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In 2011, under the coordination of the European Society of Radiology (ESR) all European national radiological societies decided to celebrate the anniversary of Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen's death who first discovered x-rays in 1895. The role of radiology as a diagnostic and interventional procedure in medicine is undeniable, but its perception among the general public and among colleagues performing in other clinical disciplines still needs to be clarified.

This is why the European Society of Radiology, the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) and the American College of Radiology (ACR) joined together to launch an annual international day of radiology.

The date November 8 was chosen because it marks the particular day when Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901 for his discovery.

This year, the topic of cancer detection is tackled with a view at highlighting the leading role of radiology in cancer detection and work-up as well as in the follow-up and management.

A press release about imaging in oncology will be available on the Royal Belgian Radiological Society website.

The world of radiology has never stopped its evolution. It is the role of radiologists to raise public awareness about the importance of their discipline in modern healthcare and the optimal use of radiology.

This is our major challenge for the coming years.

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