

International Society of Radiology Béclère-Fuchs Foundation

Advancing global health by expanding access to safe, high-quality medical imaging through education, strengthening imaging capacity and international collaboration.

Serving as the Charitable Arm of the International Society of Radiology

About the ISR Béclère-Fuchs Foundation

The International Society of Radiology Béclère-Fuchs Foundation was established to advance global health by expanding access to safe, high-quality medical imaging in underserved regions. Named in honor of Antoine Béclère, a pioneer in radiology, and Walter Fuchs, a dedicated leader in international radiology collaboration, the Foundation builds on the ISR's century-long mission to unite radiologists worldwide and promote equitable access to imaging.

Medical imaging plays a critical role in diagnosing and treating diseases like cancer, heart disease, and stroke. Yet, in many lowand middle-income countries (LMICs), access to these life-saving technologies remains limited due to resource constraints, infrastructure gaps and workforce challenges. The Béclère-Fuchs Foundation addresses these challenges through initiatives that are:



By supporting the Foundation, donors help advance global health equity – ensuring that all patients, regardless of geography, have access to the life-saving benefits of medical imaging.

Honoring Visionaries in Radiology

The ISR Béclère-Fuchs Foundation celebrates the remarkable contributions two pioneers who shaped the foundation of modern radiology and global radiological education.



Antoine Béclère

Born in Paris in 1856, Antoine Béclère began his medical career in infectious diseases and immunology. After Roentgen's 1895 discovery of X-rays, Béclère quickly recognized their potential for medical care, using them the next year to detect tuberculosis. A passionate

practitioner and educator, Béclère organized the third International Congress of Radiology in Paris in 1931, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire radiologists worldwide.

Walter Fuchs

Walter Fuchs, a prominent Swiss radiologist,was known for advancing radiological education. As ISR Secretary General in the 1990s, Fuchs spearheaded the society's efforts to expand educational outreach into underserved regions. His work drew the attention of Béclère's daughter, Antoinette, who recognized the importance of radiological education for improving global health. Inspired by Fuchs' vision and her father's legacy, she made a generous contribution to the ISR in 1995 to support its educational mission in underserved areas – laying the groundwork for the Foundation's ongoing work.

Foundation Core Missions



Advancing Global Health Equity

Bridge the Gap in Imaging Care: Support the ISR's mission to increase imaging capacity in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), addressing the gaps in imaging care.

Impactful Partnerships: Influence global health organizations like WHO and IAEA.

"A world where every patient benefits from timely, high-quality imaging has to be more than just a goal. The Béclère-Fuchs Foundation brings together radiologists, educators, and global health experts to help make this vision a reality."

Prof. Boris Brkljačić, President-elect, ISR, Zagreb, Croatia





Empowering Innovation and Collaboration

Innovative Tools: Support the development of novel solutions including AI tailored for LMICs.

Amplify Efforts: Help address regional challenges in radiology through impactful local collaborations.

By supporting ISR collaborations with the WHO and the IAEA, the Béclère-Fuchs Foundation is helping keep radiologists at center of global initiatives to improve imaging access and radiological quality and safety."

Tarek El-Diasty, MD, Past President African Society of Radiology, Mansoura, Egypt

Foundation Core Missions



Promoting Quality and Safety in Radiology

Global Leadership: Back ISR's initiatives to promote global radiological quality and safety.

Radiation Safety: Enhance safety for patients and healthcare workers in underserved regions.

"These partnerships enable us to turn policy into action, ensuring that medical imaging is both accessible and safe for patients in every healthcare setting."

> Prof. Guy , Co-Chair ISR Quality and Safety Alliance, Paris, France



Providing Targeted Education

Deliver Education Where It's Needed: Support providing tailored educational resources and workforce training programs to underserved regions.

Workforce Development: Help sponsor mentorship programs, on-site training, sponsored participation in international meetings, and access to high-quality educational resources.

"By supporting scholarships, mentorship programs, and international collaborations, the Foundation is helping develop a sustainable and impactful radiology workforce for years to come."

Geraldine McGinty, MD MBA FACR Chair, ISR Committee on Radiological Education, New York, USA

Your Support Matters



Contributions to the ISR Foundation go directly toward improving medical imaging access, saving lives through early detection and better treatment options.



Align with a trusted advisor to global health agencies and support radiology's leadership in driving advances in health equity worldwide.



Leave a lasting impact by joining a century-strong tradition of radiology leadership, recognized for advancing global health through medical imaging.

Get Involved

Partner with us to close the imaging gap, save lives through enhanced diagnostics and education, and help build a future with accessible imaging care for all.

Together, we can make a lasting impact on global health and shape the future of radiology for all.

