

WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF ECHOES

Dear colleagues and friends,

Greetings everyone, as I was reading this edition of ECHOES, on a trans-Pacific flight, I was struck by the volume and quality of ultrasound education that WFUMB and the individual federations are providing. The fact that many were at capacity attendance suggests this is attractive to ultrasound practitioners who have obvious enthusiasm to enhance their practice.

I've just spent three days immersed the latest echocardiography research and practice at the annual scientific sessions of the American Society of Echocardiography and a few similarities are echoed (pun intended) with this newsletter. Firstly, clinicians at all levels are embracing ways to extend their knowledge and practice. Just like the personal reflection of one of WFUMB's Centres of Education (CoEs) attendees in this newsletter, the people I spoke to during the conference are finding POCUS improves their clinical competence and confidence. And are coming to rely upon it as a clinical adjunct.

In a similar way, experts are embracing artificial intelligence (AI) in their practice. I've noticed a definite shift from 'if I will use AI' to 'how much AI'. And all of the new handhelds I saw have AI embedded now. The field is accelerating rapidly. Soon, AI will be so embedded you will hardly notice the background use. We have touched on this briefly in this newsletter, but the wave is coming and I think this is wave we will be riding.

As we embrace AI we need to ensure we do it safely and with awareness for the potential to introduce unintended harm and we need evidence to show AI is both valid and reproducible compared to current ultrasound techniques and doesn't miss diagnoses, but also that AI does not introduce distractive miscellany into the mix.

Gillian

Prof Gillian Whalley
Department of Medicine, University of Otago



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WFUMB ACTIVITIES

WFUMB CASE STUDY FEATURED IN GLOBAL ASSOCIATION WHITE PAPER

DEANNA VARGA

WFUMB has been featured as a case study in Mission and Margin Volume 3: Innovating for Growth in Associations, the third and final volume in Mayvin Global’s Mission and Margin white paper series.

The WFUMB case study was developed through an interview with WFUMB President Prof. George Condous and Administration Manager Lynne Rudd. The series is a collection of 15 case studies exploring how associations are responding to changing member expectations, governance challenges, financial pressures and the need to innovate in a rapidly evolving environment. It provides practical insights into how associations and not for profits are strengthening relevance, resilience and long-term sustainability.

While the white paper is written for the association sector, many of its themes are relevant to WFUMB members, committee members and volunteer leaders. Strong governance, careful risk management and thoughtful innovation all play an important role in helping associations remain effective, sustainable and responsive to change. These foundations also matter for organisations supporting global medical, professional and scientific communities through education, publications, congresses, outreach and collaboration.

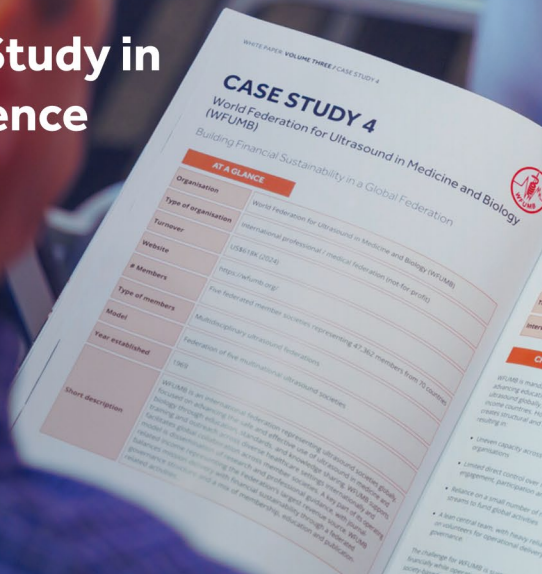
Read the WFUMB case study on pages 32-38 of Volume 3 and access all three volumes in the Mission and Margin series [here](#).

WFUMB: A Case Study in Federation Resilience



Featuring insights from Prof George Condous and Lynne Rudd

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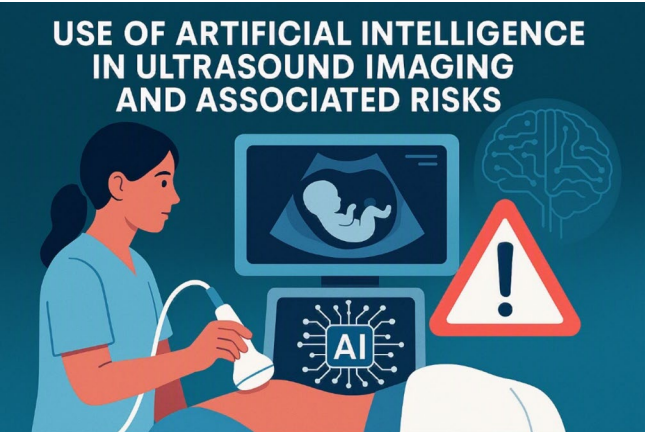
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SAFETY CORNER: USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
IN ULTRASOUND IMAGING AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

MASSIMO MISCHI

Artificial intelligence (AI) can be applied in medical ultrasound systems for data-driven image interpretation (including diagnostic support and segmentation), as well as for operator guidance and image formation, enhancement, and reconstruction.

