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Dear colleagues,

After many months of countless online meetings and many online conferences, I am more than happy to see not only your faces on the screen but rather your physical full-size head-to-feet profile.

With special efforts, last year's general assembly was also switched to online, since the planned annual meeting supposed to be held in Thun had to be cancelled due to Covid. It was especially challenging as elections were due. Luckily, we found a suitable online election tool. Despite some unknowns, the general assembly, including the elections, smoothly went through using zoom and *polyas*. Thanks to all the board members for being creative and participating in countless test sessions. In addition to the re-elections of all previous board members, Jérôme Krayenbühl was elected as the new chair of the education committee and Maud Jaccard was elected as a new board member.

This year's general assembly is also special as it comes along with our traditional continuous education day. This time the topic is "*Challenges of medical physicist in the operating theatre*" and there are many... I would like to thank the organization team: Alexander Schegerer, Stefano Gianolini, Roland Simmler and Nick Ryckx for their second attempt to organize this day and I would like to congratulate them for the great work! Definitely a highlight.



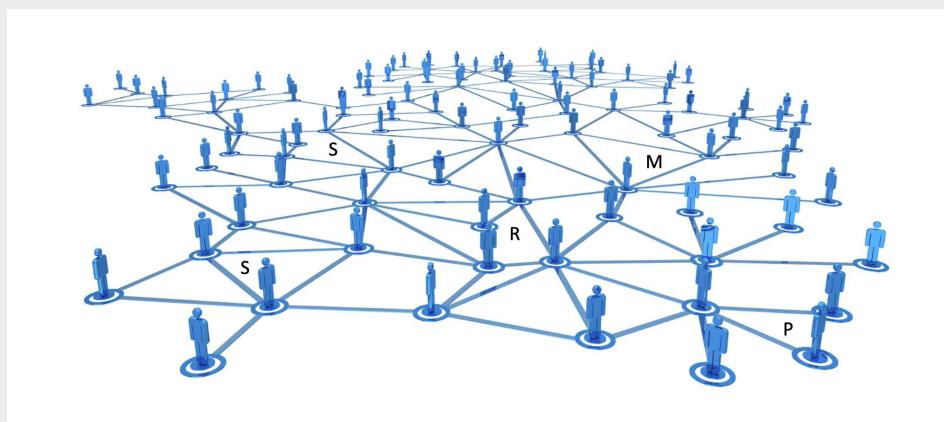
Within the last year the board held 6 online board meetings. As in previous years, many different topics were discussed and can be summarized as follows:

- Two online AMP meetings
- SSRMP continuous education day
- Support of SSRMP working groups
- Discussions with FOPH
- Joint Conference of the ÖGMP, DGMP and SSRMP
- Contract with Elsevier as publisher of ZMP
- Collaborations with other societies
- Varian prize

In the last year, two AMP meetings took place via zoom. Last December Francis Verdun presented the results of the national survey on dose in radiology performed by IRA in collaboration with the High School of Health Vaud and the FOPH, being this also part of a Swiss legal requirement aiming at assessing the impact of medical imaging on the exposure of the population. Among many interesting information and statistics, he reported that over 10.5 million of



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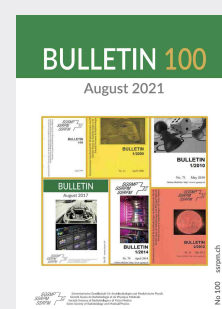
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diagnostic examinations using ionizing radiation were performed per year and although the number of CT acquisitions increased by 15% their contribution to the averaged effective dose per person remains constant.

This presentation was followed by reports of our well-known SSRMP TLD intercomparison, which in my opinion is an excellent SSRMP activity, especially as we have been performing this comparison for so many years. Results demonstrated high quality dosimetry standards throughout our radiotherapy centers. At this point I would like to give special thanks to Thierry Buchillier and Claude Bailat for their efforts in organizing the intercomparison. In addition, supported by an SSRMP research grant, Hans Schiefer and Simon Heinze performed a TLD intercomparison for Tomotherapy demonstrating the value of this intercomparison method.

