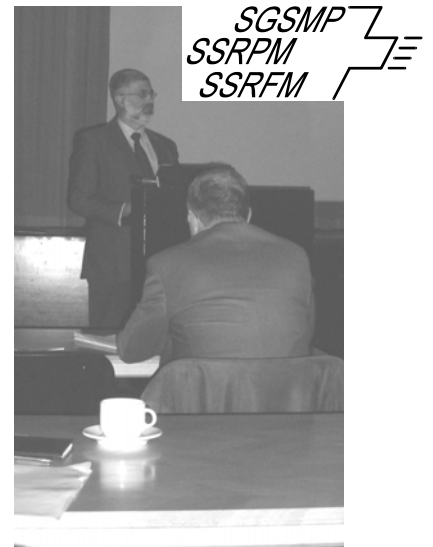


## Dear Colleagues, dear Friends

It is now time to summarize the activity of our Society over the past year and it is my duty to pick up the most relevant aspects. SGSMP is highly active and in good shape, this could be the extreme summary and all what I would really need to say. But let's elaborate a bit more on the subject. Before all and more important of all we have to stand up and let our emotions free of going out remembering the three colleagues of us that died this year. Serge Raimondi, Pia Huguenin and Jacques Bernard Davis completed their cycle on earth and left us a little bit more alone. For the ones who worked with them or was a personal friend, this is a remarkable loss as well for the whole society. We should always remember our predecessors with gratitude and give credit for the huge amount of work they did in their respective areas of interest. If we are here now, it is, partially also because of them. Thank you Serge, Pia and Bernard.



Moving back to the current activity of SGSMP, I want to invite all of you to go through the web pages and check the activity of the various working groups. A lot was done and some new activity was started. More emphasis shall be given to: CIRCS, the baby is born and active in various clinics, a draft of the recommendations for quality assurance on CT and PET-CT is ready for discussion. A new working group was established and jointly operated with SPAMP to analyze the role and the needs of medical physics in the new areas foreseen by Article 74. A pregroup, self initiated and self structured was born to address the issue of education in medical physics and to identify strategies towards a true Master programme in Switzerland for our discipline. All this and much more is testimonial of our "being active" and I would add, being highly productive. Thanks to all involved people and, let me invite the entire members body to join the efforts in the various groups. Education is also one of the primary tasks of any scientific society, independently from the statutes. This year several continuous education events were organized or hosted in Switzerland. Our excellent web site summarizes them all but credit shall be given to the most official one. The course on PET-CT hold in Bern in September and organized by Frédéric Corminbœuf. Being a scientific society, we tried this year an experiment. We tried to convince our colleagues that i) they have research ideas and ii) they need money to do that. Not easy but we succeeded. The first edition of the SGSMP Research Grant succeeded with two proposals being financed. The St. Gallen group got support to perform their dosimetric intercomparison on IMRT and the Geneva group got some finances to continue their activities in the field of PET imaging connected to radiation oncology. I want to invite all of you to consider this option also during 2009. It is a small, limited amount of money, it shall be linked to a multicentric or multidisciplinary activity but it is worth to go for. As a price to pay... a short report on the bulletin shall be draft and submitted.

To conclude, I want to express our gratitude to few persons that, with their personal commitment, makes SGSMP more alive. First of all Léon, stepping out from the board after a long service as member and president. He will not stop here but will continue supporting all of us in the board of SPAMP. Secondly, our bulletin editors Angelika and Regina. The connecting tissue of SGSMP is in their good hands. Daniel and Werner are providing an excellent service as secretary, treasurer and now (Werner) also contact person with BAG. We welcome on-board also Peter in the new board he will surely find a lot to do.

Concluding my remarks, what is in front of us next year? Many ideas and issues are on the carpet. Relations and mutual position of SGSMP and SPAM, education and level of medical

physicists in Switzerland, BAG initiatives on dosimetry, radiation protection education... these are only few of the political and practical things we have to look at and we need the co-operation of all of you to succeed.

Thank you and have an excellent professional year.

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