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 Asso-
ciation 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 Radi-
ations) 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 Legisla-
tion”, that has been funded within the EU-FP6 pro-
gram. 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)

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 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.

The current Officers of EFOMP are:

- **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:

- **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)

- **Scientific Committee**: 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)

- **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 for Young Physicists. In the year of the EFOMP Congress, this bursary is given to support Young physicists attending the EFOMP Congress.

More details are available on the EFOMP web site at [http://www.efomp.org](http://www.efomp.org)

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