

# PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018



Dear colleagues,

While looking back to 2018, I start recognizing that this will be my last president's annual report, which hurts a little bit and is associated with the realization that the four years were just over so quickly. I remember very well the Dreiländtergagung in 2014 in Zurich, where I was elected for president the first time. Soon afterwards, we were celebrating the 50st anniversary of SSRMP in Luzern and ... and now, we are in 2018 in Lausanne. Let's put the emotions aside and let's focus on facts and figures.

About one year ago, we had our last general assembly on the occasion of a continuous education day in Solothurn. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Norbert Klippel and Raphaël Moeckli for making this happen. It was a very interesting day with distinguished speakers talking about deformable image registration and its potentials and challenges in radiation therapy. I also would like to mention two of our honorary members, Léon André and Wolf Seelentag, who were joining this event and who were reporting about their current activities as medical physicists. Very fascinating to see that there is still physics, even medical physics, in their daily lives and I am sure that they serve as good examples for all of us.

During the last year, we had 6 board meetings and discussed several topics. I provide a summary by the following keyword list:

- Two AMP meetings (Dec 2017, Jun 2018)
- Actively supporting SSRMP working groups
- Two meetings with BAG (Mar 2018, Nov 2018)
- Collaborations with other societies like SRO, SGR, SASRO, DGMP, OEGMP, EFOMP, etc.
- Research grant
- Varian prize
- Annual meeting in Lausanne, 22.-23.11.2018

The board dealt with many different aspects and communicated them also at the occasion of the AMP meetings. Among others, I want to pick up the topic of collaboration with partners and want to emphasize that we succeeded for instance in being able to support the society of radiology in organizing their annual meeting. To me, this was a big highlight over the last year, and I look forward to the SCR'19 meeting in St. Gallen, next June. Furthermore, we also could strengthen our network with DGMP and OEGMP. In this context, we discussed topics around "Zeitschrift für Medizinische Physik" (ZMP), which now is also known as Journal of Medical Physics. Moreover, the jointly organized Winterschule in Pichl (A) was celebrating its 30st anniversary and

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different persons from SSRMP were involved in different discussions about that. Peter Pemler acts as “Kurator” in the associated “Kuratorium” and I would like to thank him for his engagement and commitment to this.

Detailed information about the SSRMP activities can also be found in the corresponding reports from the permanent chairs. This gives me the opportunity to thank them for their tremendous work all over the last years. Jean-Yves Ray (professional affairs), Raphaël Moeckli (science), and Frédéric Corminboeuf (education) are heavily involved and available all the time. It's a real pleasure collaborating with all of them. To me, over the last years, we could realize and keep a high level of trust and confidence, which makes it easy to discuss with each other and to share ideas and find solutions. Many thanks to you for this!

More generally, it's all but obvious that the board members are perfectly collaborating during all the meetings and I am more than glad to see that all the board members are not just accomplishing a given task but are personally involved and actually always touched under their skins when SSRMP related issues pop up. This kind of natural involvement is needed for a society like SSRMP. It's a society, which is too small to be fully professional. But on the other side, it is too big to be handled just by joining a meeting without any interaction. It's like in particle physics: you need enough energy and momentum in order to dig into the deep and to discover concrete answers, which are not only satisfying current needs but are also relevant for the future.

In the general assembly 2017, we had some statutes changes, which were mainly initiated by administrative purposes and communication strategies. This had some impacts on financial

reporting and budget proposals, since the “Geschäftsjahr” is now starting on 1<sup>st</sup> of July. For sure, Regina Seiler deserves my deepest gratitude for all her activities and efforts as treasurer of SSRMP. She is simply doing a great job in this field and SSRMP members can be proud to have her in this position. Roman Menz acts as secretary for 2 years, now, and I am also thankful for having him on stage and organizing all the tasks related to administrative work.

I also want to express my appreciation to Yvonne Käser and Stefano Presilla, who both support the board in a more general manner. While Yvonne is representing SSRMP in the recently installed steering committee of clinical audits, Stefano is greatly involved in the professional affairs committee and thus is in charge of organizing the salary surveys. In addition, I would like to thank Markus Notter: although not able to participate personally in all of our board meetings, Markus is always on board when needed and gives input “from aside”. This perspective is very helpful, and to my experience from the last 10 years, it is a key element for succeeding as SSRMP board. To all of you: Many thanks as well!

Finally, I would like to thank all the supporting persons, which are active in the field and contribute to the success of SSRMP. There are too many people to mention by name, but I think of hard-working people in the working groups, bulletin editors, bulletin authors, speakers, lecturers, supervisors, mentors, authors, editors, reviewers, delegates, exam experts, auditors. All of you are needed and to all of you I express my sincere gratitude. I am sure that the new board, in particular the new president, will need your support also in the future.

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