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The Spectrum Of Medical Physics Publications

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The various medical physics and related clinical journals provide the network that connects the medical physics profession around the world. This provides for the sharing of information that enhances and enriches the practice of medical physics in all countries. Just as there are many areas of work in medical physics, including research, teaching, clinical applications, radiation safety, etc. there are journals that give emphasis to these various topics. Generally, the various journals have different readers, depending on their interests and access to the publications. This should be

considered by authors of manuscripts so that they can reach the greatest number of physicists and other medical professionals who will benefit from their work.

A distinguishing feature of this journal, Medical Physics International, is that it does not publish research papers that would go through a normal peer review process. We recommend and collaborate with the other journals that provide these publishing opportunities. In each edition we publish an article with details on these individual journals. In this edition we are pleased to publish an article by the editors of *Physica Medica: European Journal of Medical Physics* (EJMP) describing the scope of topics covered the history of their development and growth, and accessibility of the journal to readers.

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IOMP support for the developing countries

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Two years after IOMP initiated the Medical Physics International Journal, it has reached a large audience from all IOMP member societies and has a steady number of readers (about 1000 per week). A significant percentage of colleagues from the developing countries are following the MPI Journal as a source of information about various educational, professional and scientific issues. The Editorial Board of the Journal was updated recently with the Chairs of the IOMP ETC and IOMP PRC Committees to strengthen this trend. Also, the Journal now started links with other Medical Physics Journals, aiming to bring more content to our readers and in particular to supply information to colleagues from less affluent Societies.

A major part of IOMP activities is related to helping the professional development in such Societies and countries.

The recent IOMP project aiming to help medical physics in Africa gets increasing support. Recently IOMP supported the inclusion of more African colleagues (proposed by FAMPO) in the ICTP College on Medical Physics 2014, and also supported the two new activities of ICTP – the MSc in Medical Physics and the School of Radiotherapy. IOMP also seeks collaboration with other large member/sister societies as IPEM, AAPM, IFMBE, IRPA in order to inform medical physicists from the continent about possible education/training/ professional activities organized by these. We plan the MPI Journal to provide our readers with information about these activities.

Another important step supporting education and training of our member Societies is related to the planned move of the Emitel Encyclopaedia (www.emitel2.eu) and related e-learning materials EMERALD and EMIT under the IOMP. These large educational web sites are now major references for the profession. Their regular update will be carried by a specific IOMP Work Group, which is being created at the moment. Colleagues who want to contribute content to these reference web sites are welcome to submit information to us.

