

**Wolf Seelentag:** Without my father (a radiation oncologist) I would likely never have heard about "medical physics" during my education at Berlin Technical University. So, after my diploma, I packed my household effects into the car and drove to England. At the Royal Marsden Hospital / Institute of Cancer Research (Sutton, Surrey) I did my PhD with Jack W. Boag (which already dates me a bit) on silverless radiological imaging. During my time there Godfrey Hounsfield himself installed the worldwide first clinical CT scanner in Sutton, and Paul Lauterbur gave a talk on zeugmatography (today better known as MR imaging). It was an interesting time - but I still returned to the continent - first to the Secondary Standard Dosimetry Laboratory at GSF (München-Neuherberg), where I measured x-ray spectra with high resolution. One evening I got a phone call from Wolfgang Horst, inviting me to come to Zürich (USZ). Three years later the family (by now) moved to St.Gallen, with Urs Lütolf - and unlike him I stayed in St.Gallen. Having been around in Europe quite a bit, and as a "European by heart", it will not be surprising that I also got involved in EFOMP (amongst other societies), serving as Secretary General for four years, with Karl Arne Jessen and Fridtjof Nüsslin being "my" presidents. Today my favourite "pastime" is being president of the SSRMP Certification Commission.

**Daniel Vetterli, Biel:** Meine Arbeit als Medizinphysiker am Radio-Onkologiezentrum in Biel ist sehr vielseitig und ich schätze meine Unabhängigkeit und die Möglichkeit den Betrieb mitgestalten zu können. Dank dem Verständnis der Geschäftsleitung kann ich meine Tätigkeit als Mitglied des Vorstandes der SGSMP ausüben. Hier gefällt mir, mit meinen Kollegen zusammen interessante Themen, die unseren Beruf betreffen, diskutieren zu können, aber auch zum Funktionieren unserer Gesellschaft beitragen zu können. Als Ausgleich zum Beruf genieße ich zusammen mit meiner Frau die Nähe zu den Bergen, wo wir uns im Winter beim Langlaufen und im Sommer bei ausgedehnten Wanderungen erholen.

**Frédéric Corminbœuf, Bern:** Frédéric represents the board of spam. He likes nuclear medicine and children ☺.

In 2001, **Werner Roser** replaced Horst Nemeč in the SGSMP board. At that time, he acted as editor of our Society's Bulletin (together with Roman Menz). Since 2003 he is SGSMP's treasurer. Being originally an MR physicist, he has been working since 1997 at Paul Scherrer Institute, where he is currently dealing with regulatory and safety related documents concerning the proton therapy installations and a new electron accelerator facility for research purposes. He'll soon be father of four children, who keep him on the go.

**Markus Notter, La Chaux-de-Fonds:** radio-oncologue depuis 1984. Il est actuellement Médecin chef du Service de Radiothérapie à La Chaux-de-Fonds. Il utilise la radiothérapie conformationnelle depuis plus de 15 ans, la simulation virtuelle depuis plus de 10 ans et l'IGRT en routine depuis septembre 2005. Ces autres spécialités sont les traitements des cancers cutanés, les irradiations des affections non-malins et l'application clinique de l'hyperthermie depuis 1984. 1988 il a établi comme un des premiers centres en monde l'hyperthermie profonde à l'hôpital cantonal de Aarau.

**Marc Pachoud, Lausanne:** I have never heard of medical physics before starting my Phd in 1998 at the IRA (Lausanne). I have finished my thesis in 2003 and have received my SSRPM certification at the end of 2003. After my thesis I have worked as a research engineer for the Bosch Company in the field of automotive. We have developed some visual systems mounted in cars (night visions and head-up displays systems) which help the driver during his driving task; nothing to do with radiotherapy but very interesting. In 2006, I was engaged by the IRA as a medical physicist in the radiotherapy group. I have a little daughter (19 months) and my favourite hobbies are alpinism, climbing and skiing.

**Luca Cozzi** – our travelling president – we just wonder how he manages to participate on our board meetings – and we are lucky that his family allows him to work for us ☺.

**Peter Manser, Bern:** Peter is our newest member in the board. For further information please have a look on the next page ☺.

**Jean-François Germond, La Chaux-de-Fonds:** Our French speaking senior brings also a lot of practical and scientific experience. He still fights for having the statutes of our society in French ☺

**Angelika Pfäfflin** engagiert sich im Vorstand der SGSMP, weil sie es wichtig findet, über den eigenen Tellerrand hinauszuschauen. Her language skills are available but could be better. Le problème c'est le Français ☺. Sie macht – zusammen mit Regina Müller – unser Bulletin, mittlerweile seit 5 Jahren. Are there any colleagues who could imagine to enlarge our little team? Notamment parlant Français? O Italiano? ☺ ☺ ☺... just email : medphys.pfaefflin@bluewin.ch

