

IBUS ATHENS BREAST COURSE

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Course Venue:

IASO HOSPITAL Athens
(Kifisias 37-39, 151 23 Maroussi, Greece)

REGISTRATION FEES

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>

Registration fee includes: vat is not included

Admission to all scientific sessions

Hands on

Badge and course documents

Course bag

Certificate of Attendance UEMS –EACME

Accreditation

Coffee during the breaks- Lunches

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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 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**.

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 IBUS COURSE 2026
Athens, Greece
Thursday, June 11, 2026

08.30-08.45 am	Welcome and Announcements IASO Administ. Representative G. Xepapadakis V. Venizelos F. Schaefer	
08.45-09.00 am	Introduction	K.W. F. Schäfer
09.00-09.15 am	Kick-off Orientation: Tracing the Footsteps of IBUS	E. Durante
09.15-09.45 am	Physics, and Technology of Breast US, and Equipment Optimization	J. Bamber
09.45-10.15 am	Ultrasound Anatomy of the Breast and Axilla	D. Koufoudakis
10.15-10.45 am	BI-RADS Ultra Sound Update	K.W. F. Schäfer
10.45-11.00 am	Coffee break	
11.00-11.30 am	3D Breast Tomosynthesis and implementation of AI	K.W. F. Schäfer
11.30-12.00 pm	Principles and Indications of US-Guided Interventions: Technique, Device and Needle Selection	E. Durante
12.00-12.30 pm	Principles of Localization Devices	A. Munding
12.30-01.00 pm	State of the Art: Doppler and Elastography	J. Bamber
01.00-01.45 pm	Breast Conserving Surgery (BCS) with Localization Device 1	O.R. with video projection
01.45-02.30 pm	Lunch	
02.30-03.00 pm	Greek Experiences with localizing devices	S. Lanitis
03.00-03.30 pm	The Present Role of Contrast Enhanced Mammography (CEM)	A. Munding
03.30-04.00 pm	The Present Role of Breast MRI	A. Vourtsi
04.00-04.30 pm	ABUS Screening: Standalone and as Supplemental to Other Imaging Techniques	E. Aribal
04.30-04.45 pm	Coffee break	
04.45-05.30 pm	Techniques for Scanning the Breast and Axilla	Hands-on
	Equipment Optimization (Knobology)	Faculty
	US- Guided Core Biopsy (on Phantoms)	
05.30-06.15 pm	US- Guided Vacuum Assisted Biopsy (VAB) (on Phantoms)	Hands-on
	Breast Elastography (on Phantoms)	Faculty
	Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) video	
06.15 pm	Closing of the Day	



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Athens, Friday, June 12, 2026

08.30-09.00 am	Breast Density and Risk of Masking: Update of Complementary Breast Imaging	A. Munding
09.00-09.30 am	Clinician's Needs: Ultrasound of Symptomatic Breasts	K.W. F. Schäfer
09.30-10.00 am	Advanced Breast Cancer Staging: Real-World Perspective	E. Durante
10.00-10.30 am	Axillary Staging and New Marker Tools: a Comprehensive Guide	D. Koufoudakis
10.30-10.45 am	Coffee break	
10.45-11.15 am	US-Guided Interventions for Breast Diseases	K.W. F. Schäfer
11.15-11.45 am	Alternative to Core Biopsy: Stereo, DBT, CEM, MRI	E. Aribal
11.45-12.15 pm	Breast Implants: Imaging and Pitfalls	K.W. F. Schäfer
12.15-12.45 pm	BI-RADS Lexicon Update for Mammography and MRI	K. Syrgiannis
12.45-01.45 pm	Breast Conserving Surgery (BCS) with Localization Device 2	O.R. with video projection
01.45-02.30 pm	Lunch	
02.30-03.00 pm	Vacuum Assisted Procedures: from Biopsy to Excision. Indications and Limits	E. Aribal
03.00-03.30 pm	Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) Compared to Conventional Handheld US in Women with Dense Breasts	A. Vourtsi
03.30-04.00 pm	Panel: Personalizing Treatment in Early-Stage Breast Cancer: Evidence Based Decisions with Oncotype DX Chairman: G. Xepapadakis - V. Venizelos	G. Kapetsis
04.00-04.15 pm	Coffee break	
04.15-05.15 pm	Techniques for Scanning the Breast and Axilla	Hands-on
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	US- Guided Core Biopsy (on Phantoms)	
	US- Guided VAB (on Phantoms)	
	Breast Elastography (on Phantoms)	
	Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) video	
05.15-06.15 pm		Hands-on
		Faculty
06.15 pm	Closing of the Day	



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Scientific Program Athens, Saturday, June 13, 2026

08.30-09.00 am	Clinical Problem Solving: Navigating Challenges	D. Koufoudakis
09.00-09.30 am	Emerging Breast Imaging Technologies	J. Bamber
09.30-10.00 am	The Clinician's Need and Expectations from Imaging	V. Venizelos
10.00-10.30 am	Intra-Operative US and Specimen Management: Practical Approach	E. Durante
10.30-10.45 am	Coffee break	
10.45-11.15 am	Artificial Intelligence in Breast Cancer Diagnosis	A. Munding
11.15-11.45 am	ABUS: Problem Solving	E. Aribal
11.45-12.15 pm	Basics of ultrasound for Surgeons' Familiarization in Everyday Practice	L.Papadopoulos
12.15-12.45 pm	High-Risk Lesions: Which Imaging -Guided Management in Non-Palpable Lesions?	E. Durante
12.45-01.30 pm	Panel: Intraoperative Magnetic Localization of Non-Palpable Lesions Chairs: G. Xepapadakis, V. Venizelos	Panelist: E. Bickerton
01.30-02.15 pm	Lunch	
02.15-02.45 pm	The Male Breast	A. Vourtsi
02.45-03.15 pm	Imaging Follow-Up after Breast Conserving Surgery	A. Munding
03.15-03.45 pm	Follow-Up and Staging after NACT	E. Aribal
03.45-04.15 pm	Global Differences in Breast Density and Age-Dependent Incidence: Consequences for Local Cost-Effective Treatment Strategies	A. Munding
04.15-04.30 pm	Coffee break	
04.30-05.15 pm	Techniques for Scanning the Breast and Axilla	Hands-on
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06.00 pm	Announcement for CME Questionnaire on-line	D. Koufoudakis
	Closing of the Course	



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