

WC 2006 Report

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Drs Frey and Hendee attended the World Congress on Medical Physics and Bioengineering 2006 as AAPM Representatives to the IOMP Council.

IOMP

The IOMP meets consisted of two council meetings and meetings of the various IOMP Committees.

First Council Meeting

The IOMP Officers for the next 3 year term will be:

President	Barry Allen
Vice-President	Fridtjof Nusslin
Secretary-General	Peter Smith
Treasurer	George Mawko
Past-President	Azam Niroomand-Rad

Two members of the AAPM will chair IOMP Committees

Dr Cari Borrás will chair the Science Committee

Dr Bill Hendee will chair the Publications Committee

Because they are committee chairs Hendee and Borrás are on the Council Executive Committee.

A new entity was created to work with the IUPAP. This is called IComp. IComp will serve as a way to link IOMP with IUPAP.

The International Advisory board was dissolved and its functions were distributed to other IOMP entities.

For other key appointments see attachment 14 to the First Council Agenda.

Funding remains an issue for IOMP. They did not have any significant income from the WC in Australia and do not expect any from the meeting in Korea. They have started having additional Congresses but they have not generated significant income. Their finances are as follows:

2006 IOMP BUDGET

(all amounts in US Dollar)

	\$	\$
Balance brought forward:		211,846
Receipts		
National Dues	35,000	
Corporate Dues	3,000	
Interest	2,400	
Total Receipts		40,400
Payments		
Administration	17,050	
Officer Travel & Accommodation	6,500	
IUPESM Membership Dues: 2006	10,000	
Plaques	500	
IAEA 2006 QA Symposium	1,000	
Bank Charges	700	
President's reception at WC2006	1,500	
Awards & Honors Committee	9,000	
Education & Training Committee	10,000	
International Advisory Board	1,000	
Professional Relations Committee	12,600	
Publications Committee	3,000	
Science Committee	8,200	
Rules Committee	1,000	
Total Payments		81,050
Loans		
Seed grant for ICMP2007	15,000	15,000
Net balance:		156,196

In non-congress years they break even but in congress years they lose money.

They did vote to slightly increase the dues but most of that will be used to pay the increased dues to IUPESM.

Their publication Medical Physics World is profitable. They are working to increase corporate sponsorship but corporate support of WC 2006 was not strong.

No items at the first council meeting met with significant dissention.

Second Council Meeting

The second council meeting was devoted to their long range planning document, which is attached. The document gives the IOMP a sense of direction but it will

be challenging to implement since they have difficulties with both funding and manpower. The AAPM provided significant input to the document.

IUPESM

Colon Orton completed his term as president. Two AAPM members (Azam Nirromand-rad and Cari Borrás) will be on the executive committee. The IUPESM suffers because it gets all of its income from its two member organizations (IOMP and IFMBE). This amounts to about \$20k per year much of which goes to ICSU for dues. ICSU has raised its dues by the clever trick of collecting them in Euros rather than USD so IUPESM has had to pass the expense back to IOMP and IFMBE. With so little funds there are limitations for possible activities for IUPESM. They are working on possible ways to raise more money but the possibilities are limited. They are discussing and project to consider developing or at least specifying appropriate equipment and training for developing countries. The association of physicists and engineers within IUPESM might make this an interesting project.

The WC Meeting

The AAPM was the co-sponsor and organizer of the Continuing Education Program. This was done by Perry Sprawls and Dan Bourland. This was very well done and a good investment by AAPM.

Overall the meeting was of good quality but the attendance was only about 1990 many of whom were students. The meeting was of great importance to Korea though. The Prime Minister addressed the opening ceremony. I would roughly estimate that 20 AAPM medical physicists attended the meeting. Three of the 10 plenary speakers were AAPM members.

The next WC will be in Munich in 2009 and a meeting is planned for China in 2012.

The AAPM provides a great deal of support to IOMP. We provide about 30% of their dues income. We also provide individuals who serve on and chair their committees. It is to our advantage to see how we can help strengthen the organization.

Respectfully Submitted

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