

## WELCOME ADDRESS TO MEDICAL PHYSICS INTERNATIONAL FROM THE IOMP PRESIDENT

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It is my great pleasure seeing the launching of the official IOMP journal “*Medical Physics International* (MPI)”. The idea of establishing its own journal has occasionally been raised within IOMP over the years. It was during the World Congress in Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering 2012 (WC2012) held in Beijing that the idea was raised at Council. A small task group led by Vice-President, Dr. Slavik Tabakov was established shortly thereafter to explore the feasibility of establishing an international journal.

Through the great efforts in the planning and preparation of Dr. Tabakov and his team members, the Medical Physics International (MPI) is finally off the ground. I would like to congratulate Dr. Tabakov and his team for a job well done. The journal provides a new platform for

medical physicists to share their experience, ideas and new information generated from their work of scientific, educational and professional nature. Such a resource of information will be very valuable and important for all IOMP members.

Every medical physicist is welcome to make use of this platform either as an author, a reader or a reviewer and contribute to the advancement of medical physics. Articles published in MPI will be read by 19,000 or more medical physicists practicing in more than 80 countries in different parts of the world. With this large network of readership, the MPI will likely become one of the most popular and reputable journals in our profession. IOMP is charged with the mission “To advance medical physics practice worldwide by disseminating scientific and technical information, fostering the educational and professional development of medical physics and promoting the highest quality medical services for patients.” MPI, being an open access journal is one of the initiatives taken by IOMP aiming at accomplishing this mission.

I would like to thank the co-editors, Dr. Slavik Tabakov and Dr. Perry Sprawls and members of the editorial board for the successful launching of MPI and their efforts and commitments in running the journal.