



December 2016

President's update



This is the time of year when we tend to look back at events and reflect on what has happened in the last 12 months. This year has seen so many historic events; the vote for Brexit, the US Presidential election result and perhaps more positively Team GB's performance at the Rio Olympics! Closer to home, we have had a pretty amazing year, with the launch of the Science for Patient Benefit campaign, the new three-year strategy being agreed, a highly successful MPEC, and a more active international participation, such as the first-ever European Congress of Medical

Physics in Athens and the 22nd International Conference on Medical Physics in Bangkok, where we renewed our Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Medical Physicists of India. I am really excited when I look forward to the coming year, with many great things planned, including the launch of the model LINAC project, free for every child undergoing radiotherapy, and the joint MPEC/MEIbioeng conference. Hopefully other long-standing activities will also come to fruition in 2017 and I am optimistic that there will be significant announcements in the new year. Through the year you will have heard me use the word 'collaboration' extensively...I am also increasingly using the word 'community' to refer to IPEM and it has been suggested we could set up a wide range of 'communities of interest' within IPEM as part of the committee review, sharing thoughts and advice. I would be really keen to hear your thoughts on this idea and perhaps suggestions for communities you feel could be established. Feel free to email me at president@ipem.ac.uk.

May I wish you all the best for the festive season and best wishes for the New Year.

How IPEM is working for you

Honours nominations

At the start of the New Year, and again on the Queen's official birthday in June, a list of people receiving honours is published. To receive such an Honour is not just a privilege for the recipient but also a mark of recognition for the field in which they have been working.

IPEM has a procedure in place to work up a nomination once a suggestion has been made. The Honours Nomination Advisory Committee (HNAC) consists of seven members who have themselves received Honours. They have the expertise to help draw up the nomination form but they need you to identify members whose work, you feel, deserves recognition. By this we mean that the person nominated should have changed things, especially by solid, practical achievement and/or their work should have brought distinction to British life or enhanced the UK's reputation in their area or activity. Most importantly, their contribution should have been 'outstanding' – not just long service, or an excellent delivery of their 'day job', but something beyond the norm.

Our profession is one which enables us to change people's lives and there

IPEM Latest

[IPEM member is winner of first ever John Mallard Award](#)

[Call for Chief Scientific Advisor on Brexit negotiations](#)

Conferences

[DICOM Teaching for Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering on 16 February, London](#)

[more 2017 conferences](#)

External events & activities

[CSO awards 2017](#)

[New Diversity and Inclusion Framework launched](#)

[L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science UK & Ireland Fellowship Awards Programme](#)

[Health Foundation leadership programme](#)

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[BNMS abstract submissions open](#)

[BMA research funding awards](#)

are a number of our members who surely deserve this recognition for their work. So we would ask you to suggest names for the HNAC to consider (send your names to marie@ipem.ac.uk marked Confidential). Please note, that in line with Cabinet Office requirements, the nominee must not be informed about the nomination at any stage.

Scope makes final for national award

Scope magazine narrowly missed out on winning a national award at the recent Professional Publishers Association Independent Publisher Awards 2016. It was a finalist in the Membership Magazine of the Year category, one of six publications competing for the title, which was won by the National Trust magazine.

Authors working group

IPEM is setting up a working group to consider how and what IPEM could do to support book authors and is looking for three members to sit on the working group. Volunteers should have previous experience of book publication. The working group will be temporary and will aim to complete its work by September 2017. The aims of the working group are to provide information on:

- the different types of support which authors need and what authors currently do to gain this support.
- the type of support which IPEM could offer authors; in the form of options and costings.
- whether IPEM members might be interested in this support.

The group will meet by teleconference or in person (in York) three times over its lifetime. Please send brief details of who you are and relevant experience by **3 January 2017** to marie@ipem.ac.uk.

Vacancies for the European School for the Medical Physics Expert

Vacancies are currently available for the Board of the European School for the Medical Physics Expert for prominent medical physicists with expertise in the education and training of medical physicists.

Potential candidates must have a minimum of 10 years' experience in a senior position in medical physics, normally as a MPE, hold a position which entails appraisal and management of the performance of individuals, and experience of teaching medical physics at postgraduate level.

Nominations to sit on the Board should consist of:

- A formal letter of nomination by the President of the European Federation of Organisations for Medical Physics (EFOMP) National Member Organisation that will include the name and affiliation of the candidate
- A letter from the candidate accepting his/her nomination
- A statement (up to 500 words) by the candidate demonstrating the knowledge and interest in the field and highlighting any other experience which makes them suitable for the post
- A short CV limited to three pages of A4, which should cover the candidate's qualifications.

If you want to be considered, send your application to marie@ipem.ac.uk. Nominations close on 9 February.

And finally...

Daniel lends a helping hand in Thailand

Daniel Darian, a nuclear medicine physicist at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust in London, is currently halfway through a 12-month educational placement in Bangkok. Daniel is assisting students with their MSc projects at Chulalongkorn University Memorial Hospital, where he is based with the medical physics staff, and attended the International Conference on Medical Physics, which was held in Bangkok earlier this month. Daniel is

The Royal Society awards

STP open day Leeds

IPEM Journals Pick of the Month

Physics in Medicine and Biology

[Multiple energy synchrotron biomedical imaging system](#)

Physiological Measurement

[An open access database for the evaluation of heart sound algorithms](#)

Medical Engineering and Physics

[Effect of trunnion roughness and length on the modular taper junction strength under typical intraoperative assembly forces](#)

Thank you!

Many thanks for all your patience whilst our website and database are being upgraded.

National Office closure

The National Office will be closed from 4pm on 23 December, re-opening on 3 January.

writing a series of articles for Scope on his experiences in Thailand, so keep an eye on upcoming editions for his reports.



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