

International Medical Physics Week (IMPW)

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BACKGROUND

The concept of International weeks has been around and accepted by United Nations www.un.org/en/sections/observances/international-weeks

There are 10 weeks listed on UN website. Further there are 7 international weeks by UNESCO: en.unesco.org/commemorations/international-weeks

While these are based on UN observance, professional societies are free to initiate weeks and seek UN approval, if so needed. Thus, it is similar to International Day. We started International Day of Medical Physics (IDMP) and have yet to approach UN for recognition.

IOMP decides to launch International Medical Physics Week (IMPW) somewhat similar to International Day of Medical Physics (IDMP). The purpose is to motivate organization of activities in a defined week that result in the promotion of the subject of medical physics globally, in particular by arranging meetings with official bodies. For more information see www.iomp.org/impw

WHEN?

- Mid-month week in May each year. For 2020 (11-15 May)

HOW AND WHO?

Organization of activities all over the world by medical physicists as:

- Educational sessions (face-to-face or virtual)
- Campaigns
- Meetings with decision making bodies, professionals of clinical specialties
- Chats and social media

PROMOTION

- International Medical Physics Week webpage on IOMP website www.iomp.org/impw

RECORD OF ACTIVITIES AND FEEDBACK

- IOMP-MPW webpage www.iomp.org/impw-activities