

IBUS ATHENS BREAST COURSE

Detection, Diagnosis, Staging, Interventional,
US-Guided Surgery, Management

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INTRODUCTORY NOTES

The IBUS Athens Breast Course: Detection, Diagnosis, Staging, Interventional Procedures, US-Guided Surgery and Management, developed by the IBUS Breast Imaging School, brings together leading experts in breast imaging and breast diseases with the aim of promoting recent clinically relevant developments and defining the current role of breast imaging modalities in diagnosis, treatment, and patient management.

The course format has been specifically designed to clearly demonstrate the optimal use of imaging techniques in the detection, diagnosis, staging, interventional procedures, ultrasound-guided surgery, and management of early-stage breast cancer, benign breast conditions, and high-risk lesions.

The programme integrates X-ray mammography, contrast-enhanced mammography, ultrasound, and magnetic resonance imaging, highlighting the critical importance of accurate preoperative assessment.

Lecture topics have been selected to provide a comprehensive and solid educational foundation, with particular emphasis on breast imaging techniques, interpretation criteria, and interventional procedures, reflecting recent technological advancements.

Interactive workshops and hands-on practical sessions represent an essential component of the course programme, offering participants direct educational interaction with experienced Faculty members.

Industry support is highly valued and considered essential for the success of this interactive educational programme. In collaboration with scientific societies, the course fosters enhanced multidisciplinary cooperation, aiming to identify improved clinical solutions for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of breast diseases.

The availability of advanced technical resources and high-quality reference materials contributes to establishing a high educational standard among breast imaging-focused events.

The opportunity to hold this 14th IBUS Course in Athens has been made possible through the vision, dedication, and commitment of Dr Grigorios Xepapadakis, who encouraged one of his collaborators, Dr Dionysios Koufoudakis, to attend an IBUS course in Ferrara the year 2008 and subsequently to organise the course in Athens.

Dr Xepapadakis' forward-looking approach to high-level continuous medical education, further strengthened by collaboration with Dr Lazaros Papadopoulos, ensures that breast clinicians have the opportunity to enhance their expertise through direct interaction with an experienced international Faculty.

The IBUS Breast Imaging School is privileged and deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute its expertise to improving breast care. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the EMEIS – Scientific Society of Mastology – Treatment Support, Hellenic Society of Breast Surgeons with both the President, Prof. Vassilios Venizelos, and the Vice-President, Dr Sophocles Lanitis, taking part in the scientific programme, and IASO Hospital, which once again have provided their facilities, technology, and hospitality, making this educational programme possible and enabling IBUS to return to the remarkable city of Athens.

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We are also sincerely grateful to the European School of Oncology (ESO) for including the IBUS Course in its list of “Recommended Events.”

The course is accredited for Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits.

Special thanks are extended to the entire course secretariat, PRC Congress & Travel, for their outstanding professionalism and meticulous attention to detail, ensuring the smooth and effective management of all administrative and organisational aspects.

On behalf of the IBUS Executive Committee and the Local Organising Committee, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the international and local Faculty members for their invaluable contributions by covering the lecture topics in a comprehensive and simple manner making them more informative from both an educational and practical point of view thanks to the quality of all the presentations and to extend our best wishes to all participants for a pleasant stay and a productive scientific experience in Athens.

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Scientific Program

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08.30-08.45	Welcome and Announcements	IASO Administ. Representative G. Xepapadakis, V. Venizelos, K.W. Fritz Schäfer
08.45-09.00	Introduction	K.W. Fritz Schäfer
09.00-09.15	Kick-off Orientation: Tracing the Footsteps of IBUS	E. Durante
09.15-09.45	Physics, and Technology of Breast US, and Equipment Optimization	J. Bamber
09.45-10.15	Ultrasound Anatomy of the Breast and Axilla	D. Koufoudakis
10.15-10.45	BI-RADS Update	K.W. Fritz Schäfer
10.45-11.00	Coffee break	
11.00-11.30	3D Breast Tomosynthesis and Implementation of AI	K.W. Fritz Schäfer
11.30-12.00	Principles and Indications of US-Guided Interventions: Technique, Device and Needle Selection	E. Durante
12.00-12.30	Principles of Localization Devices	A. Mundinger
12.30-13.00	State of the Art: Doppler and Elastography	J. Bamber
13.00-13.45	Breast Conserving Surgery (BCS) with Localization Device 1	O.R. with video projection
13.45-14.30	Lunch	

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14.30-15.00	Greek Experiences with Localizing Devices	S. Lanitis
15.00-15.30	The Present Role of Contrast Enhanced Mammography (CEM)	A. Mundinger
15.30-16.00	The Present Role of Breast MRI	A. Vourtsi
16.00-16.30	ABUS Screening: Standalone and as Supplemental to Other Imaging Techniques	E. Aribal
16.30-16.45	Coffee break	
16.45-17.30	Techniques for Scanning the Breast and Axilla Equipment Optimization (Knobology) US-Guided Core Biopsy (on Phantoms)	Hands-on Faculty
17.30-18.15	US-Guided Vacuum Assisted Biopsy (VAB) (on Phantoms) Breast Elastography (on Phantoms) Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) video	Hands-on Faculty
18.15	Closing of the Day	


