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Annual General Meeting 23rd and 24th of October 2009

In Lisbon the dates of the AGM were fixed at the 23rd and 24th of October 2009. At the moment the Hungarian society is investigating if Budapest could be a suitable venue.

EFRS executive board spring meeting

The Board has been kindly invited by the French society AFPPE to actively contribute to the "European session" in their national congress in Strasbourg the 15th of May. The EFRS and national education developments will be presented in this session. Following the congress the Board will have their spring meeting on Saturday and Sunday.



European Medical Alara Network (EMAN)

As we already let you know in December, the project is delayed because of procedure errors in Brussels. The proposal will have to be submitted again soon. In the meantime we received information that a second bid will be successful and we continue to build up the EFRS structure to participate as efficient as possible in the future EMAN working groups. The member societies from Norway, UK, Finland and the Czech Republic already have nominated group members, which have been appointed, but many more will be needed.

Please send your nominations + CV of your expert radiographer to info@efrs.eu

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1.CT

2.interventional radiology

3.X-ray procedures outside the radiology department

WHO Global initiative on Radiation Safety in Health Care settings

Graciano Paulo represented EFRS in the WHO technical meeting in December. WHO is the coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system, with a specific mandate on public health and responsible for recommending evidence based policies.

This WHO Global Initiative seeks to complement the activities already developed under the *International Action Plan for Radiation Protection of Patients* and the *International Action Plan on Occupational Radiation Protection* established by the IAEA.

This new global initiative will be focused on public health

aspects related to the risks and benefits of radiation in medicine, including diagnostic and interventional radiology, radiotherapy and nuclear medicine.

In this technical meeting information was exchanged and a draft action planning discussed. Graciano highlighted the important role of radiographers in radiation protection and offered the support of the EFRS. WHO is a global organisation and as such cooperation of WHO with ISRRT is already established and radiographers are well represented at a global level. Nevertheless WHO has a decentralised structure with optimal conditions for working

with the health authorities of its 193 Member States. While the headquarters focuses on issues of global concern, the six Regional Offices focus on technical support and building national capacities and WHO country offices keep a close relationship with ministries of health. It is at this regional level that EFRS aims at cooperation with the WHO.

<http://www.euro.who.int/>

During the meeting-days important contacts were made with key-persons in the field of radiation protection in Europe and the existence of EFRS was made known to all participants.

If you would like to have the WHO draft discussion document contact: info@efrs.eu

Other activities

The 20th of January the president and executive officer meet with Val Challen to discuss EFRS & Henre and to brainstorm about an EFRS project with funding under the EU Life Long Learning action. Deadline to submit this bid is the 17th of March, so this is a real challenge.

During ECR the Board members present and the executive officer will meet with the ESR-president and the Henre group and of course it is an excellent opportunity to meet colleagues, to establish new contacts and to advertise EFRS.

With the Henre group the organisation of the EFRS educational wing will be discussed. A draft proposal will be ready for the spring Board meeting and a final one for the AGM 2009.

Susanne Huber and Sandie Mathers are setting up the procedure and working group for the development of the EFRS code of ethics.

EFRS network of expert radiographers

Since the meeting in Lisbon 13 expert radiographers have been registered in the EFRS network from, Italy, Greece, Hungary, Czech Republic, Portugal, Norway, Finland and the UK.

To react adequately to demands of expert participation in European projects we need many more members in the network. The following categories have been defined (and most experts are registered for more than one): CT, MRI, Interventional Radiography, Nuclear Medicine, Quality Assessment & Quality Control, Radiation Protection & Dosimetry, Education, Management and "others".

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