Activities Report
September 2015 - August 2016

The Medical Physics Division of the Portuguese Physics Society (DFM-SPF) is the Portuguese EFOMP and IOMP NMO. It has around 80 active members (January 2016) coming from public and private hospitals, universities and investigation centers.

PROFESSIONAL MATTERS
The process of recognition as MPE started in 2011 by ACSS (“Administração Central do Sistema de Saúde”) conducted to the recognition of a group of 57 MPE in the areas of: Radiotherapy, Nuclear Medicine and Radiology.

DFM-SPF addressed health authorities, as in previously years, requesting the urgent resuming of the formal training of new MP and the implementation of an effective registration and certification system for MPE. This goal was meet at the 5th Radiation Protection Congress of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (“V Congresso PCR-CPLP”) jointly organized by “Sociedade Portuguesa de Proteção Contra Radiações” and “Sociedade Brasileira de Proteção Radiológica”, held in Coimbra from 10-12th March 2016, were:

- DFM-SPF was invited to organize the session “Formação em proteção radiológica na saúde” (Radiation Protection Education and Training in Healthcare), present at this event were several stakeholders including national health authorities and regulatory bodies (ACSS, DGS, FCT, ITN).
- The results of this session were presented, in 9 June 2016, to the “Secretary of State of Health”, he was sensitive to our arguments and we expect future developments.

WORKING GROUPS / TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS (TC)
DFM-SPF has the following active Working Groups and Technical Commissions (TC):

- Professional Matters TC
- Education and Training TC

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION / ACTIVITIES
DFM-SPF is the national representative in the following organizations:

- EFOMP- European Federation of Organizations of Medical Physics
- IOMP – International Organization of Medical Physics
- ESTRO – European Society of Therapeutic Radiation Oncology

During this period responded to solicitations and was present in the meetings promoted by these organizations.

Its members have actively participated in the update of the following EFOMP Policy Statements:

- Policy Statement No. 6.1: “Recommended Guidelines on National Registration Schemes for Medical Physicists”
• Policy Statement No. 10.1: “Recommended Guidelines on National Schemes for Continuing Professional Development of Medical Physicists”

Two papers were prepared by DFM-SPF and submitted to ECMP2016:
- ‘NEW EUROPEAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MP STAFFING LEVELS - APPLICATION TO PORTUGAL’
- ‘SWOT ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF MEDICAL PHYSICISTS IN PORTUGAL’

WEB PAGE/MAILING LIST
The DFM-SPF web page and the mailing list (accessible to all members) continued to work as the main ways to disseminating information among its members.

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