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8th ECMP 2014 in Athens

After the successful 7th ECMP, held together with ICMP in Brighton this September and graced with surprisingly lovely weather, preparations for the 8th European Conference on Medical Physics are now well underway. The conference is going to be held on 11-13th September in Athens, Greece, and is hosted by the Hellenic Association of Medical Physics (HAMP) together with EFOMP. Abstract submission opened on 1st November. The EFOMP Board and Council meeting will also take place in Athens. As Athens is the birthplace of classical Greece, offering some of the best urban walking routes in Europe, you will have the opportunity not only to attend a high-quality scientific meeting, but also to enjoy a late summer tour around the city. The Argosaronic islands that are sprinkled over the Argosaronic Gulf and are steeped in

ancient mythology are an ideal destination for a post-conference short escape. More info can be found at: <http://www.efomp-2014.gr/>

What is Eutempe-RX?

It is the new 3-year European project that EFOMP is involved in. Its main goal is to create a standard programme of 12 courses for the medical physicist to be trained to EQF level 8, on a range of topics, with radiation safety and efficacy being prevalent in the course topics. This will be achieved by the project consortium that groups teachers in European centres of excellence along with specialists in education and teaching and professional organisations. An e-learning platform with online lectures, audio and video files, self-assessment tests, online discussion groups, etc will be set up for this purpose. Using this platform face-to-face contact can be reduced making the courses more accessible and more sustainable. This platform will

also run some preparatory sessions prior to the actual course modules. A website is under development to attract participants.

The new EFOMP and QC in digital mammography: "Keep it simple"

One of the aims of the EFOMP, as stated in its constitution, is to encourage exchanges between the National Member Organisations and disseminate professional and scientific information through publications and meetings. With the recent formation of Special Interest Groups (SIG), it is now possible for EFOMP to publish scientific documents on topics of special interest such as scientific guidelines, quality assurance and quality control protocols, and monographs on particular topics in medical physics. By the end of the year an announcement will be made of the first EFOMP document in a series on quality control protocols, developed by a Task Force under the Mammography SIG.



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The main objective of this document is to develop a minimum set of easily implemented quality control tests on digital mammography systems that can be used to assure the performance of a system within a set and acceptable range. It is expected to be applicable on a large scale, supporting the harmonization of quality controls throughout Europe so allowing results to be compared. The document will be available in electronic format, together with software tools for data analysis, on the EFOMP web site. A presentation of the document has been given during ICMP 2013.

Registration schemes submission deadline is extended

Due to changes within the EU regarding, the MPE Guidelines and its requirement for CPD, the current EFOMP Policy No. 6 “Recommended guidelines of National Registration Schemes for Medical Physicists” is under revision. The EFOMP Council decided to extend the approval period for any national schemes that

have expired or are about to expire, until 31/12/2014. It is, however, important that the basic tenets of the current approval standards will remain and will form the backbone of the revised guidelines i.e.:1) A clear statement of the aims of the scheme, 2) a properly constituted Registration Council, 3) a clear statement of criteria of scientific knowledge and practical competencies for inclusion on the Register, 4) evidence that there is a training programme that is consistent with the EFOMP policy statements on training, 5) a regular renewal mechanism with a requirement for evidence of continuing activity professional development (CPD) and finally 6) agreed rules of Professional Conduct.

Place your job advert on the new EFOMP website for FREE

It is becoming increasingly important that medical physicists have easy access to job adverts within or outside Europe. In response to this need for a quick and simple way to access such adverts,

EFOMP has devoted a special section in the new EFOMP website: “Jobs”. EFOMP considers this an important service to its members and therefore there is no charge for placing an advert on the site. The section has also useful links to other relevant NMO sections.
<http://www.efomp.org/index.php/component/content/article/83-staticcontent/123-job-opportunities>

What does an NMO Representative do?

As you know, EFOMP is a federation of societies. The Board of Officers act on behalf of the members but they are responsible to Council. It is Council that decides upon what EFOMP should be doing to best benefit medical physics in Europe and Council consists of representatives of the NMOs. So NMO representatives have a crucial role to play in the operation of EFOMP. To help representatives understand what is expected, EFOMP has produced a job description. It is available on the EFOMP website. Look under Manual, where you will also find job descriptions of all officers.