The integration of AI within operational and decision-making functions offers strong benefits (automation, efficiency, insight), but it also introduces specific safety risks that should be carefully managed. Key categories include:



• **Incorrect image interpretation and/or segmentation**

AI algorithms may produce erroneous outputs, potentially resulting in misclassification of anatomical structures or pathological findings. This may contribute to incorrect clinical decision-making or misdiagnosis.

• **Inaccurate image enhancement or reconstruction**

AI-driven processing may alter or suppress diagnostically relevant image features, including artifacts or subtle structures, thereby adversely affecting image fidelity to clinical structures and clinical interpretability.

• **Risks associated with AI-supported image formation**

AI-based image formation techniques may introduce errors comparable to those described above. In addition, certain adaptive approaches encompassing adaptive transmit may modify the acoustic energy distribution, potentially leading to unintended localized increases in tissue exposure, including thermal effects (localized tissue heating).

• **Risks associated with AI-guided ultrasound acquisition**

AI-guided ultrasound acquisition, intended to assist sonographers in obtaining the correct imaging view for specific diagnostic tasks, can be prone to errors. These errors may lead to suboptimal acoustic windows and image quality, ultimately increasing the risk of incorrect diagnoses and inappropriate clinical decision-making.

The WFUMB Safety Committee is currently evaluating these risks based on the available literature and evidence, with the aim of issuing statements and advices on the safe use of AI in diagnostic ultrasound imaging.

WFUMB ACTIVITIES

WFUMB – FLAUS WEBINAR SERIES

The WFUMB–FLAUS Webinar Series 2026 has made an excellent start, successfully delivering the first three of six planned educational webinars. The series, chaired by Dr Antonio Carlos Matteoni de Athayde and Dra Edda Chaves, was established to provide high-quality ultrasound education to a global audience through presentations delivered in Spanish with English surtitles and subtitles for recorded sessions.

The first three webinars have covered a diverse range of clinical topics:

- 11 February 2026 – Ultrasound in the Prediction of Preeclampsia: Does it Have a Place in the Era of Biomarkers? presented by Dr Daniel Márquez.
- 8 April 2026 – Ultrasound of Gastrointestinal Pathology in the Pediatric Patient presented by Dr Hansel Otero.
- 10 June 2026 – Ultrasound: Evaluation of Neuromas presented by Dr Fernando Huerta H.

All three completed webinars are now available on the WFUMB website, providing ongoing access to valuable educational content for ultrasound professionals around the world. The availability of recorded presentations with English subtitles continues to extend the reach of the programme and supports WFUMB’s commitment to accessible, high-quality ultrasound education.

With three webinars successfully completed and three more scheduled before the conclusion of the series in December 2026, the programme is well on track to achieve its educational objectives. The strong range of topics presented so far demonstrates the breadth of expertise within the Latin American ultrasound community and the value of collaboration between WFUMB and FLAUS in delivering international educational opportunities.

[View the latest presentations here >](#)

2026 WFUMB-FLAUS webinars in Spanish with English surtitles

Date	Speaker	Topic
11 February	Dr. Daniel Márquez	Ultrasound in the prediction of preeclampsia. Does it have a place in the era of biomarkers?
8 April	Dr. Hansel Otero	Ultrasound of gastrointestinal pathology in the Pediatric patient
10 June	Dr. Fernando Huerta	Ultrasound: evaluation of Neuromas
12 August	Dra. Ximena Wotsman	Role and updating of ultrasound in esthetics
14 October	Dr. Antonio Matteoni de Athayde	Liver elastography and fatty Liver Quantification
9 December	Dra. Edda Chaves	BiRads 6 and ultrasound

For Information and to Register Visit
wfumb.org/flaus-webinars-2026

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WFUMB WEBINAR TO EXPLORE ADVANCES IN STEATOTIC LIVER DISEASE

WFUMB will present a major international webinar on Steatotic Liver Disease on 23 September 2026, bringing together leading experts in hepatology and ultrasound to discuss the latest developments in the diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of this increasingly important global health condition.



