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Teresa Eudaldo: the new Honorary Member of EFOMP

EFOMP has the pleasure to inform you that the Council has unanimously decided that Prof Teresa Eudaldo has been elected an Honorary Member of EFOMP for her important contribution to the advancement of Medical Physics in Europe and worldwide. Prof Eudaldo will attend the next EFOMP Conference where she will lecture on her work.

Serbia becomes a member of the EFOMP family

The postal ballot on the request by the Serbian Association of Medical Physicists (SAMP) to become the EFOMP NMO for Serbia EFOMP has ended on 30th of November. From the 45 EFOMP NMOs delegate 32 votes were received and 13 delegates did not express their votes. EFOMP is pleased to announce that there was unanimous support for the

application of SAMP and it is now officially an EFOMP member. We warmly welcome Serbia to the EFOMP “family” and we hope to have a fruitful collaboration.

EFOMP in Sofia

EFOMP holds a number of administrative meetings each year, so what is happening at them? The Board of Officers, meet face-to-face twice a year. One meeting is usually in Spring and the other in Autumn, when we also have a meeting of Council. At other times we have virtual meetings. This year the autumn Officers’ Meeting was held in Sofia and hosted by the Bulgarian Society. It is traditional for EFOMP to hold its annual scientific meeting, EMPEC, at the same time and this year we held it in conjunction with 11th National Conference of the Bulgarian Society of Medical Physics and Engineering. So apart from receiving very generous hospitality from the hosts and our sincere thanks go to Peter Trindev and Jenia Vassileva, what else do we do? The simple answer is that the officers work very hard and for long hours,

and below is just a sample of the matters we deal with. Part of the meeting is concerned with ensuring that EFOMP continues to function effectively. Finance is, not surprisingly, a regular item on the agenda. We depend largely on the money we receive in subscriptions from the NMOs and so we need to keep an eye on who has failed to pay. Much of the work of EFOMP is done by the committees so the chairs of each committee are asked to make bids for funding to allow them to carry out their work. Needless to say the aspirations of committees usually exceed our funds and so the officers must reach some sort of compromise. In recent years we have been working closely with societies, such as EANM and ESMRMB, to ensure that we work together when our areas of interest overlap, rather than in competition. This year we had a joint session with ESMRMB on “Advanced MRI and MRS imaging for radiation planning” at their 2012 Congress. To facilitate this we have set up a number of memoranda of agreement. Currently we are working on one with ESTRO. We have been looking at CPD and



Sofia October 2012

EFOMP meets IOMP in the official dinner of the EMPEC conference enjoying the generous hospitality from the hosts.

the way EFOMP accredits external courses, workshops and conferences was discussed. Concern was expressed about the resources necessary if EFOMP were to be involved in the accreditation of the great number of educational events that take place throughout the NMO membership. Discussion took place on just what role EFOMP should take and to what degree it should be involved in the general administration of CPD throughout Europe. EFOMP would eventually be drawn into accreditation of education and training for MP/MPE and that it would be prudent to start to address the issue. A paper will be prepared for the next meeting that identified the problems associated with CPD so that the issue could be debated and resolved. Of course the most important part of our meeting is Council since EFOMP is for the benefit of the NMOs, not the Officers!

*Prof. Peter F Sharp OBE
President of EFOMP*

Project proposal submitted to the FP7 Fission- 2013

At the annual meeting in Sofia Council decided to submit a project proposal to the Fission-2013 call (deadline for submission was Nov 13, 2012). The project that we

submitted was named 'EUTEMPE-RX' with the objectives: (1) to create a network of excellent teaching centres that will prepare courses at a sufficiently high level to bring the medical physicist in Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology to the level of MPE, (2) to set up a multi campus Educational and Training platform (for course material, on-line teaching activities, etc) and (3) to have the course either accredited or to serve as an example in as many Member States as possible. In order to strengthen our application, we addressed the representatives of all our NMO's to seal their support. The response has been impressive. We have interpreted this as a sign that the project proposal would indeed be filling a significant gap. At the same time, 4 large medical device companies also expressed their interest. As soon as we have news regarding eventual funding, we shall let you know.

*Prof Hilde Bosmans
EFOMP Projects Committee Chair*

EUROMAR 2013 in Crete, Greece

The EUROMAR 2013 is going to be held in Crete, Greece 30 June-5 July 2013. It is hosting a parallel Colloque Ampere on Advances in Solid State

Broadband MR during the same period. A satellite COST-European Network on Spin Hyperpolarization Physics and Methodology in NMR and MRI meeting will also take place at the same venue. More info: <http://www.euromar2013.org>

ICMP 2013—an update

The organising committee is having weekly telephone conferences as the pressure is increasing to put flesh on the bones of the meeting. Guest speakers are being approached and we hope to have a "science media personality" for the opening ceremony. While looking to the future, we are also using the conference to acknowledge the contributions that have been made in the past. This is particularly relevant as the conference is also the celebrating the 50th anniversary of IOMP, of which EFOMP is a member. The entrance area of the conference will have a series of posters showing medical physicists who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of medical physics over the last 50 years. A letter has gone out to all NMOs asking them to nominate suitable people. So if you have any ideas then please make sure that your NMO responds.