

Recent Developments of the IBMP Initiative

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The IBMP (International Board of Medical Physics) Constituting Panel was formed in 2008 to work on guidelines for certification for medical physicists. In the 2009 Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach, the Panel held two meetings with participants from several countries. The meetings were followed by the International Medical Physicists Symposium two days later which provided the forum for presentations in a formal setting. The consensus and conclusions were brought to the IOMP Executive Committee, and the IOMP Council, via the Professional Relations Committee in Munich during the World Congress in September 2009. The IOMP Task Group on Medical Physics Certification held two meetings with participants from IAEA, and representatives from 16 countries. In between the two meetings, the AFOMP (Asian-Oceania Federation of Organizations for Medical Physics) Symposium on Education and Training provided an opportunity for all IOMP member countries to be familiar with the initiative. There are currently eleven Charter Members of the un-named group, represented by voting members designated by the eleven national medical physics organizations. The group will work on matters related to the establishment of the certification process. It plans to work within the framework and policies of IOMP, and work with the IBMP Constituting Panel to adopt the guidelines. The more recent developments will be presented in this report.