

EDITORIALS

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From its beginning 9 years ago the IOMP Journal Medical Physics International (MPI) aims to support education, training and global professional development of medical physics. During the past 3 years MPI issues were focussed on the development in the different Regional Organisations (Federations) of IOMP. The papers in these issues were following a specific template with topics to be discussed, thus forming a common background on which the various professional developments to be seen.

The MPI Dec 2018 issue presented general papers summarising the status in various Regional Organisations (RO) and Low-and-Middle Income (LMI) countries. These papers were related to the Workshop on LMI professional development held at WC2018, Prague.

The MPI June 2019 issue presented papers from Latin America - the ALFIM Region and some of its members – Brazil, Chile, Jamaica plus a large paper covering all NMOs from Central America (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama). These papers were also associated with the ICMP 2019, held in Chile. Additionally, papers related to some professional research topics in ALFIM were published. This MPI issue also presented a paper from C Orton and M Giger about the history and achievements of the AAPM in North America.

The MPI Dec 2019 issue was dedicated to the 10th anniversary of FAMPO. The NMOs from Africa presented papers from: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Ghana, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt (in the following MPI issues were added papers from Zambia and Rwanda). Also, full papers from FAMPO and from the new African Journal on Medical Physics were published. Additionally, papers related to some professional research topics in FAMPO were presented. Dr Taofeeq Ige and Dr Francis Hasford from FAMPO were acting as MPI Contributing Co-Editors for this issue.

The MPI June 2020 issue was dedicated to the 20th anniversary of SEAFOMP. The NMOs from South-East Asia presented papers from: Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Myanmar, Lao PDR. Also, full paper about SEAFOMP history was published. Additionally, papers related to some professional research topics in SEAFOMP were presented. Prof. Kwan Ng and Prof. Anchali Krisanachinda from SEAFOMP were acting as MPI Contributing Co-Editors for this issue.

The MPI Dec 2020 issue was dedicated to the 20th anniversary of AFOMP. The NMOs from Asia-Oceania Region presented papers from: Australia and New Zealand, Bangladesh, Japan, India, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand (and later Pakistan in 2021). Also, full paper about AFOMP history was published. Additionally, papers related to some professional research topics in AFOMP were presented. Prof. Arun Chougule, Prof. Eva Bezak and Prof. Anupama Azhari from AFOMP were acting as MPI Contributing Co-Editors for this issue.

The MPI June 2021 issue was from the MEFOMP Region. The NMOs from the Middle East Region, presented papers from: Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen. Also, full paper about MEFOMP history was published. Additionally, paper related to the virtual MEFOMP Conference is presented in MPI Dec 2021. Dr Huda al-Naemi and Dr Mohammad Hassan Kharita from MEFOMP were acting as MPI Contributing Co-Editors for this issue.

The MPI Dec 2021 issue presented here is related to the EFOMP Region and celebrates its 40th anniversary. The NMOs from the European Region presented papers from: Denmark, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Spain, Serbia, Sweden, Ukraine. Also, full paper about EFOMP history is prepared for publication, as well as a paper from the EFOMP Journal *Physica Medica*. Prof. David Lurie, Dr Efi Koutsouveli and Prof. Paddy Gilligan from EFOMP are acting as MPI Contributing Co-Editors for this issue. As a summary, 265 pages of papers related to the professional development, history and future plans from 60 countries and 6 regional organisations were published in the MPI Journal for the past 4 years. These present a very good picture to support the global development of medical physics and the potential for its growth towards the expected 60,000 medical physicists globally by 2035.

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Slavik Tabakov, MPI Co-Editor-in-Chief