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News from EFOMP: Do we have enough?

We all know the successful Newsletter of EFOMP, the European Medical Physics News (EMPN), which is produced twice per year and brings to you the latest scientific and interesting information within Europe. It is circulated electronically to subscribers as well as the NMOs. The last 2 years, another EFOMP letter is also produced to keep you updated with all the news and updates. It is a short news sheet circulated amongst subscribers at more frequent intervals than EMPN (February, April, June, September and November). EFOMP wishes to bring the medical physics societies even closer together within Europe. Therefore, all national member societies, as well as individual members are strongly encouraged to send us information about

important news or events happening in their country. For those interested, please send your contribution to the Communications and Publications Committee. (pubcommittee@efomp.org)

Virginia Tsapaki

Com and Public com Chair

ACCIRAD: an update

ACCIRAD is an EU-funded project, (Contract code: ENER/11/NUCL/S12.612180), to study, for external beam radiotherapy practices, the implementation of Article 11 of Council Directive 97/43/EURATOM (Medical Exposure Directive, MED) which requires Member States to ensure all reasonable steps are taken to reduce the probability and magnitude of accidental or unintended doses to patients from radiological practices. A workshop, organized by the Greater Poland Cancer Centre was being held on 4-6 June 2013 in Poznań, Poland. The workshop discussed the national experiences, legal provisions, classifications and

reporting processes in the implementation of Article 11 of the MED. Further discussions are to be held concerning EU Member States Policy for risk management, innovations in risk management, preventive measures, lessons learnt and education and training on risk management in radiotherapy. A specific outcome expected from the ACCIRAD project will be the production of guidelines that use a risk based approach to reduce the probability and magnitude of accidental and unintended exposures in external beam radiotherapy.

Stephen Evans

Project's Com Vice chair

EFOMP-ESTRO: MoU signed

EFOMP recognizes the value of developing strong working relationships with other societies working in the field of medical physics or related subjects. For this purpose it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a number of organizations.



EFOMP and ESTRO MoU

The chair of EFOMP Scientific Committee, Alberto Torresin, with the President of ESTRO, Vincenzo Valentini, while signing the EFOMP ESTRO MoU in ESTRO 2013.

Through these MoU, the cooperation with the European Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology (ESMRMB) and the European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM) was defined the last years. During the 2013 European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO) Conference in Geneva, the final version on MoU was signed by the two Presidents of EFOMP and ESTRO and the Chairperson of EFOMP Science Committee and ESTRO Physics Committee. This is the last action of the Task Group which had the duty of writing a MoU in which EFOMP and ESTRO defined the general frame of cooperation.

The two societies share areas of common interest, particularly in the area of interdisciplinary approaches to the application of physics in medicine and the aim of the MoU is to formalize the existing collaboration between the societies, with the intention of enhancing the relationship between the two Societies. The cooperation involves the ESTRO Physics

Committee and the EFOMP Science Committee, the ESTRO Education and Training Committee and the EFOMP Education and Training Committee. The relevant ESTRO and EFOMP Committees will have mutual representatives by invitation inside the Committees to harmonize the activities inside the common Medical Physics Communities. The content of the MoU will be reviewed regularly every 4 years and amended as needed. Your comments and future indications are very important in order to improve the multidisciplinary cooperation with other scientific societies within Europe. The next few weeks you will be able to download all the MoU through the EFOMP web pages.

Alberto Torresin
Chair of Science Committee

Hospital Governance: Deadline extended

National member societies are kindly requested to provide with a brief description of the governance systems of the hospitals in their country and

the role, if any, medical physicists have in such governance systems.

The extended deadline now is **15 June 2013**. Please send your feedback to Marco Brambilla, Secretary General of EFOMP (office@efomp.org)

ICMP 2013: An update

Just to remind you that this is the 20th International Conference on Medical Physics and Biomedical engineering (ICMP) in Brighton, UK (1st-4th September) hosted, on behalf of the IOMP, by the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine. It is also the VIIIth EFOMP conference. The abstract submission is now closed. Approximately 400 papers were submitted. Final work is currently being done on the programme in preparation for its release soon. The proceedings of the conference will be published in the second issue of Medical Physics International (MPI) journal in August 2013. It seems that we are going to have an outstanding conference. See you all there!! For more info please visit the conference website:

www.icmp2013.org