WFUMB Webinar: Steatotic Liver Disease

Organized by WFUMB, chaired by: Dr. Mar Pérez-Peña

23 SEPTEMBER 2026
17:00 European time (CEST)



Annalisa Berzigotti
Clinical aspects



Giovanna Ferraioli
Diagnosis - Quantitative ultrasound



Alina Popescu
Diagnosis - B-mode ultrasound



Vincent Wong
Treatment

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The webinar will be moderated by Dr Mar Pérez-Peña of Spain and will feature an outstanding faculty from Europe and Asia.

The programme will begin with Professor Annalisa Berzigotti (Switzerland), who will review the current classification of steatotic liver disease and discuss practical clinical approaches to patient evaluation and management. Professor Alina Popescu (Romania) will examine the role of B-mode ultrasound in diagnosing hepatic steatosis, highlighting both its strengths and limitations in everyday clinical practice.

The webinar will also explore emerging quantitative ultrasound techniques, with Dr Giovanna Ferraioli (Italy) presenting on liver fat quantification and the growing role of multiparametric ultrasound in liver disease assessment. The final lecture will be delivered by Professor Vincent Wong (Hong Kong), who will discuss current and emerging treatments for metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD), including the use of imaging biomarkers in patient selection and treatment monitoring.

Steatotic liver disease has become one of the most common chronic liver conditions worldwide, making early diagnosis and effective management increasingly important for healthcare systems globally. This webinar reflects WFUMB's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality education on the latest advances in ultrasound and its application in patient care. The event is expected to attract participants from across the world and provide valuable insights for radiologists, gastroenterologists, hepatologists, sonographers, and other healthcare professionals involved in liver disease management.

WFUMB ACTIVITIES

ALBANIAN ULTRASOUND COMMUNITY MEETS IN TIRANA

The Fourth Albanian Abdominal Ultrasound Course was held in Tirana, Albania, on 17–18 April 2026, bringing together physicians, sonographers, educators, and researchers with a shared interest in diagnostic and clinical ultrasound. Hosted at the Maritim Plaza Hotel in the centre of Tirana, the meeting represented an important milestone in the continuing development of ultrasound education and professional collaboration within Albania.



Over 100 doctors attended this annual Centre of Education abdominal ultrasound course, hosted by Prof Durim Cela and Dr Blerina Saraci. Most of the participants were from Albanian and the surrounding Balkan countries. There was an international faculty from Europe and the UK. Albania offers good value for visitors and some attractive scenery (alpine scenery and Adriatic coastline) which justifies its reputation as an up and coming tourist destination well served by budget airlines.

The conference took place during a particularly active period for medical education in Albania, with several international healthcare meetings occurring in Tirana during the same week. This created additional opportunities for scientific exchange and collaboration among healthcare professionals from Albania and neighbouring countries.



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ALBANIAN ULTRASOUND ASSOCIATION & ALBANIA WFUMB COE



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WFUMB ACTIVITIES

WFUMB CENTER OF EDUCATION CHISINAU, LATEST COURSE

On 22–23 May 2026, the WFUMB Centre of Education (COE) Chişinău organized the Educational Symposium “Updates in Prenatal and Gynecological Ultrasound”.

The WFUMB faculty included Marius-Vicea Calomfirescu, Ştefania Tudorache, Sergiu Puiu, Liliana Fuior, Cătălin Cauş, Mircea Poenaru, Hristiana Caproş, Irina Burdeniuc, and Natalia Cauş.

The two-day educational programme highlighted the latest advances in prenatal and gynecological ultrasound through evidence-based lectures, expert discussions, live online presentations, and interactive hands-on training sessions. The programme covered fetal growth assessment, Doppler ultrasound for maternal and fetal wellbeing, early pregnancy assessment, first-trimester screening for fetal anomalies prediction of preterm birth, fetal neurosonography, intrapartum ultrasound, assessment of congenital uterine anomalies, uterine myomas and endometrial pathology, and pelvic floor ultrasound.



The symposium was attended by 112 participants from Moldova and Romania, serving as an important regional continuing medical education event in obstetric and gynecological ultrasound. By combining the expertise of WFUMB faculty and national specialists with interactive lectures and practical ultrasound training, the symposium enhanced participants’ knowledge and practical skills in prenatal diagnosis and gynecological imaging while promoting professional collaboration among ultrasound practitioners in the region.



