MESSAGE FROM IOMP PRESIDENT



Over the past six months, the IOMP has experienced a period of remarkable productivity. This report highlights a few key accomplishments. Our revamped website, which debuted a few weeks ago, is a testament to IOMP's dedication to embracing modern technology and adapting to the changing demands of our audience. Its user-friendly interface ensures smooth navigation, allowing visitors to easily access and find the desired information. We are excited to invite you to visit the new IOMP website at www.iomp.org and explore its features. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us, as it guides our ongoing efforts to refine our online presence to better serve the needs and interests of our members.

The International Day of Medical Physics (IDMP), celebrated every year on November 7th, is a significant event that highlights the vital contributions of

medical physicists to healthcare. This year, we organized a special webinar titled "The 60th Anniversary of IOMP — Personal Memories and Some Thoughts on the Future of Medical Physics." Speakers for the event included Azam Niroomand-Rad, Colin G. Orton, and Fridtjof Nüsslin, whose remarkable contributions and leadership have profoundly influenced the field of Medical Physics. This webinar was not just an educational event; it was also a celebration marking the 60th anniversary of the IOMP. It offered a unique opportunity to reflect on the organization's history, the personal experiences of its influential figures, and to ponder the future trajectory of Medical Physics. You can view the recording on our YouTube Channel.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I extend our sincere appreciation for your enthusiastic participation in the <u>International Conference on Medical Physics (ICMP-2023)</u>, held from December 6th to 9th in Mumbai, India. The conference was a success, drawing approximately 1400 colleagues from around the world. Your active engagement created an environment of rich learning and networking. It was indeed a rewarding experience for everyone involved, and we are grateful for your contributions.

We also acknowledge the challenges encountered, particularly the visa issues that unfortunately prevented some of our colleagues from attending the Conference. These situations have offered valuable lessons and highlighted areas needing improvement for future conferences. We highly value your feedback and insights, as they are integral to the continuous improvement of our conferences. We encourage you to share any thoughts or suggestions you may have, as they will be instrumental in shaping the success of future events.

IOMP accreditation is recognized as a mark of quality, ensuring that these events adhere to the highest benchmarks in educational excellence. During the last months, the IOMP Accreditation Board received several applications for accreditation of medical physics events. These activities reflect the IOMP's ongoing commitment to endorsing and promoting high-quality educational programs that contribute to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in medical physics. For more information on IOMP's accreditation process and standards, as well as accredited programs, please visit the 'accreditation' section of IOMP's website.

IOMP plays a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of medical physics globally by endorsing and sponsoring educational and training events organized by its national member organizations. These initiatives are instrumental in ensuring that medical physicists are well-trained and updated, which is crucial for the safe and accurate treatment of patients. In recent months, IOMP has sponsored and endorsed several significant events. I have kept you updated on these events through my messages in IOMP's e-newsletter. These endorsements by the IOMP highlight its commitment to advancing the field of medical physics through continuous education and professional development, thereby contributing to the enhancement of patient care worldwide.

To support and empower medical physicists in low- and middle-income countries, the IOMP recently issued a call for expressions of interest to receive free copies of medical physics books. This initiative has received an enthusiastic response, with over 300 applications from interested colleagues. Currently, the publication committee is engaged in the selection process to determine the recipients of these books. This step is crucial in ensuring that the resources are distributed effectively and reach those who can benefit most from them. This initiative not only

aids in the dissemination of knowledge but also aligns with the IOMP's commitment to advancing the field of medical physics globally, especially in regions where access to such resources may be limited.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you. This year, our collective efforts have led to exceptional progress. As we look ahead, let's continue to combine our strengths and aspirations for the benefit of our profession.

Wishing you a Happy New Year 2024 and a joyful holiday season!

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