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International Organization for Medical Physics (IOMP) 30th December 2021

Re: IUPESM Report on (1) Vote to update Statutes & Bylaws and Creation of legal identity, (2) Summary of activities during 2021, and (3) main plans for 2022

Dear IUPESM General Assembly Delegates, Dear Colleagues,

Completing this extraordinary pandemic year, we would like to thank all colleagues around the world for continuing to be active and supportive of IUPESM activities. With this letter we would like to briefly summarize the past 2021 and share plans for 2022.

1. Vote to update Statutes & Bylaws and Creation of legal identity

This was one of the main activities during this term of office. It took us about 3 years to prepare (as described in our letter to you from 11 October 2021). Medical Physicists and Biomedical Engineers from 58 countries and organisations (who are members to IUPESM through IOMP and IFMBE) have voted for the amendment of the 30 years-old Statutes & Bylaws of IUPESM and the creation of its legal identity, i.e. the non-profit IUPESM Company Limited by Guarantee. Those voted represent over 80% of all the organisations under IOMP and IFMBE. This was by far the largest postal/electronic ballot in the IUPESM history. In fulfilling the quorum criteria, over 97% of the votes supported both motions.

We would like to thank all members of the new IUPESM Rules Committee, plus the leads of IUPESM, IOMP and IFMBE, and of course all those who voted, for their support in every stage of this huge undertaking.

With this result we will announce from 1st January 2022 the implementation of the updated IUPESM Statutes & Bylaws. We will also announce the initiation to form the new IUPESM Company. We aim to complete the process by February 2022.

2. Summary of IUPESM activities in 2021

IUPESM participated in the International Science Council (ISC) General Assembly to elect Officers of the Governing Board and Ordinary Members. IUPESM in cooperation with BBC/ISC series on *Unlocking Science*, published a story dedicated to education in the field of Medical Physicists and Biomedical Engineers. This is a very effective means to increase public visibility of our professions and our mission to contribute to healthcare globally.



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The focus on education and training of Medical Physicists and Biomedical Engineers in the developing regions was presented by the BBC in the article here: https://www.bbc.com/storyworks/unlocking-science/tomorrows-visionaries

IUPESM made the Call for Bids to host the triennial IUPESM World Congress in 2028 on 1st June 2021. The deadline to submit a complete proposal was 1st December 2021. The IUPESM Congress Coordinating Committee is in the process of reviewing the bids received.

The Awards Committee had started preparation for the IUPESM Awards of Merit and the Fellowships, to be presented at the World Congress 2022 in Singapore.

3. IUPESM main activities for 2022

The main activity for 2022 will be the organisation of the World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering in Singapore. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the World Congress will be organised in a hybrid format from the period 12 to 17 June 2022. Please note that abstract submission deadline is 14 January 2022. For more information, please visit the congress website: www.wc2022.org

As mentioned earlier, we shall begin the registration process of the IUPESM Company in early 2022. We shall inform you of its operation and make a report at the IUPESM General Assembly during the World Congress 2022.

With this brief report we would like to thank you once again all for your continuing activities despite the pandemic situation, and to say that we shall be very happy to welcome you to Singapore for the World Congress in June 2022.

On behalf of the IUPESM Administrative Council, we wish to you, your colleagues, your families and friends a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2022.

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