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NEW “COE FIELD NOTES” INITIATIVE DEVELOPED TO HIGHLIGHT EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

Jo McCann has developed a new approach for showcasing the work and impact of WFUMB’s Centres of Education (CoE’s) through Echoes, the Federation’s newsletter. The initiative, titled CoE Field Notes, has been designed to align with WFUMB’s strategic focus on measuring the effect of education rather than simply reporting educational activities.

The new format shifts the emphasis from traditional workshop reports to personal accounts from clinicians whose practice has been directly influenced by training received through a WFUMB Centre of Education. Each Field Note is a concise, first-person narrative of approximately 300–400 words that answers a simple but powerful question: What did you do differently after the training, and what difference did it make for a patient?

By focusing on real-world outcomes and patient impact, the initiative aims to demonstrate how WFUMB educational programmes translate into improved clinical practice. The stories are written by clinicians rather than CoE Directors, providing an authentic perspective on the value of ultrasound education and its influence on patient care.

To support implementation, Jo has produced comprehensive Field Notes Editorial Guidelines covering the purpose, structure, tone, photographic requirements, and review process for submissions. A dedicated Contributor Submission Form has also been created to make participation straightforward for clinician authors.

Importantly, the new Field Notes format complements rather than replaces existing reporting requirements. Centres of Education will continue to submit their full activity reports for WFUMB governance and monitoring purposes, while Field Notes will serve as a more engaging and outcome-focused feature within Echoes.

The initiative will be coordinated through the CoE Task Force, with contributions rotating across WFUMB’s federations to ensure broad representation of educational activities worldwide.

This innovative development represents an important step in communicating the true value of WFUMB education programmes, highlighting not only what is taught, but how that knowledge ultimately benefits patients and communities around the world.

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COE CORNER: FIELD NOTES

CROATIA

Full name: Matej Barbir

Role / title: MD

Institution and country: University Hospital Centre Rijeka, Croatia

Training programme completed: Abdominal Ultrasound Training Programme

Approximate date of training: February-May 2026

CoE name and federation: WFUMB Centre of Education, University Hospital Dubrava, Zagreb, Croatia

“The Course That Changed the Way I See Medicine”



Before attending the abdominal ultrasound training programme, my evaluation of patients with abdominal symptoms relied mainly on history taking, physical examination, laboratory results, and referrals for imaging studies. While these tools remain essential, there were situations where uncertainty persisted until additional investigations became available. This could delay decision-making and often left patients waiting for answers about the cause of their symptoms.

The training fundamentally changed the way I approach these clinical encounters. Abdominal ultrasound has become an integral part of my daily practice and an extension of the physical examination. Having the ability to perform a focused ultrasound assessment during the consultation provides valuable information that can immediately support or refine a clinical impression. Whether evaluating abdominal pain, suspected hepatobiliary disease, urinary tract pathology, or other common conditions, ultrasound now plays an important role in guiding my next steps.

The greatest change has been in diagnostic confidence and efficiency. The information obtained through ultrasound frequently helps clarify clinical findings, prioritise further investigations, and determine the most appropriate management plan. In many cases, it enables more informed decisions to be made during the patient’s visit rather than after a prolonged diagnostic process. This has improved not only my own confidence as a clinician but also the overall patient experience. An equally important benefit has been the improvement in communication with patients. Ultrasound provides a unique opportunity to discuss findings in real time and involve patients more directly in understanding their health. Seeing anatomical structures and discussing what is being examined often makes medical explanations clearer and more meaningful. Patients frequently leave the consultation with a better understanding of their condition, the proposed management plan, and the reasons for any additional investigations or referrals. This helps reduce uncertainty and strengthens trust between clinician and patient.

Training delivered through the WFUMB Centre of Education, Zagreb, Croatia.

WFUMB ACTIVITIES

HONOURS FOR PETER COOMBS

WFUMB is delighted to congratulate Peter Coombs AM, FASA, on being awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2026 King’s Birthday Honours List. A highly respected Australian sonographer, educator, and international volunteer, Peter has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of ultrasound education both within Australia and across the developing world.

Through his long-standing involvement with WFUMB educational initiatives, including teaching missions in countries such as Ethiopia, Peter has generously shared his expertise with healthcare professionals worldwide. His commitment to improving access to ultrasound education and patient care exemplifies the values and global vision of WFUMB, making this national recognition both fitting and well deserved.

