

President's annual report 2016

Dear Colleagues,

It was in Fribourg, in October 2015, when the “new SSRMP year” started and when we had our last annual meeting. Again, I want to acknowledge the team of Fribourg, in particular Pierre-Alain Tercier, for organizing this excellent meeting. In the meantime, about 10 months later, we have to admit that it was a tough year with a lot of activities going on in our medical physics community. I try to recap some of them in my president's report, here.

Soon after the last year's annual meeting, the continuous education day 2015 took place on November 27, 2015 in Aarau. Gerd Lutters deserves many appreciations for organizing this important event. The topic was “dose from x-ray and nuclear medicine procedures” and it was definitely a highlight to learn and get insights from distinguished and renowned speakers.

During the last year, we had seven board meetings which, to my knowledge, is a record and means that we were sitting together almost every month. In addition, in the mentioned time period, we had two additional meetings with BAG and were organizing one AMP meeting. Throughout all these meetings we were rigorously focusing on the main and most important issues and were affected by hard but also productive dialogues. I am glad to see that the board members are actively working out profound solutions as a team. And I take the opportunity to thank all the board members for their efforts and their remarkable work over the last year. The discussions were certainly extensive considering not only the board members opinions, but we always tried to reflect our actions and decisions in a more general context. I can assure that during our meetings, we were always trying to include the ideas of the entire SSRMP society.

Definitely, the preparation of our feedback to the revision of the radiation protection ordinance was a major action point we had to deal with. We proposed on the last general assembly how to proceed with this important aspect. We decided to not perform this feedback preparation only within the board but to incorporate the member's statements by asking them to fill in a template and by organizing an AMP meeting in December 2015 in Bern. The AMP meeting was performed in a “workshop style”, and helped enormously for the finalization of the board's feedback to the revised radiation protection ordinance. The feedback, eventually, was submitted on February 15, 2016 to BAG.

In the last year, the SSRMP board activities were not only concentrating on radiation protection ordinance revision but there were other challenging topics to manage. As a keyword list, I would like to mention:

- Support the organization of exams for SSRMP certification
- Answering different requests
- Research grant 2016
- Varian prize 2016
- Actively supporting SSRMP working groups
- Support to organize the joint meeting between SSRMP and SASRO in Sursee (August 25-27, 2016)

The SSRMP is organized by the existence of three permanent committees, and more details on the activities within these committees are given elsewhere. Nevertheless, it turned out

again in the last year, that this constitution is an excellent setup and helps the society to be productive and efficient. I just want to grant here the outstanding work by Jean-Yves Ray with respect to the arrangement and update of the website and the organization of the bulletin together with the bulletin editors. Together with Roman Menz and Stefano Presilla, he was also engaged with questionnaires and the subsequent conclusions. I also want to acknowledge the very important work of Frédéric Corminboeuf and Hans Roser in the education committee, particularly in bringing the new education guidelines into action. Moreover, it is a pleasure to see that our scientific contributions are recognized on both, national and international levels, and I would like to thank Raphaël Moeckli and the science committee for their efforts. As an example: the number of physics related abstracts for this year's annual meeting in Sursee, is greater than 50. But it's not only the pure numbers of abstracts which is rather high, it is also the fact that more and more authors from Swiss institutes are presenting their work in peer-reviewed journals with high impact factors.

In Sursee, on August 25, 2016, we are going to have our general assembly. I first would like to thank SASRO for helping us to jointly organize this meeting. Particularly, I would like to mention Günther Gruber and Rachid Boucenna for their support and their willingness to take over this challenge. On this year's general assembly, elections are taking place: new board members are replacing old ones. This gives me the opportunity to thank the board members who are stepping down. Daniel Vetterli entered the board in 2003 and was secretary since then. His protocols were always not only thoroughly written and on time but he also balanced out the two typical protocol's problems: write down everything or just write down decisions. I am happy to see that he managed that ambiguity in a very professional way. Hans Roser entered the board in 2010 and chaired the education committee since 2014. We are all very appreciative for his contributions and his clear and systematic ideas on many SSRMP aspects. And, finally, Werner Roser entered the board in 2001 and served as a treasurer since 2003. I don't exaggerate when I say that he's the living memory of our society. Unquestionably, he was the person to contact when we had to deal with something which might have already been discussed in former times, and we were sure: if Werner is not able to find it in his archives, no one would be. Many thanks for your thoughts and memories, Werner!

Looking to the next year, I see many challenges waiting to be solved. I look forward to the new board constitution which certainly will take over the corresponding tasks and will serve the entire SSRMP society with their best knowledge, with their valuable time, and with great respect.

Peter Manser, Bern, 25.8.16