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Yimin Hu, President, AFOMP

Dear All,

On the occasion of the transition of the Chinese Snail to the Horse year, on behalf of AFOMP, it is with my great pleasure, I congratulate your achievements in and contributions to Asia-Pacific medical physics in the past year ! The medical physicists from Asian-Pacific region and its

AFOMP PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

organization of AFOMP have punt in great effort and made big contributions to the development of the world modern medical physics since its founding in the year 2000! AFOMP is one of the largest professional organizations of medical physics next to AAPM and EFOMP, but we do need to set up a special unified medical physicist training program and to ensure a proper certification program that fits the Asia-Pacific region's situation. Therefore some organizations national within AFOMP have been active as charter members involved in IMPCBP program motivated by IOMP that will help us to catch up with the pace of the interna-

IOMP SECRETARY GENERAL MESSAGE



Madan M. REHANI, Secretary-General, IOMP Director, Radiation Protection, European Society of Radiology (ESR), Vienna, Austria Dear AFOMP Members,

With my roots in this region, it is my proud privilege to address you through this newsletter. AFOMP is a relatively young organization having started in 2000 and thus it is in its early teens. I remember the meeting in WC2000 at Chicago which I attended when KY Cheung (our current IOMP President) took the lead the establish AFOMP.

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tional development of medical physics! Apart from this, AFOMP holds an annual meeting called AOCMP which is an academic platform that allows medical physicists, especially the younger ones, to exchange the scientific experiences findings and achieved in each year and share the views about what will be happening in the near future! We would also like to upgrade AFOMP Newsletter to strengthen academic relationships among Asia-Pacific medical physicists and AFOMP national members!

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my many thanks to Pro.(Dr.) Arun Chougule who voluntarily works as the new chief editor of the AFOMP Newsletter to revive and

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restart it, and I believe with his intelligent effort that the AFOMP news letter will have a complete new look for us !

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You can look at the <u>history of</u> <u>development of all regional organi-</u> <u>zations of IOMP</u>.

As you will notice from the above link that EFOMP started in 1980. ALFIMP in 1985. AFOMP SEAFOMP 2000. and in MEFOMP and FAMPO in 2009. It is pleasing to note that there have been regular conferences of Asian regional organizations. The Newsletter is an effective way to disseminate information among members. India has large number of medical physicists and has been national member of IOMP since 1982. ArunChougule has been associated with IOMP for many years. However, active participation of India in AFOMP was lacking for some years. It is hoped that with Arun's taking over as Editor of AFOMP Newsletter, this will bridge the gap.

There is lot of potential for common actions within AFOMP and interaction with other regional organizations. I will be pleased to see surveys being done in the region to provide more accurate situation of number of medical physicists, their areas of involvement and status. Our figures are old and we have been continuing to use those for many years. Perhaps one can take a cue from AAPM's actions in this respect. We recently conducted a survey of female medical physicists with participation of 65 countries and preliminary brief results have been presented in <u>eMPW</u>.

Maintaining websites is always an issue and it will be good to see an updated website. IOMP has supported activities in AFOMP region almost every year and we will be happy to see momentum kept up and enhanced.

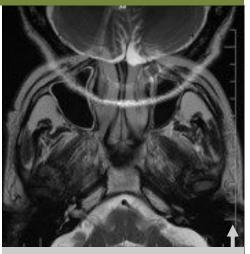
We are confronted with the issue of more than one national medical physics organizations in a country. In a number of countries, this is the case. Old bodies are inactive whereas there is great enthusiasm among new body and they are demanding recognition by IOMP. Currently we are dealing with this issue and wish to frame norms. However, the onus lies with regional organizations to sort this out.

I wish AFOMP great success through this message.

Madan M. REHANI, Ph.D.

