



IPEM news

January 2020



This month, President Stephen O'Connor talks about:

- Writing to the Home Secretary on immigration issues concerning healthcare science
- Success with the Office for National Statistics

[President's Blog](#)

Job code changes agreed

A change to the job codes used to classify medical physicists and clinical engineers by the Office for National Statistics has been achieved thanks to lobbying by IPEM.



Office for National Statistics

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IPEM progress on MR Safety Expert certification

Progress has been made by IPEM towards shaping the process of MR Safety Expert certification in the UK.



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Join the new-look Scope team!

Our members' magazine Scope is about to undergo a transformation as we prepare to change publishers. We are recruiting Commissioning Editors to join the new Editorial Board from next month so please apply for one of these exciting roles.



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Rehabilitation engineering next for MPACE

The Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering (MPACE) accreditation programme has issued a call for expressions of interest to expand its remit to include rehabilitation engineering.

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Professional indemnity insurance

In response to members' requests about professional indemnity insurance, IPEM has now partnered with S-Tech to provide this service. Please contact [S-Tech](#) direct and quote 'IPEM' when speaking to them.



Biennial Radiotherapy Meeting and MPEC 2020

The Biennial Radiotherapy Meeting is being held alongside our annual Medical Physics and Engineering Conference in Glasgow from 28 – 30 September. If you would like to join the programme committee contact us at conferences@ipem.ac.uk for more



details. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see at this event then please do drop us a line.

The conference will be held over three days, with the first day being the free Members' Day followed by two full days of scientific programme with a focus on radiotherapy.

Cancer related ebooks free to download

To mark World Cancer Day on 4 February, two IPEM ebooks are being made available to **all** members to download for free. 'External Field and Radiation Stimulated Breast Cancer Nanotheranostics' and 'Lung Cancer and Imaging' will be free to download from 3-7 February.

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Radiotherapy workforce census results

There was an 89% response rate (up from 76% in 2017) to the census and many thanks to all who responded. Initial analysis suggests the vacancy rate amongst Clinical Scientists has risen back to the 2015 level of 9% from 2017's 7.8%. The vacancy rate for clinical technologists (physics) is 9.4%, up slightly from 9.2% in 2017, and for clinical technologists (engineering) the vacancy rate is 11.2%, up from 8.2%.

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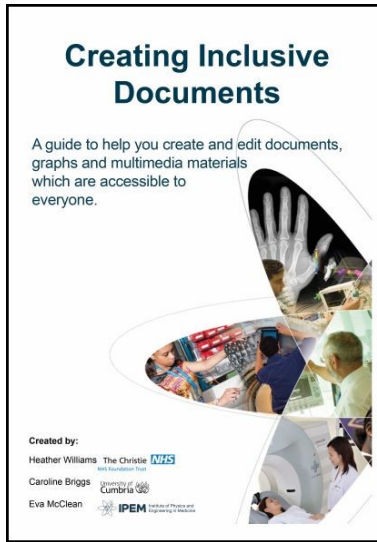




Four new ebooks published

Four new IPEM ebooks have been published and Full Members and Fellows can download them for free for a limited time.

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Creating inclusive documents

A guide to help members create and edit documents, graphs and multimedia materials, which are accessible to everyone, is now available.

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Seeking new PMB Editor-in-Chief

Applications are being invited for a new Editor-in-Chief of IPEM's international peer-reviewed Physics in Medicine & Biology journal. Current editor, Professor Simon Cherry, is stepping down at the end of this year. The deadline to apply is 17 April.

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Outreach equipment library

IPEM has a range of equipment which members can borrow to promote their outreach activities throughout the year, and especially during Healthcare Science Week. It is available on a first come, first served basis.

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**Healthcare
Science
Week**

6-15 March 2020

IPEM conferences and courses

There are three IPEM events coming up for members. The MPE Update 2020 is taking place in Birmingham on 10 March; the MR Safety Expert is a two-day course taking place in Peterborough on 24-25 March; and Emerging Technologies and Novel Design in Wheelchairs and Specialist Seating taking place in York on 31 March.



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Members give expert reaction to new study

Three IPEM members provided expert reaction to the Science Media Centre on a study looking at low doses of radiation in medical imaging and mutations in cell cultures. Fellow Professor Malcolm Sperrin, Head of Physics at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Fellow Jim Thurston, Head of Radiation Protection and Dosimetry Service at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, and David Dommett, Consultant Clinical Scientist at Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and chair of the Society of Radiological Protection's Medical Committee, responded to this.



[Read Their Responses](#)

Prizes and awards 2020

Applications and nominations for IPEM's various prizes and awards, including the Gold Medals, early career prizes, the Roy Ellis Patient Benefit

award, and the Spiers' Prize for Outreach, can now be submitted. The deadline is 30 April.

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- [Women in STEM Careers 2020](#)
- [Medical Physics International](#)
- [Royal Society of Medicine: Imaging and prostate cancer event](#)
- [BIR: IGRT in contemporary radiotherapy event](#)
- [EMBEC 2020 call for papers](#)
- [New EFOMP Vice President and officers](#)

And finally...

Congratulations to the following Full Members who have become IPEM Fellows:

Congratulations!

- Russ Thomas, Senior Research and Clinical Scientist at the National Physical Laboratory
- Dr John Ridgway, Honorary staff at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
- Professor Adam Gibson, Reader in Medical Physics at University College London, and IPEM's VP Academic
- Professor Catherine Coolens, Senior Medical Physicist and Associate Professor at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto, Canada
- Fred Wilson, Director Experimental Medicine Imaging at GlaxoSmithKline.



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