issues**
- **Safety Aspects**

## Main Lectures

Lectures on selected scientific topics will be given by invited speakers.

## Oral Presentations

Proffered papers will be formally presented in topical oral sessions. Your total time will be restricted to 10 minutes with 8 minutes for speaking and 2 more minutes for a short discussion. We kindly ask all speakers to strictly respect this time limit. Please prepare your presentation in PPT(X) format, copy it to either a USB medium or CD-ROM and hand it in to one of our technical staff members in the speaker ready room at least one hour before the start of your session.

## Poster Presentations

Posters will be exhibited throughout the meeting. A dedicated poster discussion session will be organized, and poster authors are requested to be present throughout that time and to be prepared for questions and discussions.

## Video Presentations

For the first time, recorded video cases will be presented with live commentary. Cases may illustrate a particular setup, indication, procedure, workflow or result. Your total time will be restricted to 6 minutes for speaking and 2 more minutes for a short discussion. Please prepare your digital presentation in a standard movie file format (AVI, MOV, MPG, MP4) and check proper play-back with one of our technical staff members in the speaker ready room at least one hour before the start of the session. Alternatively, presentations may run directly on your personal mobile computer after being connected at the speaker's desk.

## Poster Award

Three poster prizes will be awarded to appreciate the high level of the scientific exhibits.

## Conference Language

All lectures and presentations will be in English.

## Abstract Preparation

Abstracts shall be submitted electronically via a web-based management system (EasyChair, see below). Abstracts must be written in English and are restricted to one printed page. Please use 12-point font Times New Roman and line spacing 1.0. Abstracts shall be uploaded in PDF format with figures and tables embedded.

Header information with Title, Authors and Affiliations is mandatory for each abstract and also needs to be entered electronically.

Poster and oral presentation abstracts shall be organized into sections Purpose, Material and methods, Results, and Conclusion. Please do not forget to tick your preferred method of presentation (oral or poster) and enter up to five key words into the corresponding website field.

Video presentation abstracts shall be organized into sections Background, Discussion and Conclusion and entered directly under the header 'Video Presentation'.

## Abstract Submission

You can either follow the submission link on the main website [www.imri2020.org](http://www.imri2020.org)

or enter the direct address into your browser  
<https://easychair.org/my/conference?conf=13thimri>

## Abstract Deadline

Abstracts must be received by **July 1, 2021**.

Notifications of accepted abstracts will be emailed by July 31, 2021. Authors of accepted abstracts are kindly requested to register by August 15, 2021 to be included in the scientific program.

## Conference Date

October 15–16, 2021

## Venue

The Westin Leipzig

Gerberstrasse 15, 04105 Leipzig, Germany

Phone / Fax: +49 (341) 988-0 / -1229

## Conference Fees

Conference fee includes lunch and coffee breaks on October 15–16. All fees are in EURO (€).

Reduced fees by September 15, 2021 (On-site fees after that date in parentheses)

Physicians and Scientists	€ 300,– (350,–)
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Residents*, Fellows*,	
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Medical Technologists*	€ 250,– (300,–)
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Students*	€ 150,– (200,–)
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Social Event –

Gondwanaland Zoo Leipzig	€ 60,–
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\*proper validation document required

One-day tickets for either October 15 or 16 are available for 50 % of the fees listed above and include lunch and coffee breaks on the respective date.

**All symposium registrations and hotel reservations must be sent to [akd congress & events](#).**

**Please understand that registration can only be completed when full payment has been received.**

**You can also register online:**

Follow the link on the iMRI website

[www.imri2020.org](http://www.imri2020.org)



## Social Event

### Gondwanaland at Zoo Leipzig

**Friday, October 15, 2021, 7.15 pm**

Gondwanaland at Zoo Leipzig will appeal to all of your senses as you experience the tropical rainforests of Africa, Asia and South America. Gondwanaland is home to about 300 exotic animals and 17,000 tropical plants.

Enjoy a welcome cocktail before entering the impressive tropical complex. You will then have time to follow the jungle paths or treetop trail and drift along in a boat on the jungle river Gamanile before having dinner and drinks at Restaurant Patakan.

This event can be booked for a fee of € 60,– for registered IMRI participants and accompanying persons.

The entrance to this event is located at Pfaffendorfer Str. 29, 04105 Leipzig, about 150 m to the right from the main entrance of the zoo, and a 5-minute walk from the conference venue (The Westin Leipzig).

## Congress Office

Thursday, October 14, 2021	5.00 pm–8.30 pm
Friday, October 15, 2021	7.30 am–6.00 pm
Saturday, October 16, 2021	8.00 am–6.00 pm

## Industrial Exhibition

Friday, October 15, and Saturday, October 16, 2021 in the foyer of the conference center. For more information please contact akd congress & events.

## Local Organizing Committee

Harald Busse, Nicolas Linder, Michael Moche, Thomas Kahn

## Congress Agency

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Email: [info@akd-congress.de](mailto:info@akd-congress.de)

**Hotel reservations will be handled by akd congress & events.** Requests for accommodation should be made on the enclosed official registration form or via online registration.

Hotel	Single Room	Double Room
<b>The Westin Leipzig</b> (Congress Center)	€ 145,–	€ 165,–
<b>InterCityHotel Leipzig</b> (2 minute walking distance to Congress Center)	€ 99,–	€ 119,–
<b>ibis Hotel Leipzig City</b> (6 minute walking distance to Congress Center)	October 14–15, 2021 € 88,–  October 15–16, 2021 € 103,–	 € 110,–  € 125,–

Above rates are per room and night (in €) and include breakfast, service charge and VAT, add. City tax € 3,– per person and night.

Payments will be made directly at the hotel.

### Method

You will receive a confirmation / invoice once you have registered for the symposium.

- Payment is possible via bank transfer or credit card (Visa, Eurocard/MasterCard, American Express).
- All payments must be in EURO.

## Cancellations

Cancellation is possible in writing or by fax only.

### Symposium

For cancellations received before July 15, 2021, a fee of € 50,– applies. Until September 1, 2021, the cancellation fee will be € 100,–. No refunds will be made after September 1, 2021.

### Hotel

Until July 15, 2021, the cancellation fee is € 40,– per room. After that date, the hotel may charge you the applicable no-show fee for each night cancelled.

## List of Sponsors

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