

## Medical Physics International Conferences 2016

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During this year we see a large number of Medical Physics Conferences – another important parameter for the growth of the profession, fully supported by IOMP and its Regional Organizations:

-The First European Congress on Medical Physics (ECMP, 1-4 September 2016, Athens, Greece) – a new dimension of the regular European Conferences, organized by EFOMP;

-The 7th Latin American Congress on Medical Physics (4 – 7 September 2016, Córdoba, Argentina), organized by ALFIM;

-The First African Conference on Medical Physics, Biomedical Engineering and Sciences (AFROBIOMEDIC 2016, 17 – 21 October 2016, Abuja, Nigeria), co-organised by FAMPO;

-The large regular 22nd International Conference of Medical Physics (ICMP2016, 9-12 December 2016, Bangkok, Thailand), Co-organised by IOMP, AFOMP and SEAFOMP.

Alongside these we also have the large and well attended Annual Conferences of AAPM (Washington, 31 July –

4 August), of IPEM (12-14 September, Manchester, UK), as well as Conferences with International participation in Qatar, Mexico, Sweden, Canada, South Africa, Germany, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Bangladesh, Australia and many others.

I do not remember another year with so many International Conferences on Medical Physics. This active growth will be specially discussed in the IOMP Regional Coordination Board. The enthusiasm of the Organisers should be encouraged and supported. It is also very positive to see that all these Conferences include, alongside their scientific session, special activities supporting Education, Training and Professional development (one of these is the new IOMP SCHOOL activity). Another very important element of the Conferences is that these include many low-and-medium income countries. All this can be seen as one of the results of the focused capacity-building activities of IOMP and its Regional Organisations.

The MPI Journal has also its role for this success, having not only sustained its readership base in the first 3 years since its establishment in 2013, but almost doubling this in the past months (reaching close to 8,000 readers per month)..