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ANNOUNCEMENT

A NEW WG ON MRI SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS OPEN FOR MEMBER CANDIDATES

The EFOMP hereby announces a new Working Group (WG) entitled “**Revision of EFOMP PS14 - Safety of MRI**”. The WG will operate under Scientific Committee from June 2019 to June 2020.

The rationale of the WG is to outline the development of a Safety Management System for MRI units. The Policy Statement can help eliminate or at least minimize accidents or incidents in the magnetic resonance environment and is recommended as a step towards harmonisation of safety of workers, patients, and the general public regarding the use of magnetic resonance imaging systems in diagnostic and interventional procedures.

The planned chair of the WG is Dr. Simone Busoni (IT).

The expected outcome is a revision of “The European Federation of Organisations for Medical Physics Policy Statement No 14: The role of the Medical Physicist in the management of safety within the magnetic resonance imaging environment: EFOMP recommendations”.

The targeted audience is EFOMP members, NMOs, medical physicist community in general, and radiology professionals.

According to the EFOMP policy, the WG members, consultants and observers will be nominated after this announcement and recruitment procedure. The announcement will be published on the EFOMP website for a period of three months in order to get notified by the potential WG member candidates within the medical physics community.

Based on the interested candidates, the WG members will be nominated by the EFOM Board. WG members have to form an efficient and balanced composition of expertise and professional coverage.

Some general rules in the WG member recruitment will be followed:

- a) The geographical distribution of the active members is crucial in order to widely represent the European community.
- b) The chair of the parent committee may seek potential participants to WGs from the members of the EFOMP parent committee with appropriate expertise and professional profile.
- c) Joint WGs with other scientific organizations can be proposed as long as the participation from the different societies is well balanced.
- d) “Members” identifies the active core of the WG. Other participants are indicated as “consultants” or “observers”.

WG will provide regular progress reporting at least twice a year by email. The reporting will be submitted to all WG members, the chair of parent committee and secretary of the parent committee who will convey the progress report among the EFOMP Board members. The progress report



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will declare how the WG has adhered to the planned objectives, methods, milestones and deadlines.

Send your WG membership applications here: sciencecommittee@efomp.org.

The time period for accepting nominations is from 4th December 2018 to 4th March 2019.

References:

- Link to the previous 2012 publication:
https://www.efomp.org/uploads/policy_statement_nr_14.pdf
- EFOMP Guideline for New Working Groups (WG):
https://www.efomp.org/uploads/files/EFOMP_manual_02102018.pdf#page=58

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Chair of the Scientific committee