

Report on the WC2015 Activities to IUPESM Members

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Summary

The Congress will be comprised of six (6) days of courses, plenaries and scientific sessions for a total of over 400 sessions, with the space and preliminary program accommodating up to 20 concurrent sessions. The congress chairs - Dr. David Jaffray and Dr. Tony Easty - have been working closely with the host organizations - the Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists (COMP) and the Canadian Medical and Biological Engineering Society (CMBES) – to set the stage for WC2015. Weekly teleconference calls are held (nominal 2 week intervals) to address the various issues and prepare for the upcoming 18 months before WC2015. This activity is now well underway with a strong working relationship between the two host organizations in-place. The professional congress organization has been selected and final negotiations will be completed shortly. Membership of the COC committee leadership has been defined and we are preparing to meet with the PCO for the kick-off meeting. Overall, we are on-track, but timelines are tight and there is much work to be done. We are looking forward to welcoming the world to Toronto from June 7th to June 12th, 2015.

Detailed Activities

1. Selection of the Professional Congress Organizer (PCO)

After initiating a request for bids early in 2013, the host organizations have worked to select the PCO. We have secured the services of International Conference Services (ICS) who will be providing professional congress organization services. ICS has many years of experience organizing very successful events all over the world and we are pleased to be partnering with them to deliver a successful congress. There have been significant negotiations between the host organizations and ICS to maximize cooperation in the pursuit of industry sponsorship, maximize attendance, and assure financial success. The contract should be signed by Sept 7th, 2013 at the latest. This will be followed by a 'kick-off' meeting between the COC committee chairs and the PCO congress manager. The PCO leads the preparation and execution of the communication strategy (website, sponsorship requests, materials, etc) which will begin in earnest in October 2013.

2. Finalization of COC Committee Chairperson Membership

The COC Executive has been working hard to build a strong team that assures representation from both hospital and academic engineers and physicists. The composition of the COC is shown below. The committee chairs have been appointed and represent a cross-section of experience to support the Congress as the world's leading forum for presenting current scientific work in health-related physics and technologies to an international audience. As a major event for science, medicine and technology, the Congress provides a comprehensive

overview and in-depth, first-hand information on new developments, advanced technologies and current and future applications.

| COC Sub-committee | CMBES | | COMP | | Board Approved | Voting |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|----------------|--------|
| Treasurer | Mike Capuano | X | | | X | X |
| Secretary | | | J-P. Bissonnette | X | X | X |
| Program Committee | Tony Easty | X | David Jaffray | X | X | X |
| Professional Standards Committee | Dave Gretzinger | X | Jerry Battista | X | X | X |
| Publicity Committee | Mario Ramirez | | Marco Carlone | X | X | X |
| Industrial Steering Committee | Murray Rice | X | Michael Sharpe | - | X | X |
| International Advisory Committee | Monique Frize | | Jake van Dyk | X | X | |
| Scientific Committee | Monique Frize | X | John Rowlands | X | X | |
| | Chris Yip | X | Luc Beaulieu | X | X | |
| Education Committee | Anthony Chan | X | J-P. Bissonnette | X | X | |

*Voting members are marked as **BOLD**

3. Reporting at IUPESM Member Events

As per the IUPESM contract, the 2013 IOMP meeting in Brighton, UK requires reporting by the COC on the activities in preparation for WC2015. This report is being delivered on behalf of the COC by Dr. Peter McGhee – former President of COMP. Peter and Monique Frize are participating in the Opening Ceremony and presenting a video welcoming IOMP attendees to WC2015 in Toronto.

4. Opportunities for Engagement by IUPESM Member Organizations

The COC has been approached by member organizations seeking to participate more directly in the design of WC2015 Congress content. It is the intention of the COC to reach out to these organizations to assist in the identification of themes that the membership can participate in defining and leading. This will take place after the PCO kick-off meeting in mid-September. IUPESM member organizations will be asked to send suggestions wrt themes and topics that could be included in the Congress.