

IDMP 2024 – 24-HOUR GLOBAL WEBINAR ON INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATIONS OF MEDICAL PHYSICISTS

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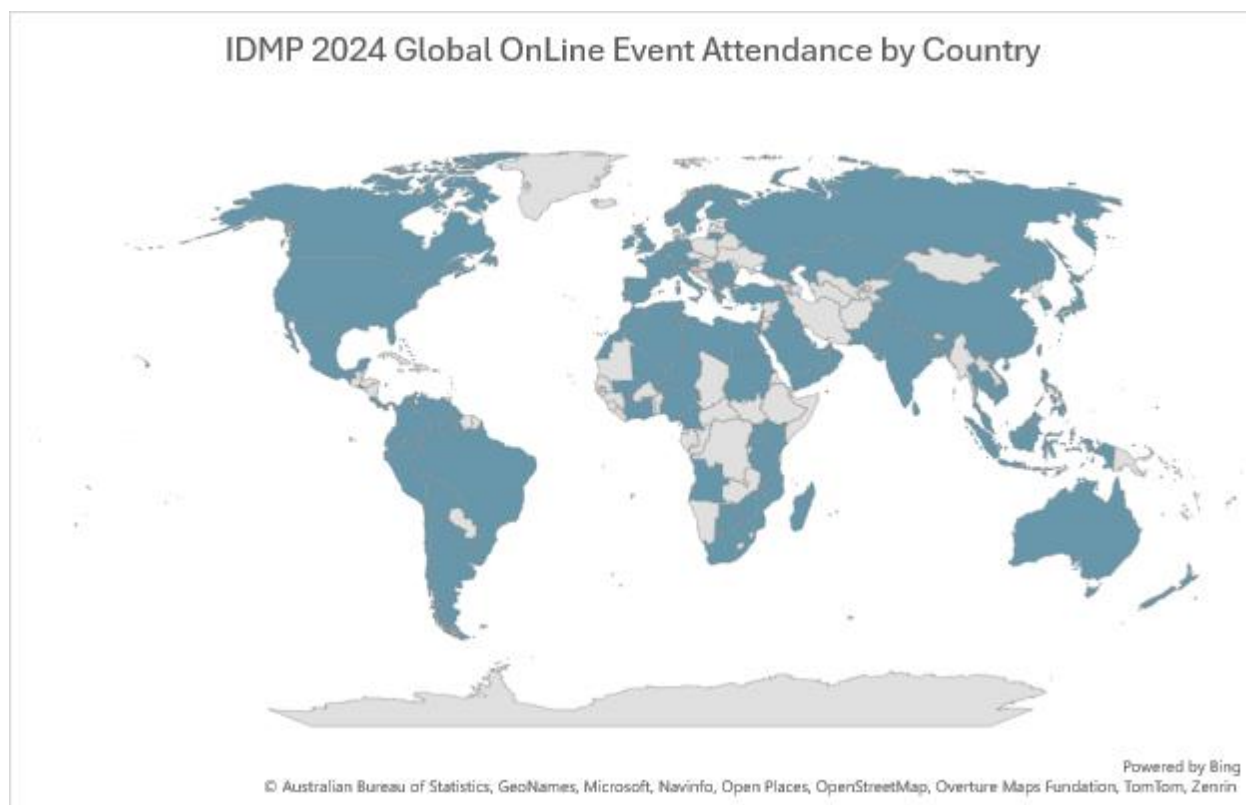
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Global collaboration in medical physics plays a pivotal role in advancing our profession and enhancing healthcare worldwide. For over a decade, the International Organization for Medical Physics (IOMP) and medical physicists across the globe have marked November 7th as the International Day of Medical Physics (IDMP). What began as a special occasion has evolved into a global platform for uniting medical physicists, fostering professional development, raising awareness, sharing knowledge, and strengthening networks.

IDMP 2024 was one of the most extraordinary events in our profession—featuring a 24-hour global webinar on the theme, “Inspiring the Next Generation of Medical Physicists.”

With a focus on regional, national, and international collaboration, IOMP coordinated a series of events that showcased presentations from our six regional organizations and national member bodies. AFOMP, SEAFOMP, MEFOMP, FAMPO, EFOMP, and ALFIM highlighted key issues related to the professional, scientific, educational, and organizational aspects of medical physics in their respective regions. These sessions were enriched by contributions from National Member Organizations within those regions.

