

IOMP Policy on Scientific, Educational and Professional Meetings

As stated in the IOMP statutes, "The objectives of the International Organization for Medical Physics are to organize international cooperation in medical physics and allied subjects; to contribute to the advancement of medical physics in all its aspects, especially in developing countries". IOMP achieves these objectives by sponsoring or endorsing meetings, classes and/or workshops with national and/or regional members. This policy is established so that all IOMP members will have equal opportunity for participation in programs to satisfy local or regional needs for assistance.

Three IOMP committees are charged with assisting members to create cooperative programs; they are the Education and Training Committee, the Professional Relations Committee and the Science Committee. Each committee focuses on different but crucial aspects of medical physics. The charges and membership of these committees are available on the IOMP Homepage at <http://www.iomp.org>. Members wishing to propose a cooperative event can either communicate directly with the chairs of one or more of these committees or with the IOMP Secretary-General. "IOMP endorsed or sponsored events must not clash with IOMP International Congresses of Medical Physics (ICMPs) and World Congresses (WCs), and should not be held within 3 months of ICMPs and WCs. The IOMP provides two levels of assistance as either an "IOMP Sponsored Event" or as an "IOMP Endorsed Event".

IOMP Sponsored Events

1. The event qualifies for partial funding from IOMP by demonstrating international cooperation in the program design and submitting letters of endorsement from one IOMP Regional Chapter or from three or more national IOMP members.
2. The event has curriculum, faculty and setting that are deserving of support as determined by a letter from the appropriate IOMP Committee -- the Committee will allocate level of financial support from the annual IOMP budget.
3. The IOMP Executive Committee must approve event six months in advance of presentation date to allow advertising to National Members and Regional Chapters to promote fruitful international cooperation.
4. The Program Organizers must present a brief report of the event to inform IOMP members of the character and history of their program by posting on the IOMP homepage.

IOMP Endorsed Events

1. Event requires approval of appropriate IOMP Committee and recommendation to the IOMP Executive Committee that the proposed event has a curriculum, faculty

- and setting deserving of IOMP endorsement.
2. Event qualifies National Members from the WHO list of developing countries or countries with economies in transition, and who have a problem with paying their annual dues, for waiver of IOMP dues owing to the use of such funds for the support of a medical physics program within the host country.
 3. Dues waiver must be requested at the time of the annual dues notice by submitting a written request for waiver of dues payment to the Secretary General.
 4. The Program Organizers must present a brief report of the event to inform IOMP members of the character and history of the event by posting on the National Members page as reached from a link on the IOMP homepage.

Both IOMP sponsored and endorsed events are allowed to use the IOMP logo on their programs. Individuals wishing to develop a program are encouraged to work directly with the appropriate national society, regional chapter and/or the IOMP committee that can assist with all aspects in the preparation of a useful medical physics event.