This pregnant patient was involved in a high velocity MVA and underwent a trauma CT (had a pubic bone fracture)

Reminder



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SECRETARY GENERAL VOICE



Howell Round Secretary General

First, congratulations go to James Lee and his team for bril- 13^{th} organizing the liantly AOCMP/ 11th SEACOMP on Singapore It was a huge success with many more delegates attending than was originally anticipated. I look forward to meeting many of the next AOCMP/ vou at SEACOMP which will be held in Ho Chi Minh City in Viet Nam on 23-25 October this year. To ensure that the Congresses are to be successful, we are developing Standard Operating Procedures for the



Dr. Arun Chougule Editor

Wish you all very happy, healthy and professionally prosperous New Year 2014. First of all let me put on record my thanks to AFOMP's EXCOM for having in me faith and giving me the responsibility as Editor to restart the AFOMP Newsletter. I assure you all that with best of my abilities, I will try to fulfill the responsibilities given to me, however this is selection of future hosting countries, signing of memoranda of understanding, organizing the travel awards etc. timelines are being established so that all major tasks will be commenced and completed in a timely manner. Our current web site is about to be renewed thanks to the efforts of Tae Suk Suh who has arranged funding for it to be done and who has a prototype web site set up. We expect the new site, which is a considerable improvement over the old site, to be running by May of this year. As one of the International Year of Medical Physics activities, at AOCMP/SEACOMP a series of short talks were given by 12 presenters who told us about the history of medical physics in their own countries. The presenters have written short

summaries of their own countries' histories, and these are being collated into a single document, along with histories for the countries who did not present, to be printed in a journal. In addition, we hope to have histories from some countries, such as Afghanistan and Cambodia, which are just now establishing proper medical physics services. To help establish contact with these newer countries and provide them with support, we are proposing a new form of AFOMP membership. Currently membership is really only available to medical physics societies and to companies, but in these countries there are too few medical physicists to form a society. So we are considering establishing an individual membership for physicists for them so that we can include them in AFOMP activities.

EDITOR SPEAKS

best possible with support and inputs from all the AFOMP member country organizations and their active members.

In today's knowledge-based economy and society, keeping pace with ever-expanding knowledge, especially in a professional fields like medical physics, is a challenge and the news letter has a role to play. Newsletters are a powerful mode of propagation of information and know about the activities going on/planned in our field of interest. The AFOMP region is very heterogeneous in educational, economic and social aspects. Few countries have a wellestablished medical physics education/training system and profession. At the same time, a few countries do not have even a single well-trained medical physicist

This gap has to be bridged, medical physics education and harmonization of medical physics education/training is needed. To cater to the needs information regarding scientific activities [conferences/ workshops/training programmes/ scientific exchange programmes etc.] needs to be made available to all, especially to those who do not have access to journals and lack in resources. There the Newsletter will be of immense help.

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I appeal to all the AFOMP organization countries & members, especially more resourceful medical physicists to contribute to the Newsletter by providing useful articles & information.

The growth and survival of the Newsletter is in your hands.

Looking forward for your input.

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Useful IAEA Publications

IAEA HHS 25, Roles and Responsibilities, and Education and Training Requirements for Clinically Qualified Medical Physicists, http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/ Publications/PDF/Pub1610web.pdf

IAEA TCS 37, Clinical Training of Medical Physicists Specializing in Radiation Oncology, <u>http://wwwpub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/</u> PDF/TCS-37 web.pdf

IAEA TCS 47, Clinical Training of Medical Physicists Specializing in Diagnostic Radiology, <u>http://wwwpub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/</u> PDF/TCS-47 web.pdf

IAEA TCS 50, Clinical Training of Medical Physicists Specializing in Nuclear Medicine, <u>http://wwwpub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/</u> <u>PDF/TCS-50_web.pdf</u>

IAEA TCS 56,Postgraduate Medical Physics Academic Programmes, <u>http://wwwpub.iaea.org/MTCD/Publications/</u> <u>PDF/IAEA-TCS-56_web.pdf</u>

A new IAEA/RCA regional project in medical physics education and training: RAS/6/077

