

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2019



Dear colleagues,

A year ago, we have had our last SSRMP general assembly in Lausanne during our annual meeting. First of all, I would like to thank Raphaël Moeckli and Nicole Tille for the organization of last year's annual meeting. We had a broad variety of topics ranging from diagnostic imaging and radiobiology to radiation therapy. In addition, excellent presentations from the invited speakers Mauricio Reyes and Ben Heijmen showed how to deal with deep learning and auto-planning, respectively. At the general assembly Peter Manser stepped down as president and I would like to thank him for his tremendous work and special effort he spent for our society. The general assembly elected a new board and me as the new president.

Already one year past, within which the board had 6 meetings. Many different topics were discussed and can be summarized as follows:

- Two AMP meetings
- Active support of SSRMP working groups (new recommendation No. 10)
- Two meetings with BAG
- Collaborations with other societies
- SSRMP continuous education day

- Research grant
- Varian prize
- Annual meeting at PSI

During the two AMP meetings the board communicated these topics in more detail and I would now like to select a few aspects among the many in this report.

First, there was the publication of the revised version of our recommendation No. 10 about "*Reference Dosimetry of High-Energy Therapy Electron beams with Ionisation Chambers*". A huge amount of work and knowledge was put into this revision and I highly appreciate the efforts of the working group members, especially Samuel Peters from St. Gallen, who chaired this working group.

Further, I would like to mention the SCR'19 in St. Gallen in June, which was a really special event, since for the first time several joint sessions of SSRMP with partner societies were included. The feedback from these societies was very positive and thus, we will continue our collaboration also for the SCR'20 in Fribourg next June by organizing several joint sessions. Furthermore, there were also several exchanges with DGMP

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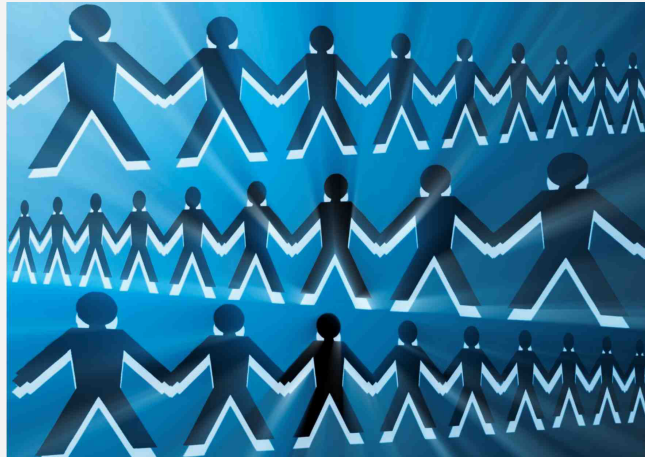
and ÖGMP. Apart from the 50th anniversary of DGMP, which was celebrated with many dedicated sessions at the DGMP annual meeting in Stuttgart, there were discussions in the context of the next Dreiländertagung in Vienna in 2021, the future trends of the “*Zeitschrift für Medizinische Physik*” and the Winterschule in Pichl. In this context, I would like to thank Peter Pemler, who left the Kuratorium after 10 years of strong engagement and also Peter Manser, who took his position as Kurator.

Apart from collaborating with other societies there were also several topics we worked on together with the BAG. For example, the hearing for the new BAG guideline about the security of high radioactive sources. I would like to thank especially Hans Neuenschwander who took the lead in preparing the feedback of SSRMP and the very fruitful discussions. This feedback was strongly recognized by BAG in the final version of the guideline. Another topic with a lot of discussions was the 3rd week of the radiation protection education. However, I believe that the concept will soon be recognized by BAG and can then be introduced in practice.

One of the highlights in my opinion was the SSRMP continuous education day 2019. Thanks go to Peter Manser, who organized this event in Bern just about a month ago, for preparing such an interesting program about training and education in radiation protection. Several different methods and ideas on how to train and educate were presented along with concrete practical experiences including a very impressive presentation about copyright issues in the context of teaching. It was fascinating to see how broad the options are and how much effort is spent on training and continuous education in our field.

There were many more activities going on over the last year and I point to the dedicated reports by the three permanent committee chairs for more information about further SSRMP topics. This gives me the opportunity to express special thanks to Regina Seiler, who jumped in as chair of the education committee ad interim last year, Jean-Yves Ray (professional chair) and Raphaël Moeckli (science chair). All of them are doing an incredible job and it is really a pleasure to have them on board for these tasks. Once again, a great thank you!

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Moreover, I would like to thank all of the board members for their great support and availability to my calls, emails, requests, meeting invitations, etc. It's far from self-evident! There is Regina Seiler taking care of all financial aspects as our treasurer. She deserves a huge thank you for her engagement and efforts to get everything straight. Working with her side by side over the last year opened my eyes about the tremendous and great job she is doing for our society. Also special thanks to Roman Menz with his huge support as secretary. In addition, I would like to give my thanks to Yvonne Käser, Stefano Presilla and Stefano Gianolini. While Yvonne made a huge effort in representing SSRMP in the steering committee for clinical audits, Stefano Presilla is highly active in the professional affairs committee and Stefano Gianolini is strongly

committed to represent SSRMP within EFOMP. I also thank Markus Notter for his support from a different perspective and his swift responses to my requests!

Of course, there are many more supporters, who actively contribute for a successful SSRMP and deserve a great thank you. Too many to name them personally, however, I just would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members engaged in our working groups and committees, the authors and the editorial of the bulletin, the mentors, lecturers, speakers, auditors and delegates and all who contribute in the one or the other way for SSRMP. So, Thank You All.

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