Read more on the Monash Health website [here](#)



FROM OUR PARTNERS

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF RADIOLOGY HELD IN
CARTAGENA , COLOMBIA

LYNNE RUDD

WFUMB contributed an ultrasound session to the International Congress of Radiology held in Cartagena, Colombia in May 2026.

The officers of the Executive Board (ExB) provided lectures and the last session of the congress was devoted to Live demonstrations by the WFUMB team to a full auditorium.

The ExB met with the ISR Board and discussed collaboration and the support of WFUMB on the ISR led constituency statement supporting the WHA 2026 teleradiology resolution. It was agreed to have an ISR session at WFUMB 2027 Lima, Peru with incoming ISR President Boris Brkljacic and the ISR Treasurer Beatriz González talking on breast ultrasound. Discussions took place on webinars on topics relevant to Low and Middle Income countries, as for example in Africa cancers of the cervix, breast, liver and prostate are the most common.



Scientific program	
Advanced ultrasound Session of the World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB)	Saturday, May 16th Room Barahona 2
Program	Guest speakers
08:30 - 08:50 a.m. Overview in AI applications to ultrasound imaging Won Jae Lee	 Antonio Carlos Matteoni Clinica Matteoni de Athaide. Vice-President 1 of the WFUMB. Salvador de Bahia, Brazil.
08:50 - 09:10 a.m. MRI-guided ultrasound imaging of flexible array transducers along the body surface Iwaki Akiyama	 Christoph F. Dietrich Johan Wolfgang Goethe University. President elect of the WFUMB. Frankfurt, Germany.
09:10 - 09:30 a.m. Why do we need liver CEUS in daily practice? Ioan Sporea	 George Cordous Nepean Clinical School University of Sydney, President of the WFUMB. Sydney, Australia.
09:30 - 09:50 a.m. WFUMB guidelines on multiparametric ultrasound for diffuse liver disease Giovanna Ferraioli	 Giovanna Ferraioli University of Pavia, Secretary of the WFUMB. Pavia, Italy.
09:50 - 10:10 a.m. Discussion	 Ioan Sporea Victor Babes University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Past President of the WFUMB. Timisoara, Romania.
10:10 - 11:00 a.m. Visit to the technical exhibition	 Iwaki Akiyama Doshisha University, Treasurer of the WFUMB. Kyoto, Japan.
11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Bécélère plenary lecture Getsemani auditorium	 Won Jae Lee Sungkyunkwan University Samsung Changwon Hospital, Vice-President 2 of the WFUMB. Changwon, Korea.
11:30 - 12:00 p.m. Closing ceremony and awarding for scientific papers and posters	
12:00 - 01:40 p.m. Lunch break	
Live demonstrations	
01:40 - 02:00 p.m. Doppler ultrasound of the liver Antonio Matteoni	
02:00 - 02:20 p.m. Assessment of liver stiffness Giovanna Ferraioli	
02:20 - 02:40 p.m. Liver fat quantification Ioan Sporea	
02:40 - 03:00 p.m. CEUS for focal liver lesions Won Jae Lee	
03:30 - 03:20 p.m. Scanning normal sized lymph nodes in the abdomen Christoph F. Dietrich	
03:20 - 03:30 p.m. Conclusions George Cordous	

STUDENTS' AREA

STUDENT ULTRASOUND CONGRESS

2026 IN LUBLIN

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STUC 2026 in Lublin: Empowering the Next Generation - The 3rd Student Ultrasound Congress in Lublin

The 3rd Student Ultrasound Congress (STUC) 2026 has officially wrapped up, concluding two intensive and inspiring days in Lublin, Poland. Affiliated with the EUROSON congress, the event was organized by Young EFSUMB with the generous support of EFSUMB, Polish Ultrasound Society and industry. Hosted in the Simulation Center of the Medical University of Lublin—widely regarded as one of the premier facilities of its kind in Europe—the event welcomed 113 enthusiastic participants.

The program was carefully designed to offer high-quality education for all skill levels. For those newer to the field, the congress provided a solid foundation in ultrasound techniques. Participants attended engaging lectures by leading European sonographers and gained crucial first-hand experience during small group, hands-on training sessions. At the same time, experienced students were able to look beyond the basics in our advanced tracks, which focused on specialised techniques such as Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound (CEUS) and Elastography.

A major highlight of the educational program was the opportunity for students to examine real patients in the hospital of Lublin, bridging the gap between simulation and clinical practice.

Alongside the academic schedule, STUC 2026 brought plenty of energy and community spirit. To kick off the second day, Young EFSUMB organised a unique “morning coffee rave” right in the simulation center. DJ Dutty Fresh fired up the crowd, getting everyone perfectly energised before diving back into the exciting sessions.



