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Maria Weren has been working for the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society for over 10 years. Previously heading the Department of Board Relations, she helped develop and expand the department for Certification & Accreditation which she has been leading since 2017.

Her departments' projects comprise the organisation of the [European Board of Interventional Radiology \(EBIR\)](#), an examination for Interventional Radiologists. She oversaw the adaptation of several examination formats from featuring written and oral components to full digitalisation. The examination is now available remotely, which allows candidates from all over the world to participate without having to travel to an examination venue.

Maria's department also coordinates **curriculum writing and revision**, making sure to keep the documents up to date with the advances of this dynamic and ever evolving field of modern medicine: The European Curriculum and Syllabus of Interventional Radiology, The European Curriculum and Syllabus of Interventional Oncology, and most recently, The Interventional Radiology Curriculum for Medical Students. The curricula are available for free download on the [CIRSE website](#).

The Certification and Accreditation team is also working with an expert group on the introduction of a **specialist certification**. CIRSE aims to offer documented experience credentialling, starting with the field of Endovascular Therapy.

Her dedicated team and she are also excited to be in charge of [The International Accreditation System for Interventional Oncology Services](#). The IASIOS is a newly established system that allows health care facilities from all over the world to achieve a seal of quality for their IO service line. Managed on a fully digital platform, it is not only intended to further the global IO community but to offer support for confirming, creating and implementing policies and processes that distinguish top-quality IO services. The accreditation is based on the internationally recognised **Standards of Quality Assurance in Interventional Oncology**. These standards set out to establish the highest level of patient care and look at the whole process of patient treatment and what is required to deliver it safely and effectively.

For more information on the IASIOS or the Standards of QA in IO, see www.iasios.org

Maria Weren holds a degree from the University of Vienna in languages and pedagogics. She is interested in education and assessment; process management; emotional intelligence and leadership.