The International Atomic | Energy Agency IAEA (http:// www.iaea.org/) and the Regional Cooperative Agreement RCA (http://www.rcaro.org/) have a long history in supporting development projects in the Asian region in radiation medicine. A previous project RAS/6/038 which began in 2003 helped to formalise the clinical training of medical physicists in radiation medicine through piloting clinical training programs in various countries and developing standards for training in the medical physics of radiotherapy, diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine (IAEA Training Course Series 37, 47 and 50). In recognition of the important role of clinical medical physicists in the safety and quality of radiation medicine, the IAEA and RCA has decided to support a new project in medical physics education and training beginning 2014. namely in RAS/6/077 "Strengthening the Effectiveness and Extent of Medical Physics Education and Training". This new four-year project intends to build on the success of the previous project RAS/6/038 in expanding the base of formal clinical training programs for medical physicists and providing support and training materials to new and established clinical training programs. All 19 RCA member countries are open to participate in the project (please browse the RCA website for a list of the member countries). Relatively new members to the RCA include Nepal and Palau. The lead country coordinator (LCC) for the project is Dr Donald McLean

(<u>Donald.McLean@act.gov.au</u>), the technical officer supporting the

project at the IAEA is Mr Brendan Healy (B.Healy@iaea.org) and the programme management officer for the project responsible for the management of the project at the IAEA is Ms Mawieh Oulabi (M.Oulabi@iaea.org).The IAEA and RCA recognise the problem that unless sufficient numbers of new medical physics are trained in radiation medicine, there will be a shortage of medical physicists in the future. As the spread of radiation medicine increases (think of the wide availability now and likelv in the future of PET-CT scanners and advanced medical linear accelerators, and the increasing application of CT scanning in diagnosis and treatment) then the need for clinically qualified medical physicists grows. It is hoped that the new project RAS/6/077 can play some part in identifying precisely what the need is for medical physics services in the Asian region, in defining exactly what medical physicists do in the context of the Asian region, in promoting the recognition of the medical physics profession to governments, and in supporting clinical training programs now so that the new generation of medical physicists is comprehensively trained as they enter workforce.

Mr Brendan Healy

Radiotherapy Medical Physicist Dosimetry and Medical Radiation Physics Section, IAEA

IAEA PUB 1196, Radiation Oncology Physics: A Handbook for Teachers and Students, <u>http://</u> <u>www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/</u> <u>publications/PDF/</u> <u>Pub1196_web.pdf</u>

Conference on Radiation in Health Care "CRHC-2013"

7th & 8th November, 2013, Jaipur, Rajasthan



International Day of Medical Physics [IDMP], 7th November, Jaipur, India

The International day of Medical Physics [IDMP] was celebrated at Jaipur, India, also. On this occasion, a two-day scientific programme "Conference on Radiation in Health Care, CRHC-2013" was organized by Department of Radiological Physics, SMS Medical College & Hospital, Jaipur, India under the auspices of the Association of Medical Physicists of India, AMPI-NC, on 7th November [IDMP] and 8th November [World Radiography Day] 2013. More than 300 delegates participated in this two-day scientific event. Invited talks such as "Biography of Madam Curie and Her Contribution to Medical Physics" was delivered by Prof. Arun Chougule; "Tracing Roots of Medical Physics in History" by Dr. Pratik Kumar, AIIMS, New Delhi,



and "Role of Medical Physicists in Health Care" by S.N. Sinha, RGCRI, New Delhi, in addition to a poster display and media coverage on "Role of Medical Physicists in health care delivery' were organized. This scientific programme was quite successful to create an awareness among health workers, general public, administrators about the role and importance of medical physicists in health care.

Rajasthan State Government constituted a independent "Department of Radiological Physics" at SMS Medical College, Jaipur under leadership of Dr.Arun Chougule to enhance the academic activity & research in field of Medical Physics.



