



EFOMP News

European Federation of Organisations for Medical Physics

Dear colleagues:

as President of EFOMP, I would like to welcome you to this first EFOMP NEWS at European Radiology, one of four EFOMP sponsored scientific journals! Besides the overview of the structure, goals and regular activities of EFOMP, I would like to point out some of EFOMP's achievements to you. The most recent information is available through EFOMP's webpage at www.efomp.org.

EFOMP has been running a well established refresher course and scientific program, including a **workshop** organized by EFOMP, at the **European Congress of Radiology** for more than 10 years. Significant collaborations on scientific and professional issues have been also established with the European Association of Radiology. As one of the most rewarding result in 2004, EFOMP has finalized its sponsorship of the European Radiology Journal and has nominated one representative on the Advisory Editorial Board. There is a significant need to increase the attention by EFOMP to scientific issues not only in connection with sister societies, but especially in relation to the entire Medical Physics community. One of the main instruments is the biennial **EFOMP congress**. In this respect the ICMP2005 (International Conference on Medical Physics 2005) to be held in **Nuremberg in**

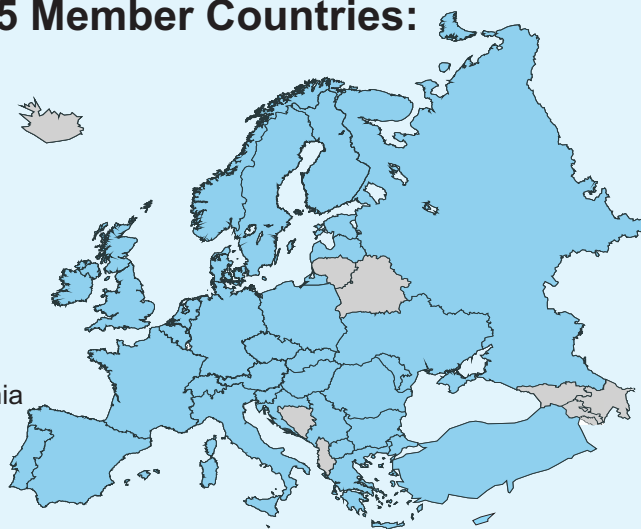
September 14-17, 2005 (that comprises the IX EFOMP Congress), is a step forward in that direction. EFOMP has successfully participated to the EU FP5 funded project **EMIT** on e-learning materials (devoted to Non-ionizing Radiations). This program has been completed and has been given the **Leonardo da Vinci Award by the EC**. The outcome of the EMIT program together with the available materials from the previous **EMERALD** project (devoted to Ionizing Radiations) is a very valuable instrument for the training and education of the medical physicists. EFOMP is an official partner of the Coordination Action **SENTINEL**, "Safety and Efficacy for New Techniques and Imaging using New Equipment to Support European Legislation", that has been funded within the EU-FP6 program. The role of EFOMP will not only be to help in gathering the data during the survey step, but also to distribute the information and the results of the project to all member states.

In 2005 is the 25th Anniversary of the Foundation of EFOMP. A ceremony will be held on the occasion of the EFOMP council meeting at Nuremberg. I hope all of you will celebrate this anniversary with us at Nuremberg!

Alberto del Guerra (EFOMP President)

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The **aims** of EFOMP in the field of medical physics as set in its constitution are:

- ◆ **Fostering** and co-ordinating the activities of Member Organisations...
- ◆ **Encouraging Exchanges** between Member Organisations and disseminating professional and scientific information...
- ◆ **Encouraging scholarships** and the exchange of Medical Physicists between countries
- ◆ **Proposing guidelines** for education, training and accreditation programmes
- ◆ **Making recommendations** on the appropriate general responsibilities...
- ◆ **Encouraging the formation of organisations** for Medical Physics where such organisations do not exist

The principal group of members of EFOMP are the National Medical Physics Organisations (NMOs). In addition, EFOMP has Honorary Members - individual medical physicists who have made a significant contribution to the field -, and industrial members, who are commercial companies who wish to support the Federation.

The ruling body of EFOMP is the **Council**, which meets annually.

The Council elects a **Board of Officers**, responsible for the running of the Federation in accordance with Council's wishes.

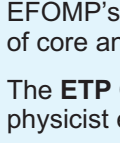
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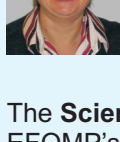
President: Alberto Del Guerra, Pisa, Italy (2003-2005, Past-President: 2006-2007)



Vice-President: Wolfgang Schlegel, Heidelberg, Germany (2005, President: 2006-2008)



Treasurer: Peter Sharp, Aberdeen, **United Kingdom** (2004-2006)



Secretary General: Suzanne Naudy, Dijon, France (2003-2005)



EFOMP's officers chair the five Committees consisting of core and corresponding members:

The **ETP Committee** deals with issues of medical physicist education and training, responsibilities and roles. The successful EFOMP and ESI Euro. School on Medical Physics is organised largely by ETP-Committee working groups.

Chaired by Teresa Eudaldo, Barcelona, Spain (2004-2006)

The **Scientific Committee** is responsible for EFOMP's activities in fostering the science of medical physics. It organises conferences and congresses - generally through nominating members to program and

organising committees - and liaises with external scientific organisations.

Chaired by Stelios Christofides, Nicosia, Cyprus (2005-2007)

The **Standing Committee on Registration Matters** implements and

develops EFOMP's registration scheme in order to harmonise national registration schemes. Chaired by Kjeld Olsen, Herlev, Denmark (2003-2005)

The **Committee on European Union Affairs**



recognises the growing importance of EU policies to medical physicists in EU- and non-EU countries.

Chaired by Jose Hernández-Armas, Tenerife, Spain (2004-2006)

The **Communications and Publications Committee**



is responsible for disseminating information, both to EFOMP members and to a wider public. Chaired by Markus Buchgeister, Tübingen, Germany (2003-2005). The chairman is also the webmaster of the EFOMP web site

Bursaries and Travel Awards:

The EFOMP **ESMP Bursary** for Young Physicists covers the registration fee for one week of the European School of Medical Physics at Archamps.

Visits to Medical Physics departments of another member country of EFOMP are supported by the EFOMP **Travel Award** for Young Physicists. In the year of the EFOMP Congress, this bursary is given as **Congress Award** to support Young physicists attending the EFOMP Congress.

More details are available on the **EFOMP web site** at <http://www.efomp.org> !

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