The congress concluded on a high note with a lively closing celebration—the Sonofiesta—where participants, tutors, and professors could celebrate their shared passion for ultrasound.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the professors and tutors who constantly supporting Young EFSUMB.

What's Next? Save the Dates

Summer School 2027

We are already looking forward to our next big event. Join us at the European Student Summer School 2027 in Timișoara.

STUC 2028: See you in Bilbao, Spain, for the 4th Student Ultrasound Congress!

Thank you to everyone who made STUC 2026 a success.



AFFILIATED FEDERATION NEWS

ASUM REPORT

JO MCCANN,
PRESIDENT, ASUM | WFUMB ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILLOR

It has been a busy and productive period for ASUM, with activity across education, advocacy, and international partnership.

ASUM is proud to chair the Peak Imaging Coalition, a collaborative group bringing together the major imaging societies across Australasia to advance shared priorities in workforce, education, and policy. This work reflects ASUM's commitment to sector-wide leadership beyond our own membership.

On the education front, we are delighted to celebrate the graduation of candidates from Vanuatu and Tonga in the Certificate of Fundamental Ultrasound -Biliary (CFU-Biliary). Developed in direct response to requests from Pacific clinicians who are unable to access ultrasound qualifications in the region, the CFU model is designed for in-country delivery, removing the barrier of international travel and making credentialling accessible to practitioners where they work. With systematic biliary ultrasound now established as a routine diagnostic service across multiple hospital sites in both nations, the CFU-Biliary pilot has demonstrated that in-country credentialling is both feasible and impactful. ASUM continues to reflect on the learnings from this initiative as we consider the future direction of our Pacific outreach programme.



Jo McCann and Christine Ryan representing ASUM at the Australian Medical Association meeting in Canberra

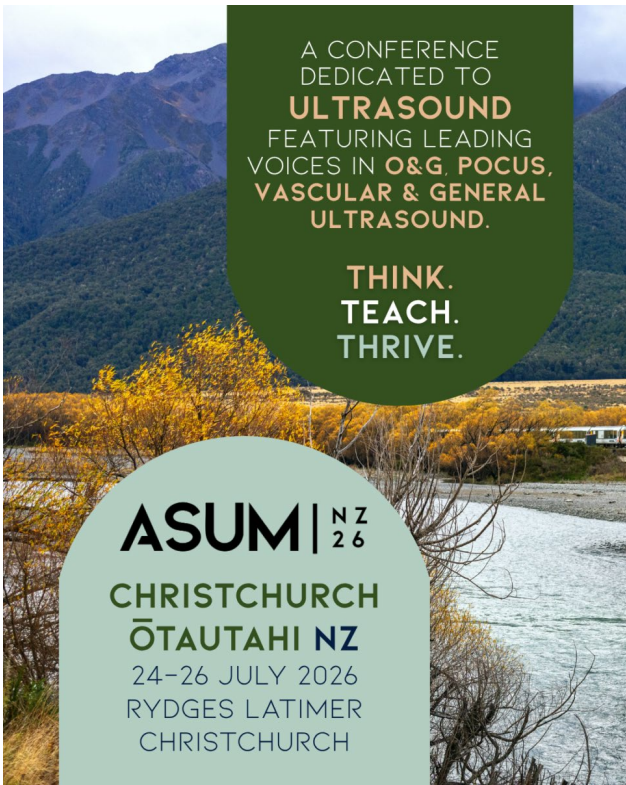
Alongside this, ASUM has launched a suite of eLearning modules to support flexible, on-demand professional development for members and non-members alike. These sit within a broader programme of work to strengthen our education governance and internal processes, with a particular focus on improving the candidate experience from enrolment through to assessment.

In the standards space, the ASUM and ACIPCI (Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control) Guidelines for Reprocessing Ultrasound Transducers (2026) have been referenced by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, recognition that reflects the rigour of our members' work and ASUM's contribution to patient safety at a national level.

[You can view the Guidelines here >](#)

Finally, it was a privilege to represent ASUM along with Christine Ryan, our standards officer, at the Australian Medical Association meeting in Canberra, joining medical leaders, college presidents, and government ministers for substantive discussions on workforce reform, scope of practice, prevention funding, and the power of collective advocacy. The meeting also opened promising conversations around cross-college collaboration, including in Pacific health, areas of close alignment with ASUM's international programme.

We look forward to continuing to build on these foundations in the months ahead.



