

IOMP-IMPCB Memorandum of Understanding on Professional Certification of Medical Physicists

The International Organization for Medical Physics (IOMP) is collaborating with professional organizations in development of a professional certification system for medical physicists that can be implemented on a global basis. Therefore, in November 2014 the IOMP and the International Medical Physics Certification Board (IMPCB) formed a Task Group (TG)*, initiated a joint discussion on the future development of IMPCB, and took steps to prepare for the IOMP Council's official recognition of IMPCB. The TG members agreed that the IMPCB would be much stronger if the IOMP were to become more involved in the affairs and future development of the organization. After considerable discussions, the TG made several recommendations which have been felt essential for a future collaboration of both organizations. These recommendations resulted in modifications of the ByLaws of the IMPCB as approved by IMPCB Board of Directors and by the Voting Members. The major ones are listed here:

1. The activities of the IMPCB are related to the standardization and accreditation of certification programs for medical physicists, whilst the accreditation of education and training programs is the responsibility of the IOMP. For better synchronization of their activities both organizations agree to provide regular exchange of information.
2. IMPCB should be changed from a membership-type organization to an independent board-type organization by eliminating "Members" and replacing them with "Supporting Organizations".
3. IMPCB should make it clear that the requirements for certification and accreditation of certification programs are in accordance with the requirements of IOMP guidelines, and
4. IOMP should be designated the Principal Supporting Organization with three representatives on the Board of Directors.

Further to the recommendations mentioned above, this Memorandum of Understanding will help to document the additional recommendations, which are:

- A. IOMP will appoint the three Board Members as stated in the IMPCB By-Laws (2015) to serve in the IMPCB Board of Directors beginning 2016.
- B. IOMP will become the Principal Supporting Organization when this document is accepted by the undersigned.



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