



# Education & Training Committee

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# Education & Training Committee Composition

## COMPOSITION of the Committee:

- the Chairperson,
- the Vice Chairperson or Past Chairperson,
- the Secretary,
- the Chairperson of the Professional Matters Committee,
- the Chairperson of the Science Committee,
- members appointed by NMOs,
- the Council of EFOMP may invite, as appropriate, relevant outside bodies to appoint a liaison officer to the committee.

If there are areas of special interest in a particular field of Education and Training in Medical Physics, **Special Interest Groups (SIG)** consisting of individual Medical Physicists can be initiated within the Education & Training Committee. For details see EFOMP Manual.

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## Election of chairperson, nomination of members

The **Vice Chairperson of the Committee** will be elected by the EFOMP Council and will **serve for one year**. He/she will then become **Committee Chairperson for two years**. Upon completion of this term of office he/she will become **Past Chairperson for a further one year**.

The members of the Committee will elect one of their members as the Secretary for a three year term of office.

**Nominations of NMO members** are done directly through the committee chair.

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# Education & Training Committee

## Main tasks and purpose

As stated in the Terms of Reference in the EFOMP manual:

**Work in the field of education and training shall be conducted by the E&T Committee**

The ET Committee is responsible to the Council of the Federation for encouraging National Member Organisations to **facilitate practitioners' attainment of competence and excellence in the application of physical sciences to medicine**. It is also responsible for **coordinating** across the National Member Organisations the **establishment and maintenance of the means of recognition of competence and excellence** of those working as medical physicists.

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- Specification of **acceptable education training** and **continuing professional development schemes**.
  - Responsibility in conjunction with the Scientific Committee for the **organisation of EFOMP educational activities** and **seminars to enhance the education, competence and continuing professional development of Medical Physicists** across Europe.
  - **Formation of training links with other professional bodies**  
(e.g. AAMP, ESTRO, ESR, ESMRMB, EANM, IAEA)
  - Management of the **EFOMP Travel Award and educational bursaries**.
  - Contributing to the **Education, Training and CPD of other Healthcare Professions in cooperation with the corresponding committees** of the respective professions.
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# Education & Training Committee

## Communication and reports

Besides the regular e-mail communication within the EFOMP board, the chairman of the **E&T committee reports to EFOMP board twice a year** on progress of work within the committee, new actions as well as estimations of the required budget in its EFOMP **officers report form** collected by the SG prior to the officers meetings. An actions list is maintained within the board for tracking assigned tasks to EFOMP officers.

The communication within the E&T committee is usually via **e-mail and/or video-telephone-conference**. **Face-to-face meetings** are usually scheduled in breaks at the EFOMP council meetings, where committee members are present, who are also NMO delegates.

It is a good habit to report about committee activities in the **EFOMP's European Medical Physics News (EMPNews)**.



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## European Congress for Medical Physics (ECMP)

The biannual ECMP is organised by a **Congress Programme Committee (CPC)** consisting of **one chair and 6 members**, thereof **one nominated by the hosting NMO**, five by EFOMP, and a **Local Organising Committee (LOC)**.

The typical contributions of the E&T Committee are **Focus Sessions on Education and Training in Medical Physics** and **Refresher Courses**.

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## European School for Medical Physics Experts (ESMPE)

The ESMPE will organise **Medical Physics education and training events** specifically **targeted towards Medical Physicists who are already MPEs or would like to achieve MPE status**. These are usually courses on an extended weekend covering the field of Medical Physics in Radiology (cooperation with COCIR), Nuclear Medicine (cooperation with EANM), Radiotherapy and other areas of interest. **In years of ECMP**, these can also be **satellite workshops before/after the congress**.

The **chairperson as well as the vice-/past-chairperson of the E&T Committee** (and those of the Science Committee, too) are **members of the ESMPE board**. For further details see the **ESMPE quality manual** on the EFOMP website.

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## EFOMP e-learning platform

EFOMP will maintain an **e-learning platform** to further **distribute content of courses at the ESMPE as video recordings and/or PDFs**. Providers of the content have to guarantee in written that this content is free of any copyright protected content. Besides this passive content, also **active e-learning content** in form of **interactive material and tests** could be possible media on this platform as developed by the E&T Committee and its collaborating organisations or societies.

Access to the content will be limited as decided by the EFOMP board.

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## For information: European Examination Board (EEB)

The EEB was founded by EFOMP. In many of EFOMP's NMOs a local examination board has not been established. In order to facilitate the **harmonization of Medical Physics standards throughout Europe**, so facilitating the mobility of Medical Physicists, the EEB has been established. It is not the intention of the EEB to compete with any national examination board, although a **harmonisation towards a common training test** is encouraged thus **fulfilling the requirements of paragraph 2 of article 49b of Chapter IIIA of Directive 2013/55/EU**.

The **membership of the EEB** is made up of **seven (7) individual MPEs appointed by the EFOMP Board of Directors**, to include **at least two from each of the three main disciplines** (radiotherapy, nuclear medicine and diagnostic & interventional radiology). The **EEB will be directly responsible to the EFOMP Board of Directors**.

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For information:

**European Board for Accreditation in Medical Physics (EBAMP)**

**History of EBAMP:**

The EBAMP was founded by EFOMP as an independent institution, which is now responsible for **accreditation of CPD activities** since November 2016. Before this used to be a task of the Professionals Committee.

The E&T Committee should keep the **accreditation of CPD activities with EBAMP** in mind **when organising EFOMP educational events.**

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## Links to other societies and institutions

The E&T Committee shall seek good cooperation with educational committees of NMOs, as well as other institutions or working groups of societies that are related to the education and training of Medical Physicists like:

- ESTRO Physics Committee
  - EANM
  - IAEA
  - EUTEMPE network
  - ITCP
  - AAPM Education Council, and Committee on Medical Physicists as Educators
  - ...
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# Last thoughts

- **All work are performed on voluntary basis involving persons with fulltime jobs. Therefore, allow sufficient time to react on requests and exchange of information.**
  - Is good to keep in contact with committee members regularly.
  - Maintain adequate communication with other Officers and especially the President and Secretary General, in order to keep others duly informed of any new developments or proposals that needs to be reviewed or approved.
  - Maintain good documentation of E&T Committee activities in order to facilitate the transfer of information and orientation of the new Chairperson when the Chair period concludes.
  - **Take time to read the EFOMP Manual and the recent Chairperson's report to the EFOMP board.**
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# Abbreviations

**AGM** – Annual General Meeting

**CM** – Council Meeting

**OM** – Officers Meeting

**E&T** – Education and Training

**EBAMP** – European Board for Accrediation in  
Medical Physics

**EEB** – European Examination Board

**EJMP** – European Journal of Medical Physics

**EMPNews** – European Medical Physics News

**ESMPE** – European School for Medical  
Physics Experts

**MP** – Medical Physics / Physicist

**MPE** – Medical Physics Expert

**NMO** – National Member Organisation

**PS No.** – Policy Statement No.

**SIG** – Special Interest Group

**WG** – Working Group