Inauguration of IDMP Poster



Courtesy By



The International Day of Medical Physics RECOGNISING MEDICAL PHYSICS' PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE



Special session at the Engineering and Physical Sciences in Medicine Conference, 4 – 7 November 2013, Perth, Australia

Initiated by the International Organization for Medical Physics, November 7, 2013 has been nominated the "International Day of Medical Physics". The date recognises the birthday of Marie Curie, whose contributions to the discovery and isolation of radioactive elements, advocacy for research into the medical benefits and effects of radiation and humanitarian work in radiology enabled rapid advancement of the field of Medical Physics.

Medical physics has a proud history in Australia. X-rays have been used in Australia since 1896 when three persons from very different background commenced taking X-ray images in big city Melbourne (Professor Lyle at University of Melbourne), the industrial town of Newcastle (Railway engineer Walter Drowley) and the country town of Bathurst (Father Joseph Slattery). This in itself is of interest as it demonstrates the wide interest in and appeal of X-rays across the country as well across professions.

The further history of applications of ionising radiation in medicine had its ups and downs as everywhere in the world with the first 'hospital physicists', D Wellington (Melbourne) and A Harper (Sydney) employed in 1935. The medical physics community grew and was for many years closely associated with the UK Hospital Physics Association. In 1977, the Australasian College of Physical Scientists and Engineers in Medicine (ACPSEM) was founded with Kenneth Clarke as Foundation President.

Since then the organisation and medical physics has grown considerably and ACPSEM represents now about 500 medical physicists working in Australia and New Zealand. An important milestone was the introduction of an accreditation scheme for medical physicists more than 20 years ago which by now has developed into a full training and education program in radiotherapy and diagnostic physics. Other achievements are the publication of a professional journal (Australasian Physical and Engineering Science in Medicine) since more than 30 years and the holding of annual scientific conferences (Engineering and Physical Sciences in Medicine) which attract regularly 300 or more attendees. At this latest EPSM conference November 4 to 7, 2013 in Perth, ACPSEM celebrated the International Day of Medical Physics day with a special session. The session centred on Medical Physics: Past, Present and Future and featured three insightful presentations from three international Medical Physicists:

"Medical Physics: Past" -

- Howell Round, Waikato, University, New Zealand
 - "Medical Physics: Present" Jonathan Sykes, Leeds, United Kingdom
 - "Medical Physics: Future" Joao Seco, Boston, USA

The session was chaired by Martin Ebert from the EPSM organising committee and provided an excellent opportunity to reflect not only on the history and future of medical physics but also the world wide importance of our profession.

Tomas Kron

Pater MacCallum Institute

Melbourne, Australia

New Zealand Radio decided to recognise International Day of Medical Physics and invited Howell Round to be interviewed. It can be downloaded from http:// acpsem.org.au/index.php/newsand-events/93-general/578-roundon-nz-radio-on-idmp

AFOMP Annual Council Meeting, 2013, Singapore

Minutes of Meeting

Venue :Level 4, Cancer Centre,, Singapore General Hospital,

Singapore

Time :12:30 – 3:30, December 13, 2013

Present :

Yimin Hu, President (Voting Delegate of China, and replacing Huang Yaoxiong and Jianrong Dai)

Howell Round, Secretary General and PDC Chair (Voting Delegate of New Zealand)

Tae-Suk Suh, Vice President (Korea, replacing Boe-Young Choe and Young yih Han)

Anchali Krisanachinda, *Treasurer (Voting Delegate of Thailand)*

Kwan-Hoong Ng, Past President (Voting delegate Malaysia)

Kiyonari Inamura, FC Chair (Japan)

Shigekazu Fukuda, *Education* and Training Committee Chair (Voting Delegate of Japan)

Arun Chougule, Scientific Committee Chair(India, replacing K Munjal)

Tomas Kron, (Voting Delegate of Australia, replacing Stefan Eberl and Simon Downes)

Masahiro Endo, (Voting Delegate of Japan)

Hajime Monzen, (Japan, replacingMunefumi Shimbo)

Freddy Haryanto,(Voting Delegate of Indonesia)

Challapalli Srinavas, (Voting delegate of India)

Kuppusamy Thayalan, (India, replacing S D Sharma)

