International Education Activities – May 30, 2012 Ed Council Retreat

**Review of and progress toward planning goals**

1. Change TG 188 to working group –(3) Completed
   1. [**Work Group on International Strengthening of Medical Physics**](http://www.aapm.org/org/structure/default.asp?committee_code=WGISMP) (WGISMP), Chair Don Frey. Charge: To provide support and input to the AAPM and to the IAEA in response to IAEA's Inter-Regional Project INT/6/054 (Strengthening Medical Physics in Radiation Medicine)
   2. Draft document in progress: Roles and Responsibilities, and Education and Training Requirements for Clinically Qualified Medical Physicists
   3. Four workgroups within the IAEA 6/054



1. *Investigate how to support international activities with limited funding (3)*
   1. Initiated discussion with counterparts in several Latin American countries, with LAASC and Interregional (PAHO) members about current needs and ways that AAPM may be able to assist.
   2. Preparing a presentation for Symposium on Medical Physics in developing countries at the AAPM in Charlotte: Medical Physics in Latin America – how can the AAPM help?
   3. Worked out with Nigerian counterpart that the project on “Development of a Medical Physics National Training Program” to start in August 2012, will fund the external faculty/trainers. The program is engaging local faculty and external faculty from several other countries in addition to the US.
   4. Leveraged the agreement with SEFM and AMPR in conducting a Symposium at minimal cost to AAPM (see item 6.c.)
2. *Develop liaison with Sprawls group (3)*
   1. Initiated contact. Still more needed on this point
   2. Offered contact to Nigeria new program for training Medical Physicists.
3. *Assist international meetings to achieve CAMPEP accreditation to enhance attendance of US and Canadian physicists (2)*
   1. Working with four international meetings (Already sponsored by AAPM through IEAC), so far. At least three or four more expected to apply for endorsement and have been made aware of this option/opportunity. An exception is the IAEA training courses where attendees are sponsored and there is no need or incentive to get CAMPEP credits.
   2. See also item 5.b. as for enhancing US attendance
4. *Obtain recognition of AAPM involvement when members participate in faculties of meetings (2)*
   1. AAPM recognition given at all the meetings endorsed or co-sponsored
   2. Endorsed and cosponsored meetings get listed on web page
5. *Assist international medical physicists in fellowship placements (2)*
   1. Two Spanish Med Physicists completed their fellowships as planned, but more places are needed. WGNIMP has done some exploratory work with SDAMPP.
   2. We will need to do the same with Russian MP’s so .
   3. AAPM-SEFM-AMPR Joint Professional Symposium --Medical Physics Challenges for Implementation of New Technologies in External Beam Radiotherapy will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Cari Borras and Dan Bourland have done a great job in organizing it.
   4. “Radiating Hope” – initiative on Africa
6. *Explore expansion of Speakers Bureau with IAEA (2)*
   1. Nothing to report at this time
7. *Evaluate impact of participation requests on AAPM (3)*
   1. Will try getting report from CAMPEP
8. *Support creation of regional training centers for specific equipment (2)*
   1. Discussed ideas with IOMP President who wants to make this an IOMP project in collaboration with vendors and perhaps IAEA support
   2. Discussed with some regional representatives in Latin America. More follow up on that needed.
   3. Will continue dialogue at the WC (end of May)
9. *Implement some of the proposals from the disbanded TG 131 (2)*
   1. Plan to test some of the concepts along with the Nigeria initiative
10. Where do we go from here? – Objectives for next Retreat

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**Future and/or planned activities:**

Support of ALFIM congress in 2013

Possible add-on course on “Mitigating Risks in Radiation Treatments of Patients” at ALFIM

2012 Start of Nigeria Training Program – continuing to 2013-14

2013 Meeting in Spain as part of the WGNIMP –AAPM\_SEFM

2013 Workshops in Russia as part of the WGNIMP –AAPM\_AMPR

**Other issues for information and discussion:**

Implementation of ACMP merger re: IMPCB membership and creation of SC

Requests of cooperation agreements from additional countries (Macedonia, etc.)