

HITRIplus Newsletter

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the April 2025 edition of the HITRIplus newsletter!

This spring, we're pleased to share key moments from two significant events that shaped the international dialogue around particle therapy. In early March, the *Hadrontherapy for Life* symposium in Caen brought together global experts to explore the clinical, radiobiological, and technological dimensions of hadron therapy, highlighting the active role of HITRIplus partners in shaping Europe's next steps. Later that month, our community gathered in Podgorica, Montenegro, for the HITRIplus Annual Meeting and the international workshop *Hadrontherapy – From Innovation to Implementation*, reinforcing our commitment to collaboration and equitable access across regions.

Looking ahead, HITRIplus will be featured at the 63rd PTCOG Conference in Buenos Aires, helping bridge borders in particle therapy. And this summer, CERN will host the iFAST Challenge-Based Innovation programme, where students will co-create healthcare solutions using accelerator technologies, partially supported by HITRIplus. As always, we thank you for being part of the HITRIplus network. Your engagement continues to drive our mission to advance research, foster innovation, and improve access to ion beam therapy.

Enjoy the read!

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Hadrontherapy for Life: HITRIplus at the Heart of the Caen Symposium

On 10–11 March, leading experts gathered in Caen for a high-level symposium on clinical and technological advances in hadron therapy. With strong participation from HITRIplus partners, the event showcased Europe's growing collaboration in particle therapy and set the stage for future strategic actions, linking regional ambition with pan-European impact.

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HITRIplus Annual Meeting and Workshop in Podgorica

On 24–25 March 2025, HITRIplus partners and experts gathered in Podgorica for the Annual Meeting and the international workshop *Hadrontherapy – From Innovation to Implementation*. Organised by SEEIIST and the Montenegrin Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation, the event focused on accelerating access to particle therapy through collaboration, clinical experience, and innovation.

Key sessions featured talks from leaders at CNAO, GSI, CERN, MedAustron, HIT, and COSYLAB, covering topics such as FLASH, AI in therapy planning, novel ions, and future accelerator technologies. A strong regional presence reaffirmed the shared commitment to equitable access and scientific integration.

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Upcoming Event: PTCOG 63 in Buenos Aires – A Premier Gathering for Particle Therapy Professionals

Join the 63rd Annual Conference of the **Particle Therapy Co-Operative Group (PTCOG 63)** in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from June 2-7, 2025. With a theme of "Bridging Borders in Particle Therapy," this event will offer in-depth scientific sessions, hands-on workshops, and networking opportunities with global experts. Don't miss HITRIplus's contributions and insights into the future of particle therapy. Register now to secure your spot!

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The poster for the 'Accelerators for healthcare?' challenge. It features a dark blue background with a large title 'Accelerators for healthcare?' in white and pink. Below the title, it says 'Take part in a challenge to imagine new multidisciplinary solutions to address health issues using particle accelerators. All expenses covered with the chance to visit one of CERN's world renowned experiments.' The dates 'From 22 July to 31 July 2025, at CERN' are in a blue box. The application deadline 'Apply now at: ifast-cbi.particle-accelerators.eu' is in white. A QR code is on the right. At the bottom, there are logos for the European Union, CERN, and various partner institutions like HITRI and the Accelerator Group. The text '10-day innovation challenge open to all students PHYSICS ENGINEERING LIFE SCIENCES CHEMISTRY MEDICINE' is also present.

iFAST CBI 2025: Innovation Meets Healthcare with CERN and ESI

The iFAST Challenge-Based Innovation (CBI) programme returns this July, based at the European Scientific Institute (ESI) in Archamps, where students attend lectures and reside throughout the course. As part of the experience, they visit CERN for a day and return for the final conference, where they present their innovative healthcare solutions and the evaluation committee determines the winning teams. With HITRIplus among the supporting partners, the initiative exemplifies the project's commitment to education, innovation, and societal impact.

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