James C L Lee, (Voting Delegate of Singapore)

Norberto Abella Jr., (Voting Delegate of Philippines)

KanchanAdhikari, (Nepal, replacing Pradumna Chaurasia))

Agnette Peralta, (Philippines)

Minh Bui Hoang, (Vietnam)

Nguyen Tan Chau, (Vietnam)

Cao HuuVinh, (Vietnam)

Supriyanto Pawiro (Indonesia)

The Minutes of the 2012 Council Meeting and the reports:

- 1. President's report
- 2. Treasurer's report
- 3. Secretary General's report
- 4. Report by Chair: Education & Training Committee
- 5. Report by Chair: Professional Development Committee
- 6. Report by Chair Science Committee
- 7. Report by Chair: Funding Committee
- 8. Report by Chair: Honors and Awards Committee
- Report on 12th AOCMP in Chiang Mai, December 2012
- 10. Report on 13th AOCMP in Singapore, December 2013

were taken as read, and not discussed.

Progress Report on 14th AOCMP, 2014 Report was presented by James Lee (Singapore). The conference was successful with over 250 delegate while only 150 were expected.

Report on 14th AOCMP.

Delegates from Vietnam presented their proposal to host 14th AOCMP and the ensuing arrangements made thus far. There was some discussion about signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion by Tomas Kron (Australia)

"AFOMP accepts the Vietnam bid to hold the 2014 AOCMP conference with the condition that VAMP will sign the Memorandum of Understanding and that the text is not changed and the decision must be sent to the President or Secretary General of AOCMP by 20 December 2013".

Passed.

It was noted that the Memorandum of Understanding would also be signed by Nguyen Truong Son, Director of Choray Hospital, Vietnam. The meeting was in agreement with this.

Bids to hold 15th AOCMP

Bids were presented by delegates from India and P R China.

Vote was taken – India 8, P R China 10.

Declared that China would host 15th AOCMP in Xian.

Application for Affiliate Membership of AFOMP by the Malaysian Association of Medical Physics (MAMP)

Annual Council Meeting, 2013

As Malaysia is already represented on IOMP and AFOMP by the Medical Physics Subgroup of the Institute of Physics Malaysia, MAMP cannot be a national member of either organization, but it can be an affiliate member of AFOMP. Delegates voted in favour of accepting MAMP as an Affiliate Member of AFOMP. It was recommended that MAMP and the Medical Physics Subgroup of the Institute of Physics Malaysia work together to form an umbrella organization to represent both groups to IOMP and AFOMP.

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Masahiro Endo (Japan) presented a proposal for a Japanese journal - Radiological Physics and Technology- to be endorsed as an official journal of AFOMP. As there are no formal guidelines for making such an endorsement, then it was agreed that the Scientific Committee of AFOMP should draw up journal endorsement guidelines for approval by AFOMP. AFOMP will then ask for a formal submission from Japan.

Tae Suk Suh presented a proposed re-vamped web site design for AFOMP. Comments on the design are to be forwarded to him in the next three months.

Arun Chougule will work as a new Editor of the AFOMP newsletter.

This meeting was adjourned at 15:30 pm

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Item Description	(A)	(B)
	Expenditure	Income
Accounting ac- tivity	2,690	8,008
Balance (B) - (A)	5,318.00	
Fund brought forward from 2012	US\$ 12,662.75	
Balance carried forward to Dec 2013		US\$17,980.75

Account of Income and Expenditure for the Year 2012-13

Income

AFOMP Subscription (IOMP)	US\$ 7,908
Return Travel Awards 2012	<u>US\$ 100</u>
Total	<u>US\$ 8,008</u>
Expenditure	
Web site fee	US\$ 590
Travel Awards	<u>US\$ 2,100</u>
Total	<u>US\$ 2,690</u>

