

## EDITORIALS

Medical Physicists in all countries of the world advance their professional status along with their scientific and clinical capabilities by connecting with and sharing knowledge, experiences, and ideas with each other. Many other journals provide for publication of peer-reviewed research reports that advance the science, related technology, and clinical applications of the profession. The many other activities within the medical physics profession including educational methods and resources, individual professional development, status of development within the geographical regions, and much more are the subjects for this journal. As a free and open resource publication it is available to all. Readers are encouraged to share and discuss articles with others, especially students and younger physicists to engage them in the world-wide medical physics community.

### Perry Sprawls MPI Co-Editor-in-Chief

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This regular issue of the Journal Medical Physics International (MPI, May 2021) continues with the focus on the IOMP Regional Organizations (RO). The focus now is on MEFOMP (Middle East Federation of Organizations for Medical Physics). This issue follows the previous Focused issues related to the South and Central America and the Caribbean Region (May 2019), the African Region (Dec 2019), the South East Asian Region (May 2020) and the Asia-Oceania Federation Region (Dec 2020).

The current issue includes papers tracing the development of our profession in Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen, as well as an overall view of MEFOMP and its reaction to the current

pandemic. We are grateful to the MEFOMP President and Secretary General - Dr Huda al-Naemi and Dr Mohammad Hassan Kharita - our Contributing Co-Editors of the MPI May 2021 – who solicited papers from the Region. The large Professional section of the Journal also includes information about collaborative activities in Rwanda and Kenya.

The Educational section includes information about the Update of the Scientific Dictionary of Medical Physics (currently cross-translating 4000 medical physics terms in 32 languages), as well as about medical physics education activities during the time of Covid-19.

The How-To part of the Journal includes activities related to the assessment of Patient radiation dose in CT examinations, as well as Quality Control of SPECT Whole body imaging.

Four book reviews are also published, including the current IAEA Guidelines on Certification TCS 71.

We believe that many colleagues will find interesting information in the new issue of the MPI Journal. We are happy to inform our readers that our recent MPI Special Issues related to the Project History of Medical Physics – from January and May 2021 (covering History of Ultrasound in Medicine), have now thousands of downloads. The consistently high number of MPI readers underlines the importance of the aim of our free MPI Journal -supporting of the global development of our profession.

As usual, we welcome papers from our colleagues

### Slavik Tabakov, MPI Co-Editor-in-Chief

