Dear National Member Organisation,

EFOMP School for Medical Physics Experts

For many years EFOMP has supported the European School of Medical Physics in Archamps. This is aimed at training physicists who had just joined the profession. But training is not only for the new entrants to the profession. Together with other groups EFOMP has been involved in developing the Guidelines for the Medical Physics Expert, a copy of which can be accessed from the EFOMP website. This envisages the medical physicist undergoing advanced structured experience so that the knowledge, skills and competence of the Medical Physics Expert would be at EQF level 8. To help medical physicists achieve this we need to develop courses both for those with several years experience and working towards obtaining the status of Medical Physics Expert and also to allow the existing MPEs to maintain their competence.

EFOMP will, along with national organisations, offer courses suitable for the MPE. The first of these is being held from July 4th to July 6th, 2013 in Prague. This has been organised by the Czech Association of Medical Physicists with support from the Department of Dosimetry and Application of Ionizing Radiation of Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering, at the Czech Technical University. The subject we have chosen, a very topical one, is “Clinical Medical Device Management: Specification, Acceptance testing, Commissioning, QC and Advanced applications in Whole-body PET/CT”.

I would urge all NMOs to advertise this school widely amongst their members and encourage people to attend. It is an excellent opportunity for physicists to improve their skills, either helping them to achieve MPE status or for existing MPEs to use towards CPD. We have put together a distinguished group of speakers and the course will consist of 14 hours of lectures and 3 hours of practical demonstration. Details are available at the EFOMP website.

The cost has been kept low but EFOMP will be offering a small number of bursaries to cover the cost of the registration fee, see attached document for details. Please note that applicants must belong to an NMO and applications must be signed by the President or Secretary of the NMO. I hope that you will assist in this process.

EFOMP is working for the medical physics profession but we need your support for initiatives such as this school. Please advertise it widely and so help to make this a success.

With best wishes,

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