Furthermore, SSRMP recommendations and reports are discussed and finalized at our AMP meetings. Last year one report and two recommendations were compiled by different SSRMP working groups and were discussed at our second AMP meeting: report 21 is about the use of patient shielding in radiological procedures and was recognized by the KSR and endorsed by the Swiss Society of Radiology. This appreciation demonstrates the great work of the working group. In a next step we look forward to collaborating with the FOPH on this topic in the "Radiation protection for patients" working group supporting the creation of a dedicated guideline; the recommendations with respect to quality assurance of systems for stereotactic ablative radiation therapy and eye lens dosimetry are the results of huge efforts by medical physics experts in the field. I would like to thank Natalia

Saltybaeva, Andreas Mack and Marta Sans Merce who chaired these working groups as well as all working group members. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the science committee, especially as the last year was very intensive in reviewing tasks.



Another great highlight for me was the century issue of our Bulletin. I really enjoyed reading this issue and

follow again the transitions of the Bulletin over the years. This gives me the opportunity to thank the current editorial team Francesca Belosi, Shelley Bulling, Nathan Corradini together with Jean-Yves Ray for creating one high quality issue after the other. You have been doing an awesome job for many

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years and I understand this is exhausting. So, the editorial team is looking for new creative motivated editors to shape the Bulletin in the future. Please, all of you feel free to join!

Last year the new concept for the radiation protection training was set in place. In a follow up discussion, the handling of the continuous education in radiation protection required by the radiation protection training ordinance was discussed with the BAG. Shortly an agreement was achieved and SSRMP has received a license from BAG to define what to recognize as continuous education in radiation protection. In addition, the compliance with this requirement is incorporated into the renewal of the SSRMP board certification. I would like to thank especially Regina Seiler for her efforts spent on this topic. Personally, I think this is a milestone and a huge benefit to our members.

During this year many discussions and online meetings with our partner societies DGMP and ÖGMP took place. One of them was the Dreiländertagung with ÖGMP as leading society. Although I mentioned last year that the conference was planned as a physical meeting, in the end the decision for an online meeting was taken. Nonetheless, Dietmar Georg

and Wolfgang Birkfellner prepared a great program and the technical support was outstanding. However, even though the organizers and all chairs provided a high level on motivation to actively participate, the interaction was very limited.



The finalization of the new contract with Elsevier as publisher of our society journal ZMP was another topic to discuss with DGMP and ÖGMP. The aim was to transfer ZMP into an open access journal. An agreement was reached with Elsevier for a two-phase transition approach. In summary: in the first phase covering the next two years, all publications will be open access without any authors publication fee and each member will receive a printed copy. The societies support this with a fixed amount of money. In the second phase, the typical setting of an open access journal will be installed, with an author publication fee and ideally an online-only journal. However, there is a discount for members of the societies and other contracts from Elsevier covering the publication costs. By this, ZMP is on a good way and prepared for further developments. Finally, I would also

like to appreciate all the work from the editorial board of ZMP as well as from the authors based on which an outstanding impact factor of 4.82 was achieved.

There are many other interactions with partner societies such as the collaboration related to the Swiss Congress of Radiology to name just one. SSRMP now regularly participates in the scientific committee and is involved in defining the conference program in the form of different joint sessions. While the SCR'21 has been split-up in different online session types such as webinars or scientific journal clubs, which I can recommend to participate, the next SCR'22 is to be held physically in Fribourg and is in its final planning stage. I would like to encourage you to actively participate by submitting abstracts as currently the call for abstract is open.

In summary, I want to point out the very constructive, balanced and supportive collaboration with all these societies, which I think is an important aspect for SSRMP.

Apart from the activities already mentioned, there were many more activities going on over the last year and I would like to point to the dedicated reports by the three permanent committee chairs for more information about these SSRMP topics. At this point a

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special thank you to all the chairs of these committees, namely Jérôme Kraysenbühl (education chair), Jean-Yves Ray (professional chair) and to Raphaël Moeckli (science chair). All of them spent countless hours during the year to make it look very smooth.

In addition, I would like to thank all the board members for their engagement. SSRMP can not only constantly count on the committee chairs but also on Stefano Gianolini, Maud Jaccard, Yvonne Käser, Roman Menz, Markus Notter, Stefano Presilla and Regina Seiler.

Overall, and at least in my opinion, we built quite a good team together. All of them are not surprised anymore, when I request their support, short term assistance, opinions etc. I really appreciate all your help. So again, a great thank you!

It is obvious that so many more members actively support SSRMP and deserve a big thank you. This includes members involved in different roles: delegates, working group chairs or members, mentors, authors, lecturers and many other

different engagements supporting our society and medical physics.

Well, in case you feel not busy enough or have some energy left, join the stage and serve SSRMP. You are welcome!

Finally, I thank you all and I wish you all the best. Take care, stay healthy, and see you soon.

Michael K Fix,
SSRMP President