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Anchali Krisanachinda

Treasurer Dec12,2013

The Story of Creation



Calendar of Events			
January	23-24 January 2014 Contrast Study Day and Essential Physics for FRCRS British Institute of Radiology, Liverpool Medical Institute, Liverpool, www.bir.org.uk 31 January 2014 Radiology Errors, British Institute of Radiology , The Holiday Inn - Bloomsbury, London <u>http://www.bir.org.uk/</u>		
February	10-14 Feb 2014 ICTR-PHE 2014 Geneva, Switzerland http://ictr-phe12.web.cern.ch/ICTR-PHE14/ 15-20 Feb 2014 SPIE Medical Imaging 2014 San Dirgo,CA, United States, http://spie.org/medical-imaging.xml?WT.mc id=Cal-MI 19 Feb 2014 Radiation Protection in Nuclear Medicine Birmingham, United Kingdom, http://www.ipem.ac.uk/ConferencesEvents/ForthcomingConferences/EventDetails.aspx?dateid=255 21-22 Feb 2014 QA & Dosimetry Symposium, Orlando, FL, United States, http://www.qasymposium.com/ 23-27 Feb 2014 Radiobiology and Radiobiological Modelling in Radiotherapy Port Sunlight, United Kingdom, http://www.clatterbridgecc.nhs.uk/professionals/education_courses/radiobiologycourse2013.html 24 February 2014 3rd Annual SPECT/CT Symposium : Current Status and Future directions of SPECT/CT Imaging,British Institute of Radiology, The Royal Society of Medicine, London, http://www.bir.org.uk/		
March	6–10 Mar 2014 ECR2014, Vienna, Austria, <u>http://www.myesr.org/cms/website.php?id=/en/ecr_2014.htm</u> 6 Mar 2014 Flattening Filter Free Photon Beams in Radiotherapy,London, United Kingdom, <u>http://www.ipem.ac.uk/ConferencesEvents/ForthcomingConferences/EventDetails.aspx?dateid=256</u> 15–18 Mar 2014 AAPM Spring Clinical Meeting,Denver, CO, United States, <u>http://www.aapm.org/meetings/2014SCM/</u>		
May	May 27 – May 30, 2014 International Conference on Radiation and Dosimetry in Various Fields of Research (RAD 2014) Location:Applied Physics Laboratory (APL), Faculty of Electronic Engineering, University of Niš,Serbia http:// www.snmmi.org/MeetingsEvents/EventDetail.aspx?EventID=23031 29-31 May 2014 Alpe Adria Medical Physics Meeting,Budapest, Hungary,http://www.alpeadriamp2014.eu/index.php/first-announcement 30 May-2 June 2014 International Conference on Radiation Protection in Medicine, Varna, Bulgaria, http://rpm2014.org/		
July	20-24 July 2014 AAPM 56th Annual Meeting, Austin, TX USA American Association of Physicists in Medicine, http://www.aapm.org/meetings/		
August	20 - 22 August 2014 2nd International Conference on Medical Physics in Radiation Oncology and Imaging (ICMPROI-2014) Dhaka,Bangladesh, mail:- rupama_5@hotmail.com, http://bmps-bd.org/icmproi2014/		
September	07-10 September 2014 Joint Conference of SGSMP,DGMP and OGMP,Zurich, Switzerland ,http://www.medphys-kongress.de/ 11-13 September 2014 8th European conference on Medical Physics (ECMP) , Athens, Greece, Hosted by the Hellenic Association of Mecical Physics (HAMP) together with the European Federtion of Organizations for Medical Physics (EFOMP) , http://www.efomp-2014.gr/		
October	14 th Asia-Oceania Congress of Medical Physics (AOCMP) and the 12 th South East Asia Congress of Medical Physics (SEACOMP) , Hochiminh City, Vietnam Asia Oceana Federation of Medical Physics [AFOMP],www.afomp.org		
November	20– 22 November, 2014 AMPICON2014 , 35 th Annual conference of Association of Medical Physicists of India www.ampi.org.in 30Nov-5Dec2014 RSNAAnnualMeeting , Chicago USA Radiological Society of North America, <u>http://rsna.org/Annual_Meeting.aspx</u>		

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