



**Report of ESSR-KHCC (King Husein Cancer Centre)  
Musculoskeletal Tumor and Sport Course  
Amman / Jordan  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

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**The KHCC ESSR Course took place on September 22 and 23 of 2022 in Amman, the capital of Jordan. The local organizer of the course was Dr. Omar Albtoush, an active ESSR member, MSK imaging consultant, King Hussein Cancer Center, Assistant Professor of MSK imaging, University of Jordan. The Course was held in the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Amman, a perfect site for the event. The meeting was well attended by 150 radiologists from 8 countries including Jordan; Egypt, Bahrain, Italy, Iraq, Oman, Belgium, and Palestine.**



On behalf of all the organizers and the faculty, I would like to thank the ESSR executive team including current and recent Presidents for permitting the organization of the first ever ESSR course in a non-European country.

The program was an intensive course delivered over two full days. The first day consisted of four full sessions covering imaging of bone and soft tissue tumors, classification, tumor-like lesions, imaging guided biopsy and pre and postoperative imaging. Sport imaging was covered on the second day including the upper extremity, lower extremity and spine, with a special focus on sports-related trauma.



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***Omar Albtouch***

The course was a great success due to the excellent planning and organization of the local organizer Dr. Omar Albtouch in close collaboration with the ESSR Tumor Subcommittee. The attendees expressed their satisfaction and appreciation of the outstanding lectures, particularly, the opportunity of direct communication with the speakers after the lectures with a very positive feedback. The organizers felt that this would be a major step in holding such a big specialized congress in Jordan and the middle-east.

The participants and organizers acknowledged the ESSR's efforts in endorsing and supporting this KHCC-ESSR collaboration as it allowed access to European faculty in a more affordable setting and condensed over two days. They also reflected on the value of the discussions regarding the variations in imaging protocols & interventional pathways between different countries in Europe and found that they could incorporate some of these differences into their own practices.

The organization of the course benefitted from the ideas, suggestions



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***Jan Fritz***

and feedback of the local organizer (Omar) as the content of the course was adapted to reflect local needs. This helped deliver a relevant course to the attendees and increased the number of participants interested in attending.

This also helps create bridges between radiologists from different non-European countries and ESSR that can hopefully encourage them to attend & participate in future ESSR meetings.

On a personal note, it was a worthwhile and pleasing experience to get this opportunity to spend a few days with colleagues from the KHCC and get to know more about their countries, practices and their interests, in addition to getting to know more about them on a human level. This reinforces the ethos of the ESSR and enhances communication between like-minded ESSR members. It has been a challenging yet rewarding experience to organize such a course for the first time in a non-European country.

The success of the course has been possible due to the enormous effort from Omar Albtouch, to whom, I would like to offer my gratitude and appreciation, and also due to the great Faculty team which provided such excellent and outstanding sessions.

Last but not least, I would like to congratulate the ESSR and its members for supporting and contributing to such valued educational opportunities that serve to build ties and promote future collaborations between its international members.

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