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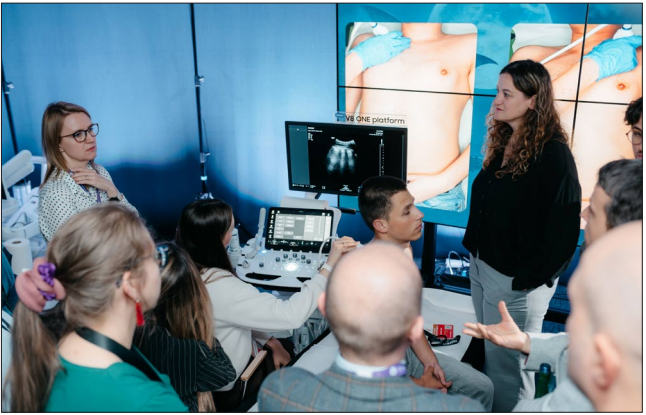
EFSUMB REPORT



EUROSON 2026 Successfully Hosted in Lublin

The European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB), together with the Polish Ultrasound Society, successfully hosted EUROSON 2026 in Lublin, Poland, from 11–14 June 2026.

The congress once again demonstrated EUROSON's position as one of Europe's leading ultrasound meetings, bringing together clinicians, researchers, educators, sonographers and industry partners from across the continent to exchange knowledge and explore the latest advances in diagnostic and interventional ultrasound.



Young professionals were also well represented through the Student Ultrasound Congress (STUC 2026), held immediately before the main congress. The two-day programme combined lectures, practical workshops, case presentations and competitions, providing an excellent platform for medical students interested in developing their ultrasound knowledge and skills.

EUROSON 2026 once again reinforced EFSUMB's commitment to promoting excellence in ultrasound education, research and clinical practice while strengthening collaboration between national societies throughout Europe.



Continuing Educational Activities

Beyond the success of EUROSON 2026, EFSUMB has maintained an active programme of educational events over recent months. The Federation continues to expand its EUROSON School programme, providing focused educational courses throughout Europe that combine expert lectures with practical hands-on training. These schools remain one of EFSUMB's flagship educational initiatives, supporting clinicians at all stages of their ultrasound careers.



EUROSON SCHOOL
1 – 2 July 2026

ORTUS Conference & Events
Venue, London, UK

LONDON CEUS ADULT COURSE



EUROSON SCHOOL: Abdominal Ultrasound Course
Basic & Advanced

Location: University Hospital RWTH Aachen, Aachen, Germany

26 - 29 August 2026





EUROSON SCHOOL:
Postgraduate Course "Tropical Medicine and Point-of-Care Ultrasound: An Integrated Approach"

September 2026 – March 2027 *Online Course*





EUROSON SCHOOL:
Point of Care Ultrasound ★ 7th Edition ★

Location: Medical University of Vienna, Austria

11 - 12 September, 2026





EUROSON SCHOOL - Liver Ultrasound: from basic to advanced applications
Europe as a bridge between Asia and Africa

Campus Bio-Medico University of Rome

11 - 12 September 2026





EUROSON SCHOOL: Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound
National Palace of Culture in Sofia, Bulgaria

25 September 2026

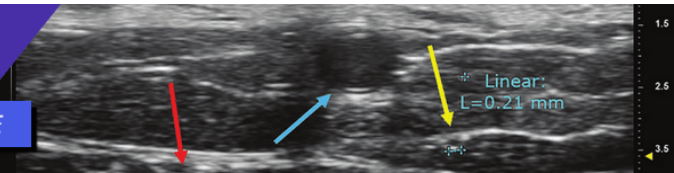


EFSUMB's webinar programme has also continued to attract international audiences. Recent and forthcoming webinars have addressed specialised topics including Lymph Nodes and Lymphatic Vessels and Interventional Ultrasound (INVUS), reflecting the Federation's commitment to delivering accessible online education across a broad range of ultrasound disciplines.

CEUS Webinar: Lymph Nodes and Lymphatic Vessels
Saturday, 20th June 2026 ~ 11.00 CEST

3 x Speakers + questions & discussion

[VIEW HERE](#)



EFSUMB Webinar:
Recent progress in Interventional Ultrasound (INVUS) - Guidelines Update

Tuesday, 1st September 2026 ~ 11.00 CEST

3 x Speakers + questions & discussion

[VIEW HERE](#)



The Federation has also continued to endorse high-quality national and international ultrasound courses, ensuring that educational activities delivered by member societies and partner organisations meet recognised standards of excellence. These [endorsed courses](#) complement EUROSON Schools by providing additional opportunities for continuing professional development throughout Europe.



