



Global Stage Set as Europe's Gynaecological Oncology Experts Convene to Advance Best Practice and Research

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, FEBRUARY 2026 – The 27th European Congress on Gynaecological Oncology will take place from 26-28 February 2026, bringing together over 3,300 specialists at the Bella Center, one of Scandinavia's largest exhibition and convention centres. Hosted annually each spring by the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO), the Congress provides a global platform for gynaecological oncology professionals to exchange knowledge and present cutting-edge research.

New at This Year's Congress

Unique to this year's Congress is the inaugural ESGO Legacy – a new initiative designed to leave behind a positive impact on the host country. It will serve as a two-way knowledge exchange, uniting ESGO expertise with insights from the Danish healthcare system. Attendees to the invite-only session will include gynaecological oncology experts, leaders of national gynaecological oncology societies, representatives from the Danish Medicines Council and Danish Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry, patient advocates, politicians, journalists, and other invited guests.

The voice of the patient will be at the forefront of this year's Congress. Participants from the European Network of Gynaecological Cancer Groups (ENGAGE) will join clinicians in sessions designed to support a holistic, patient-centred approach to cancer care, including the new Grand Rounds, State of the Art sessions and dedicated scientific sessions. ESGO has also introduced an abstract category exclusively for ENGAGE members, providing a platform to showcase their work in patient advocacy.

This year, the Congress will offer a remote attendance option, enabling all team members to attend scientific sessions virtually and reflecting ESGO's commitment to inclusivity and global engagement.

A Programme Focused on Innovation

Under the theme 'The Wind of Innovation in Women's Cancer', speakers from over 30 countries will showcase the latest clinical and scientific advances in gynaecological cancer research, treatment and care. ESGO received a record number of 1,585 abstracts across 17 topics, highlighting the breadth of scientific innovation ahead of this year's Congress.

Over three days, 40+ sessions will be held, including scientific sessions introducing the latest guidelines, live surgeries, multidisciplinary tumour boards, debates, colloquiums and abstract presentations – with most of the programme CME-accredited. Speakers from the European Network of Young Gynaecological Oncologists (ENYGO) feature prominently throughout the programme, providing a platform for the next generation of leaders in the subspecialty.

**ESGO Awards**

During the Presidential and Awards Ceremony, the Helga Salvesen Translational Research Award will be presented to Prof. Frédéric Amant from KU Leuven for his impact on translational research including his groundbreaking work on cancer during pregnancy.

This year, a new award will be presented in honour of Prof. Giovanni Scambia, a visionary leader and exceptional mentor in gynaecological oncology. The award will be presented to Dr. Pedro T. Ramirez from Houston Methodist Hospital in recognition of his outstanding contributions in mentoring the next generation of gynaecological oncologists and empowering future leaders.

Championing Patient Advocacy

Running alongside the Congress, ENGAGE will host its 14th annual Patient Advocacy Seminar, offering participants the opportunity to learn from leading experts in gynaecological oncology through scientific lectures, while also addressing key patient advocacy topics aimed at strengthening the capacity of the ENGAGE network.

The 9th ESGO 2026 Awareness Run & Walk will take place on the Saturday morning in a neighbouring park, raising awareness of early detection of gynaecological cancers and the importance of HPV vaccination, with proceeds from the event donated to an ENGAGE project.

Education at the Heart of ESGO 2026

As in previous years, the ESGO Examination in Gynaecological Oncology will take place the day before the Congress officially opens. The exam provides a high-level assessment of knowledge for physicians treating patients with gynaecological cancers and is a mandatory component of the ESGO Curriculum.

Before, during and after the Congress, eight interactive workshops will be led by world-renowned experts on topics including robotics, surgical anatomy, radiotherapy and ovarian tissue cryopreservation and transplantation.

A Commitment to Sustainability

ESGO 2026 has been carefully planned to reduce the environmental impact of a large international event. A carbon offset fee supports sustainable development projects in low-resource countries, while the Congress venue's environmental certifications ensure responsible hospitality. Most Congress materials are digital, delegates receive a reusable sugarcane water bottle, and all catering is vegetarian. ESGO 2026 is demonstrating how scientific excellence and environmental responsibility can go hand in hand.

**Quotes from Leadership**

"We are thrilled to welcome delegates to our 27th annual Congress – where we will bring together experts from around the world to share groundbreaking research, innovative treatments, and valuable insights. It is a must-attend event for professionals in our community."

Prof. Anna Fagotti (Italy)

ESGO President

"ESGO 2026 will place an increased focus on surgical topics, practical learning and multidisciplinary dialogue – with new formats including Poster Walks and Grand Rounds. This year's programme highlights the ongoing momentum of innovation in gynaecological oncology."

Prof. Viola Heinzelmann-Schwarz (Switzerland)

Scientific Programme Chair

"I am incredibly proud to serve as the Honorary Congress President in my hometown of Copenhagen. This city, rich in history, culture, and innovation, has always been close to my heart, and it is truly an honour to represent and contribute to its vibrant community."

Dr. Mansoor Raza Mirza (Denmark)

Honorary Congress President

About the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology

The European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO) is a not-for-profit association established in 1983. Since its formation, ESGO has developed a strong infrastructure of 3000+ members and a network of early-career doctors, patient advocacy groups, centres of excellence and a variety of research groups across Europe and globally.

ESGO's aim is to improve the health and well-being of women with gynaecological cancers through advocacy, prevention, research, excellence in care and education.

Further Information

All details regarding ESGO 2026, including the full programme, can be found on our website: <https://congress.esgo.org>.

All accepted abstracts will be published as a supplement to the [International Journal of Gynecological Cancer](https://congress.esgo.org).



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