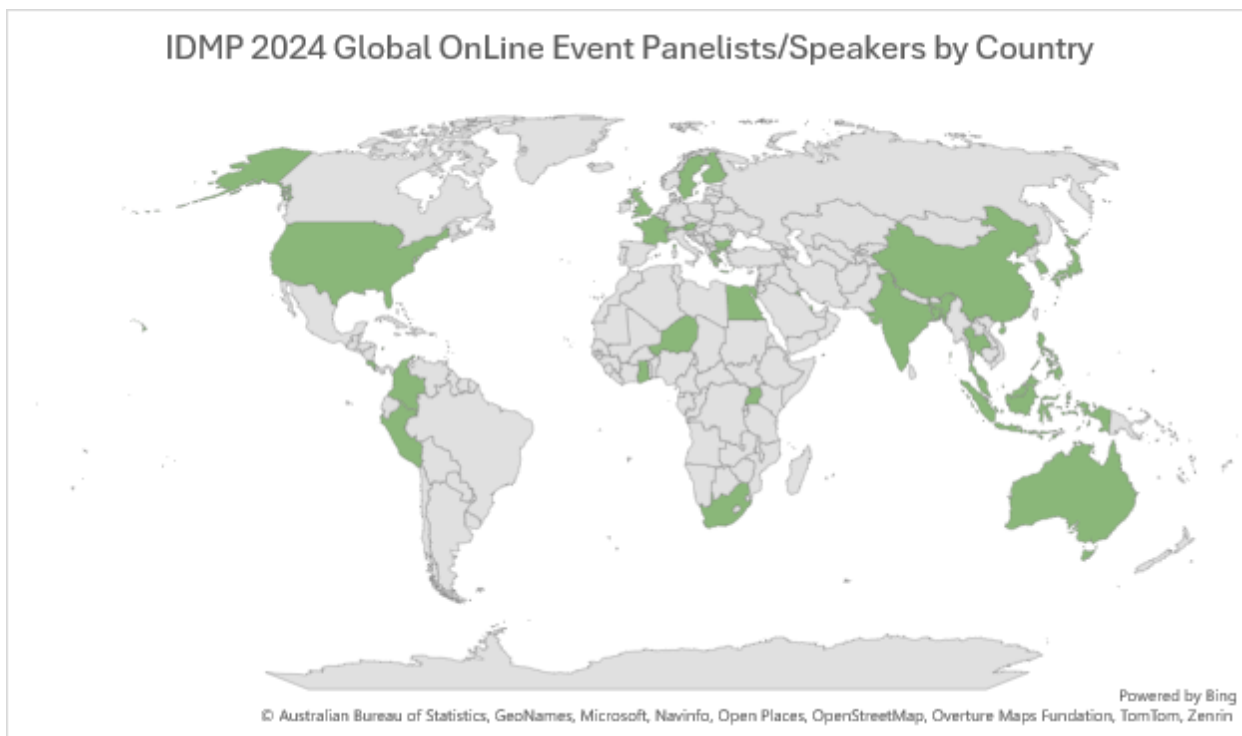
A central highlight of the celebration included two webinars organized by the IOMP Executive Committee (ExCom) and IOMP’s partner organizations, alongside the announcement of the prestigious IDMP awards.



Members of the IOMP ExCom presented brief reports on their activities and extended congratulations to the global medical physics community and partners on the occasion of IDMP 2024.

The global webinar also gained inaugural support from some of the world’s leading organizations, including the

IAEA, ICRP, IRPA, ISR, IUPESM, and WHO. A live session brought together the representatives from IOMP’s partner organizations to discuss strategies and initiatives aimed at inspiring the next generation of medical physicists—particularly in regions and scientific domains where their presence is most urgently needed.



The panel featured global experts, including M. Carrara (IAEA), C. Martin, M. Djukelic, Luz Olarte (ICRP), Claire-Louise Chapple & B. le Guen (IRPA), B. Allen & D. Frush (ISR), M. Rehani (IUPESM), F. Shannoun (WHO), and J. Damilakis & M. Stoeva (IOMP).

The event attracted participants from 97 countries, with a total of 2,516 man-hours of attendance.

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