EUROSON 2028 Congress
4-7 October 2028

Register your interest at euroson2028.com



FROM WFUMB JOURNALS

NEW HEIGHTS FOR WFUMB JOURNALS: RISING IMPACT FACTOR

ELENA HERZOG

We are delighted to share some excellent news for our WFUMB journals. The latest 2025 Impact Factors have been released, and both journals have achieved important milestones.

Ultrasound in Medicine & Biology (UMB) has increased its Impact Factor from 2.6 to 2.8, reflecting the journal's continued influence and relevance within the ultrasound community. Even more exciting, WFUMB Ultrasound Open has received its first Impact Factor of 0.8, an outstanding achievement for such a young journal. We extend our sincere congratulations and thanks to our Editors-in-Chief, Dr. Manjiri Dighe (WFUMB Ultrasound Open) and Dr. Paul Sidhu (Ultrasound in Medicine & Biology), whose leadership has been instrumental in these successes.

While the Impact Factor remains an important measure of a journal's reach and influence, we are equally encouraged by the continued growth in manuscript submissions and published articles across our journals. These achievements would not be possible without the dedication of our editors, reviewers, authors, and readers. Your expertise, commitment to rigorous peer review, and support of high-quality scientific publishing are the foundations of our success. Thank you for everything you do to help our journals thrive and continue advancing ultrasound education, research, and clinical practice worldwide.

FROM WFUMB JOURNALS

EDITOR'S CHOICE: SPOTLIGHTING STANDOUT ULTRASOUND RESEARCH

Each issue of Ultrasound in Medicine & Biology features an Editor's Choice article selected by the Editor-in-Chief to highlight especially timely, relevant, or impactful research. For the August issue, the selected lead article is "**Benchmarking Image-Based Motion Correction Methods for Ultrasound Localization Microscopy**"

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ultrasmedbio.2026.03.024>

We are also working to introduce a similar Editor's Choice feature for WFUMB Ultrasound Open. In collaboration with our Publisher, we are exploring the creation of a dedicated collection of Editor's Choice articles. This will help bring outstanding papers to the attention of our readers, increase visibility for high-quality research, and further showcase the breadth and strength of scholarship published in WFUMB journals.



WFUMB²⁰²⁷ CONGRESS

DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND

EVOLVES HEALTHCARE

May, 20th - 23rd

Lima, Peru

Swissotel Lima Convention Center



MAIN TOPICS

A clear, comprehensive program covering:

- Abdominal, Hepatic & GI
- Breast, Thyroid & Small Parts
- OB/GYN & Fetal
- Pediatric & Neonatal
- Vascular & Emergency
- Musculoskeletal
- Interventional & Intraoperative
- CEUS & Elastography
- AI in Ultrasound
- Veterinary Applications
- WFUMB Young Investigator Sessions



WHY ATTEND?

Healthcare Professionals

- Learn from top international experts
- Updates in CEUS, elastography, POCUS, MSK, pediatrics, OB/GYN, abdominal, vascular and more
- Practical 20-minute sessions designed for clinical impact

Industry & Sponsors

- Exposure to decision-making physicians
- Satellite symposia, workshops, and exhibition opportunities
- Ideal platform for innovation and product visibility

Students & Residents

- Special student course
- Reduced rates
- Mentoring and early-career opportunities



Join global leaders in ultrasound for four days of education, innovation, and networking. Hosted by WFUMB, FLAUS and SPUMB.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

ULTRASOUND CALENDAR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY 2026

- **EUROSON School: London Adult Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound (CEUS) School**
July 01- 02, 2026, in London, UK
- **ISUOG Sponsored Webinar: Managing Uncommon Early Pregnancy Complications**
July 01, 2026 Livestream
- **ISUOG Sponsored Webinar: Acute Pelvic Pain in the Emergency Department**
July 10, 2026 Livestream
- **ISUOG Approved Course: Mastering Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology**
July 16, 2026 in Indonesia
- **ASUM New Zealand Conference 2026**
July 24-26, 2026, in Christchurch, New Zealand

AUGUST 2026

- **ICUS Webinar: Pediatric CEUS – Musculoskeletal Applications**
August 27, 2026 Livestream

SEPTEMBER 2026

- **ICUS Webinar: CEUS in Liver Disease**
September 3, 2026, Livestream
- **ISUOG World Congress 2026**
September 4-7, 2026, London, UK
- **WFUMB Webinar: Steatotic Liver Disease**
September 23, 2026 Livestream