

15 YEARS IOMP HISTORY SUB-COMMITTEE

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The IOMP History Sub-Committee (HSC) was established during the IOMP office 2006-2009. It was an activity led by the IOMP Past-President A Niroomand-Rad, who became the first Chair of HSC in 2008. The HSC is not part of ExCom, as a Sub-Com it is placed under the IOMP Publication Committee. Its charge is to keep information about IOMP history, its active members and related data.

The members of the HSC so far include:

2008-2012 Azam Niroomand-Rad, Chair (USA)

Colin Orton (USA)

Slavik Tabakov (UK)

Robert Gould (USA)

2012-2015 Azam Niroomand-Rad, Chair (USA)

Colin Orton (USA)

Peter Smith (UK)

KY Cheung (Ex-Officio)

2015-2018 KY Cheung, Chair (Hong Kong, PR China)

Colin Orton (USA)

Peter Smith (UK)

Slavik Tabakov (Ex-Officio)

2018-2022 Slavik Tabakov, Chair (UK)

KY Cheung (Hong Kong, PR China)

Colin Orton (USA)

Madan Rehani (Ex-Officio)

John Damilakis (Ex-Officio)

Paolo Russo (Ex-Officio)

2022-2025 Slavik Tabakov, Chair (UK)

Azam Niroomand-Rad, USA

Geoffrey Ibbott, USA

KY Cheung, Hong Kong

Perry Sprawls, USA

John Damilakis, Greece (Ex-Officio)

Eva Bezak, Australia (Ex-Officio)

Francis Hasford, Ghana (Ex-Officio)

The first activities of HSC were at the WC2009 in Munich when a number of past IOMP Presidents, Chairs and active members were interviewed. The videos of these interviews were arranged by S Tabakov and M Stoeva as a free-access web activity. These interviews are now being re-established.

During the period 2010-2015 HSC collected information and published the full History Tables of the IOMP, listing various activities and each individual member of each Committee from the establishment of IOMP in 1963. These were published at the IOMP web site and are updated by HSC during by each IOMP term of office.

During 2017 a long-term project was initiated “History of Medical Physics”, which initially began its publications as Special Issues of the IOMP Journal Medical Physics International. The first issue related to the history of the profession was published in 2018 with Founding Editors Slavik Tabakov and Perry Sprawls. In 2019 Geoff Ibbott join the Editorial team and the three Co-Editors in Chief continue to produce 1 or 2 history-related issue each year. In 2022 the history editions were separated as an independent part of the MPI Journal family – MPI History Editions.

In the period 2019-2022 the MPI regular issues included topical papers tracing the professional development within each of the IOMP Regional Organisations (Federations). In 2023 the MPI History Editions (MPI-HE) issue was dedicated to the women-pioneers in medical physics.

In June 2022 MPI-HE published a full issue dedicated to the 60th Anniversary of IOMP, including as an Annex all 35 IOMP History Tables (with lots of information and all IOMP Committee members – over 1000 during these 60 years). This issue (230 pages) has thousands of downloads.

HSC express special gratitude to all its members and to the MPI-HE contributors over these 15 years. We encourage authors to contribute to the IOMP history-related activities for keeping a good track of the development of the profession and its contributions to contemporary medicine.

Specific history-related links and issues:

1. IOMP History Tables:
<https://www.iomp.org/history-sub-committee-activities/>
2. History of Medical Physics – project description:
<http://www.mpijournal.org/pdf/2017-01/MPI-2017-01-p068.pdf>
3. MPI-History Edition listing the history of the IOMP and all 35 History Tables:
<http://www.mpijournal.org/pdf/2022-SI-07/MPI-2022-SI-07.pdf>
4. MPI-HE web address with all history issues:
<http://www.mpijournal.org/history.aspx>

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