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08.30-09.00	Breast Density and Risk of Masking: Update of Complementary Breast Imaging	A. Munding
09.00-09.30	Clinicians' Needs: Ultrasound of Symptomatic Breasts	K.W. Fritz Schäfer
09.30-10.00	Advanced Breast Cancer Staging: Real-World Perspective	E. Durante
10.00-10.30	Axillary Staging and New Marker Tools: a Comprehensive Guide	D. Koufoudakis
10.30-10.45	Coffee break	
10.45-11.15	US-Guided Interventions for Breast Diseases	K.W. Fritz Schäfer
11.15-11.45	Alternative to Core Biopsy: Stereo, DBT, CEM, MRI	E. Aribal
11.45-12.15	Breast Implants: Imaging and Pitfalls	K.W. F. Schäfer
12.15-12.45	BI-RADS Lexicon Update for Ultrasound	K. Syrgiannis
12.45-13.45	Breast Conserving Surgery (BCS) with Localization Device 2	O.R. with video projection
13.45-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-15.00	Vacuum Assisted Procedures: from Biopsy to Excision. Indications and Limits	E. Aribal
15.00-15.30	Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) Compared to Conventional Handheld US in Women with Dense Breasts	A. Vourtsi

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<p>15.30-16.00</p>	 <p>Panel: Personalizing Treatment in Early-Stage Breast Cancer: Evidence Based Decisions with Oncotype DX Chairman: G. Xepapadakis - V. Venizelos</p>	<p>G. Kapetsis</p>
<p>16.00-16.15 Coffee break</p>		
<p>16.15-17.15</p>	<p>Techniques for Scanning the Breast and Axilla Equipment Optimization (Knobology) US-Guided Core Biopsy (on Phantoms)</p>	<p>Hands-on Faculty</p>
<p>17.15-18.15</p>	<p>US-Guided VAB (on Phantoms) Breast Elastography (on Phantoms) Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) video</p>	<p>Hands-on Faculty</p>
<p>18.15</p>	<p>Closing of the Day</p>	

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08.30-09.00	Clinical Problem Solving: Navigating Challenges	D. Koufoudakis
09.00-09.30	Emerging Breast Imaging Technologies	J. Bamber
09.30-10.00	The Clinician's Need and Expectations from Imaging	V. Venizelos
10.00-10.30	Intra-Operative US and Specimen Management: Practical Approach	E. Durante

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-11.15	Artificial Intelligence in Breast Cancer Diagnosis	A. Munding
11.15-11.45	ABUS: Problem Solving	E. Aribal
11.45-12.15	Basics of Ultrasound for Surgeons' Familiarization in Everyday Practice	L. Papadopoulos
12.15-12.45	High-Risk Lesions: Which Imaging-Guided Management in Non-Palpable Lesions?	E. Durante
12.45-13.30	 Panel: Intraoperative Magnetic Localization of Non-Palpable Lesions Chairmen: G. Xepapadakis, V. Venizelos	Panelist: E. Bickerton

13.30-14.15 Lunch

14.15-14.45	The Male Breast	A. Vourtsi
14.45-15.15	Imaging Follow-Up after Breast Conserving Surgery	A. Munding

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15.15-15.45	Follow-Up and Staging after NACT	E. Aribal
15.45-16.15	Global Differences in Breast Density and Age-Dependent Incidence: Consequences for Local Cost-Effective Treatment Strategies	A. Munding
16.15-16.30	Coffee break	
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18.00	Announcement for CME Questionnaire Online Closing of the Course	

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General Information

Course venue - dates

June 11th - 13th, 2026

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Official language

The official language of the Course is English. No translation will be provided.

Scientific and commercial exhibition

The scientific programme is complemented by a commercial exhibition featuring exhibitors with the most modern and high-tech products, equipment and services in the medical sector.

Speakers ready desk

A Speakers Ready Desk will be available for presenters, every day during the Course. Please note to bring your presentation (PPT or PDF format) on a USB stick. Personal laptops are not allowed. We advise you to do this the day before your presentation or, if not possible, early in the morning of the day of your presentation

Registration Fees

Early Registration | Until April 30th, 2026
400 EURO

Late Registration | From May 1st, 2026
500 EURO

Dead line for early registration is April 30th 2026

Link for more information regarding registrations

<https://registration.letscongress.eu/newpnr/2397>

Badges

Delegates' badges will be available from the course secretariat at the course venue. It is compulsory for all participants to wear their badges in the course venue and the exhibition area.

Certificate of attendance

A certificate of attendance will be available online for participants who successfully pass the course test. Course PreTest and PostTest will be available online for all participants after e-mail notification.

Accreditation

Attendance to the Full Course and passing grades to the MCQ test are prerequisites for awarding the CME-CPD Credits.

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