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Dear Prof. Dr. med Norbert Hosten,

It is with great enthusiasm that the International Skeletal Society (ISS) endorses the newly formed subspecialty group of musculoskeletal radiologists in the German speaking countries of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Muskuloskelettale Radiologie e.V. has already attracted a sizeable number of German, Swiss and Austrian radiologists with special interest and expertise in musculoskeletal imaging. Some of these members are prominent members of the ISS, including Klaus Bohndorf (former President ISS), Andreas Heuck, Jürgen Freyschmidt, Josef Kramer, Marco Zanetti, and Claus Muhle.

We believe that this society coincides with the mission statement of the ISS. It is important for a society such as this one to exist to establish the subspecialty of musculoskeletal imaging in the countries represented. This will foster better knowledge, research and camaraderie and strengthen the position of musculoskeletal radiologists in the medical community. Musculoskeletal imaging is currently in a turf battle between radiologists and orthopedists. We believe that it is better for the patient to have well-trained radiologists running and interpreting the imaging sector. The political action efforts of this society can work on this issue, which affects all radiologists. We also expect that this society will stimulate others in these countries to become musculoskeletal imagers and result in more German-speaking individuals who would be eligible to join our organization.

Please accept the unconditional support of the ISS for the formal recognition of the DGFMR by the Board of the German Röntgen Society.

Sincerely,

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President, International Skeletal Society