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EFOMP School for MPEs July 4 - July 6, 2013 Prague

The Czech Association of Medical Physicists in collaboration with EFOMP and Department of Dosimetry and the Application of Ionizing Radiation at the Czech Technical University in Prague would like to invite you to the EFOMP School for Medical Physics Experts in Prague this summer. The school will be aimed at advanced tasks related to PET/CT-from specification of PET/CT system properties to image reconstruction, fusion and evaluation. The school is accredited by EFOMP and is intended for practicing clinical Medical Physicists who want to become an MPE in Nuclear Medicine. It will be held in English; for more information please go to: www.csfm.cz/Summer2013.html.

MPE project in its final stage

As you all will probably know, the MPE project is in its final

stage. A guidance document is being developed as the outcome of this project. The document contains recommendations on harmonising MPE education, training and recognition requirements in the European Union. It also makes recommendations for the most appropriate education and training framework, based on the European Higher Education Area and on the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning, and proposes detailed syllabuses for the MPE education and training (Annex 1). Recommendations on the MPE staffing levels necessary to ensure adequate radiation protection of patients, depending on the size and type of the radiological practice are also given (Annex 2). It is our hope that it will support the harmonisation of MPE approaches among the Member States and contribute to a continuous improvement of patient radiation safety. The latest versions of these documents are now uploaded on the EFOMP website.

Postal Ballot on EFOMP

Constitution Changes

As you all know, the European Commission makes a distinction between Medical Physicist and Medical Physics Expert (MPE). In the need to clarify that we are the sole representatives of MPEs in Europe, the EFOMP board decided that two modifications (shown in upper case) should be made in the EFOMP constitution, specifically in articles 4c and 4d. Article 4c: "... encouraging scholarships and the exchange of Medical Physicists AND MEDICAL PHYSICS EXPERTS" and Article 4d: "...proposing and developing guidelines for education, training and accreditation programmes for MEDICAL PHYSICISTS AND MEDICAL PHYSICS EXPERTS". The postal ballot closed on 29th of January 2013. The results of the vote are as follows: EFOMP NMOs delegates: 47, 40 votes received (40 yes), 7 delegates did not vote. The Council has now approved the EFOMP constitution changes.

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Officers meeting in Mechelen, February 2013

EFOMP officers at work, during the Belgium Hospital Physicist Association (BHPA) meeting.

the work of improving ALARA in the medical field, an EMAN network will continue, its core group consisting of the European Society of Radiology (ESR), EFOMP and the European Federation of Radiographers (EFRS). The various stakeholders and observers will have their first meeting with the Steering committee of the network at the next ECR conference in Vienna.

An update on the ICMP 2013

The EFOMP provides several Awards/Bursaries to help pay for the ICMP registration fee. Applicants meeting the special requirements are encouraged to apply. To be considered for this award, please download the form and submit the separate application.../Local Settings/Temporary Internet Files/Content.Outlook/02KLK OWS/(<http://www.icmp2013.org/grants-and-bursaries/>). The purpose of this award is to make it possible for a medical physicist who is at an early stage of his/her career and who is a member of a National Member Organization of EFOMP to participate in the International Conference of Medical Physics 2013. The value of the award will be the registration fee. Travel and subsistence costs are the responsibility of the applicant

and cannot be funded by EFOMP. Furthermore, it is intended to acknowledge the contribution made by medical physicists to healthcare by having a display of posters in the conference foyer. National and regional medical physics organizations are invited to nominate medical physicists, and other closely related professionals, who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of medical physics and healthcare through research, clinical developments, education and training activities, service development, and to professional matters over the last 50 years. Nominations will also be accepted from other organizations and individuals. Whilst in most cases the contribution will be of international importance, there may be individuals who have made such a significant contribution nationally or regionally that they should be recognized. Deadline for this is 1st March. As far as the conference program is concerned, the provisional version is now available and speakers currently confirmed include: Peter Marsden, Molly Stevens, David Sutton, Colin Martin, Jeremy Williams, Filip Vanhavere, Heiner Boetticher, Steve Ebdon-Jackson, Rolf Behrens, Fridtjof Nuesslin and Brian Hutton. For more info

please visit the conference website (<http://www.icmp2013>).

EFOMP board meeting in Mechelen, Belgium

The 28th Annual Symposium of the Belgian Hospital Physicist Association took place in the heart of Mechelen on February 1st and 2nd, 2013. The symposium included a joint session with BVRO/ABRO, the Belgian Association of Radiation Oncologists, one of the sister societies. BHPA also kindly offered to host the Board Meeting of EFOMP and we took the opportunity to present a session at the conference describing the work that EFOMP was doing. These presentations will soon be available on the EFOMP website. The EFOMP board is grateful for the generous hospitality shown by the BHPA.

8th EMPEC in Athens, September 2014

The EFOMP board and the Hellenic Association of Medical Physicists (HAMP) have agreed to hold the 8th EMPEC in Athens in September 2014. It will be quite a challenge after the ICMP conference in Brighton but nevertheless we are hoping to see all the members of EFOMP in Athens next year!