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### PHYSICA MEDICA: A LONG HISTORY OF SERVICE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL PHYSICS COMMUNITY

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**Abstract – A short materials from the European Journal of Medical Physics (Physica Medica) – the journal in service of the Medical Physics community**

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EJMP publishes research manuscripts and reviews in specific fields including Medical Imaging, Radiation Therapy, Radiation Protection, Measuring Systems and Signal Processing, Education and Training and Professional issues in Medical Physics. Publications on applications of Physics to Biology and Medicine cover such fields as Molecular Imaging, Hadron Therapy, System Biology, Nanoparticles and Nanotechnologies. Papers in the field of Small Animal Imaging, Radiobiology, Synchrotron Radiation diagnosis and therapy, Computer Analysis of Medical Images are also encouraged.

EJMP is a fully international journal, with an international Editorial Board including 24 scientists from 14 countries of 4 continents, and 12 Associate Editors. Alberto Del Guerra (Italy) is the Honorary Editor, Fridtjof Nuesslin (Germany) is the past (2008-2012) Editor and Paolo Russo (Italy) is the Editor-in-Chief since 2013.

EJMP is currently publishing Volume 30. The original journal, "Fisica Medica" was first published in 1978 as the scientific journal of the Associazione Italiana di Fisica Medica (at that time Associazione Italiana di Fisica Biomedica) with papers in the Italian language only. In 1985 the name was changed to "*Physica Medica*" and published in English language only. At that time it became an international journal with Alberto Del Guerra (Italy) as Editor-in-Chief.

Beginning in 2007 EJMP was published by Elsevier B.V. with one issue per quarter. In 2013 six issues were published and eight issues will be published in 2014. This reflects the great increase in the number of submissions and accepted papers. A major factor contributing to this growth has been the efforts of EFOMP, AIFM and affiliated Societies responding to the increasing needs of a growing international community of medical physicists for a large, authoritative forum for scientific and professional issues in the field. EJMP serves an international community: in the last five years, 61% of all corresponding authors were from outside Europe. EJMP encourages the affiliation and the support of national societies of Medical Physics in Europe.

For 2013, the key figures of the journal are the following: the EJMP Impact Factor: 1.849, 5-year Impact Factor: 1.712, Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP): 0.998, SCImago Journal Rank (SJR): 0.668. The average number of weeks it takes for an article in EJMP from submission to first decision is 6.8 weeks, and from submission to final decision is 12.3 weeks. EJMP is ranked 51 out of 121 journals in the category of Radiology.

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