IR Training in Europe – Survey Result
1. Please state your age (n=134)

- 25-29: 14%
- 30-34: 37%
- 35-40: 49%

2. Please indicate your gender (n=134)

- Male: 81%
- Female: 19%

4. Where did you complete your IR training or are you completing it? (n=134)

- United Kingdom (UK): 33
- Italy: 22
- Poland: 19
- Sweden: 7
- Spain: 7
- Germany: 7
- Netherlands: 6
- Portugal: 5
- Ireland: 5
- Austria: 5
- Switzerland: 4
- Greece: 4
- Other: 10
9. Did you learn about diagnostic radiology during your undergraduate medical training? (n=134)

- Yes: 71.6%
- No: 28.4%

11. Did you learn about interventional radiology during your undergraduate medical training? (n=134)

- Yes: 35.8%
- No: 64.2%
13. Generally speaking, how simple and straightforward is it to get training as an interventional radiology in your country? (r=134)

- Very complicated: 23.1%
- Somewhat complicated: 49.3%
- Simple and straightforward: 25.4%
- Very simple and straightforward: 2.2%

14. Open responses (selection): What is the biggest problem with becoming an IR in your country? (r=94)

- Lack of training opportunities: 42%
- Lack of available positions: 16%
- Established IRs don't support or train / No mentors: 10%
- Low relevance of IR: 8%
- No official/clear pathway to become IR: 10%
- Competition by other specialties: 6%
- Low pay: 8%
- Bad working conditions, subpar equipment or low pay: 5%
### 15. How do you think the training to become an IR in your country can be improved? (n=134)

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<td>Training needs to become more internationally oriented</td>
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<td>IRs in training need to be paid more</td>
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16. Are you concerned about IR training being threatened by competition from other medical specialties in your country? (r=133)

19. Did you get any clinical training? (r=131)
25. Have you ever felt disadvantaged as a female trainee or experienced discrimination? (r=25)

- Yes: 48.0%
- No: 52.0%

27. Do you feel there are barriers preventing more female medical students and trainees from choosing interventional radiology? (r=25)

- Yes: 60.0%
- No: 40.0%

28. What do you feel are these deterrents? (r=25)

- Male dominated environment / Male networks: 80.0%
- Not family-friendly working conditions (long hours, on call etc): 66.7%
- Part time employment not possible: 20.0%
- Pay system that disadvantages women: 13.3%
- Other (please specify): 6.7%
29. Have you already taken the European Board of Interventional Radiology Exam? (r=134)

- Yes: 13%
- No: 87%
- I don't know / too early to tell: 41%

30. Do you feel you benefited from taking the EBIR exam? (r=17)

- Yes: 41%
- No: 18%
- I don't know / too early to tell: 41%
29. Have you already taken the European Board of Interventional Radiology Exam? (r=134)

- Yes: 13%
- No: 87%

32. Do you intend to take it? (r=117)

- Yes: 59%
- No: 41%
33. Why not? (r=48)

- Not compulsory in my country to get a job: 67%
- Lack of time / I can’t get the time off work to go to the exam: 29%
- Very expensive: 25%
- Difficult to prepare for it: 21%
- Do not know enough about it / Never heard of it: 17%
- Lack of language skills: 10%
- Other (please specify): 23%

34. Why? (r=69)

- I feel it will give me a professional advantage: 70%
- It will improve my international mobility: 39%
- My (future) employer requires it or may require it: 19%
- Someone recommended it: 19%
- Other (please specify): 13%

32. Do you intend to take it? (r=117)

- No: 41%
- Yes: 59%
### 36. Open Response Selection: What could CIRSE do to help improve training in your country? (r=134)

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