



# EFOMP

## The voice for European Medical Physics

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#### **ICTP: A Medical Physics Training Opportunity for Young Physicists from Developing Countries**

The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP, Trieste, Italy) has announced an ICTP and Trieste University Master in Medical Physics (MPMICTP), a two-years training programme in Medical Physics, co-sponsored by the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS). The first course will be held during the period 1 January 2014-31 December 2015 and will lead to the Master Degree in Medical Physics. The Master Programme is designed to provide young promising graduates in physics or equivalent, mainly from developing countries, with a post-graduated theoretical and clinical training leading to them being able to be recognised as Clinical Medical

Physicist in their countries. The ICTP, a UNESCO educational institution with training initiatives in the area of medical physics like the well known bi-annual College in Medical Physics and several ICTP/IAEA training courses, has developed the Master programme according to the recommendations of IOMP and IAEA for the education and the clinical training. IOMP and IAEA are seeing this initiative as an answer to the growing demand of Medical Physicists in developing Countries and are assuring important scientific and financial support. The first year will be spent in Trieste, Italy, while the second year dedicated to the clinical professional training will be spent in a Medical Physics Department of a hospital of the training network. In the first year 330 hours of lectures and 230 hours of guided exercises are going to be held. There will be an examination at the end of each course. The second year will be spent in a medical physics department

of the hospitals' network for a full time clinical training in radiotherapy, diagnostic and interventional radiology, nuclear medicine and radiation protection. The first year practical and the clinical training will be informed by the IAEA recommendations (TCS37, TCS47 and TCS50). After all courses, the practical and clinical training participants are required to work on a dissertation to be submitted and defended during the last month of the programme. The Master will be awarded by the Trieste University only to those candidates who successfully complete all examinations, the clinical training and other requirements as may be decided upon by the Master Committee. For more info: <http://www.ictp.it/programmes/mmp.aspx>

#### **The new EFOMP website has gone live!!**

The new website of EFOMP has gone live during the summer vacations!!!



## The 20<sup>th</sup> ICMP and 7<sup>th</sup> ECMP 2013

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Brighton!!!

It has an even more modern design; it provides much more space for content and is mobile devices friendly. It is on the most updated site platform. Some of the new features the new EFOMP website also has are: 1) It has pages that resize automatically on different devices with different resolutions. 2) The front page gives a nice overview of EFOMP's interests and involvements. 3) It has a navigation without multi level menus. It is easy for the visitor to find where new information has been added or where updates have been done. Please visit the new website of EFOMP and let us have your feedback!! <http://www.efomp.org/>

### First EFOMP School for MPEs in Prague

The first EFOMP School for MPEs "Clinical Medical Device Management: Specification, Acceptance testing, Commissioning, QC and Advanced applications in Whole-body PET/CT" held in Prague, July 4 - July 6, was a great success. The Czech Association of Medical

Physicists, EFOMP and Department of Dosimetry and Application of Ionizing Radiation of Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague collaborated for this event. The school was accredited by EFOMP with 38 CPD points. Over 40 applicants (43 students) from countries all across Europe participated in the School (60% Western Europe, 40%, East Europe). The great majority of participants chose to sit for the examination at the end. The test was MCQ based and open book.

### EMAN Network: ESR, EFRS, EFOMP continue collaboration

After successful conclusion of the EC-funded Tender project to establish a European Medical ALARA Network, the European Society of Radiology (ESR), the European Federation of Radiographer Societies (EFRS) and the European Federation of Organisations of Medical Physics (EFOMP) decided to ensure sustainability of the EMAN network and signed a

relevant Letter of Intent. Dissemination and outreach play a key role in contributing to an effective safety culture in the medical sector. Two Newsletters have been released. The first was just an announcement of activities; the second was written by Renato Padovani and some of the MP partners of WG3; the third is under development. For downloading the newsletters and other information go to: <http://www.eman-network.eu/>

### Who won the EFOMP elections??

The Postal Ballot on EFOMP officer's elections ended on 31st of July. 33 votes received (67%). From the EFOMP NMOs delegates (49), 16 delegates did not express their votes. The results are: Vice President: 1) John Damilakis from HAMP, Greece, Treasurer, Jeff Hand from IPEM, UK, Education & Training Vice Chair Alberto Torresin from AIFM, Italy and EU Matters Committee Vice Chair Jenia Vassileva from BSBPE, Bulgaria. Those who are elected will take up their posts from 1st January 2014.