

AFOMP IDMP 2020 CELEBRATIONS- 7th November 2020

Prof. Arun Chougule, President AFOMP

This year International Day of Medical Physics (IDMP) celebrations were very special due to COVID19 pandemic situation worldwide, which has changed the conventional method of almost doing anything & everything. This has a huge impact on education system as well as organizing conferences/seminars. Today technology is playing a very crucial role in knowledge dissemination through various virtual meeting or gathering platform. Therefore this year Asia-Oceania Federation of Organizations for Medical Physics (AFOMP) has used virtual platforms to celebrate IDMP The program was scheduled on 7th November 2020 at 7:00 am GMT. This year's theme of IDMP

“Medical physicist as a health Professional”

is very relevant and useful as we are still struggling to get recognized as a health professional in most of the Asia-Oceania region.

The registration link was generated to register for the program in advanced. Around 350 registrations from all around the world were received for the program. The program included various interesting talks from imminent speaker relevant for the theme and occasion



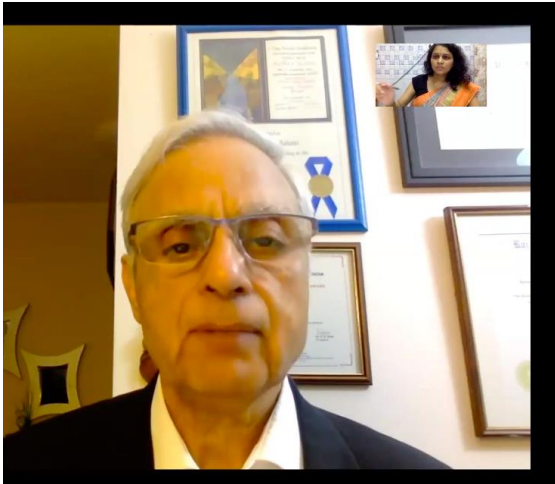
The poster for the AFOMP IDMP 2020 celebrations features a green and white color scheme. At the top, it reads "Asia-Oceania Federation of Organizations for Medical Physics (AFOMP) Celebrates International Day of Medical Physics IDMP 2020". Below this, there is a central graphic with the text "MEDICAL PHYSICIST AS HEALTH PROFESSIONAL" and "November 7 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MEDICAL PHYSICS". The event details are listed as "7.00 –9.00 AM GMT : 7th Nov 2020" and "Registration for the event is free but Mandatory". A note states "Certificates will be issued to all registered participants". At the bottom, a blue banner contains the registration link: "Register for this virtual meet with following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/7ZcucOytrT8vGNRNeAFVYNalImEal973JIDkU>".

TIME	PROGRAM
7.00-7.05 AM GMT	IOMP Presidential Message Dr. Madan Rehani (IOMP President)
7.05-7.25 AM GMT	Opening remarks and talk on Medical Physics in AFOMP Dr. Arun Chougule (AFOMP President)
7.25-7.40 AM GMT	Growing Tall Poppies: Empowering young medical physicists Dr. Eva Bezak (AFOMP Vice- President)
7.40-8.00 AM GMT	Role of Medical Physicists in the era of High tech Technology Dr. Tae Suk Suh (AFOMP Immediate Past President)
8.00-8.20 AM GMT	Medical Physicist as Health Professional Dr. Hasin Anupama Azhari (AFOMP Secretary General)
8.20-8.30 AM GMT	IOMP IDMP Awardee 2020: Dr. Tae Suk Suh
8.30-9.00 AM GMT	Q & A- feed back, conclusion

Program was organized under leadership of Prof. Arun Chougule President of AFOMP

The “program coordinator” for this virtual celebrations was Rajni

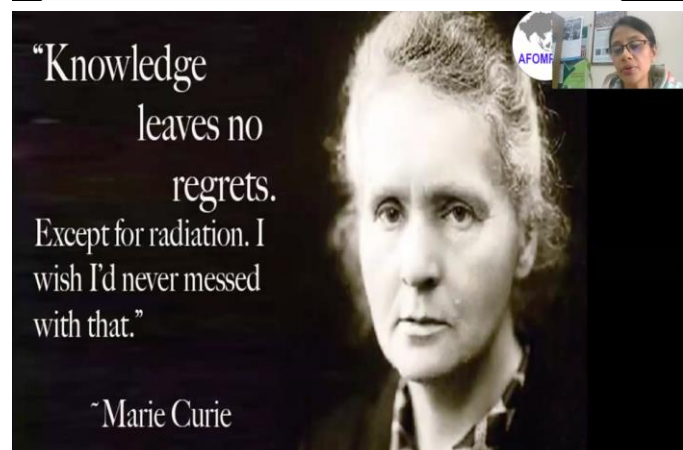




Verma, AFOMP webmaster. The program started with playing of recorded IDMP message from Prof. Madan Rehani, President IOMP followed official opening of the program by AFOMP president Prof. Arun Chougule. He has talked about the status of medical physics in AFOMP region and various challenges and efforts of AFOMP for better recognition of medical physics as subject and profession. After his talks Prof. Eva Bezak, vice president, AFOMP explained the importance of leadership in overall development of profession. She emphasized on importance of preparing new line

leadership. She explained the concept of leadership in very interesting way with a reference to the Poppy flower. This approach of explanation has given a very appealing impact on participants about the leadership concept. This talk is followed by a recorded presentation by Prof Tae Suk Suh, Immediate past president, AFOMP. Due to some unexpected medical emergency in the family he was not able to participate in the live virtually program but made sure the availability of his recorded presentation with organizers. He talk focused on the increasing technological challenges in medical physicist life with rapidly developing high tech technology in radiotherapy, radio-diagnosis and Nuclear Medicine. He presented his view of systemic approach to combat these challenges and given in sight of futuristic technological development in medical physics. His presentation was followed by the

talk from Prof. Hasin Anupama Azhari, secretary general AFOMP. She has chosen the theme of this year's IDMP as her title of the talk. She explained and justified beautifully the role of medical physics as health professional in health care industry. She also emphasized the importance of professional development and role of medical



physics in this pandemic time. Various aspect of administration view to establishment of medical physics as a profession was presented. After talks from the speakers, it was time to hear the IOMP IDMP awardee of this year who was none other than Prof. Tae Suk Suh. AFOMP has sent heartiest



congratulations to Prof. Tae Suk Suh for his outstanding achievement. This award signifies his life long commitment to medical physics profession and his contribution in development medical physics as subject. Prof. Tae Suk Suh has sent his written message for all AFOMP members and colleagues, which was read by Prof. Arun Chougule for benefit of all the participants. The whole program witnessed very active participation in form of live discussion at the end. The program was concluded with remarks form

all the eminent speakers for the day with happy note to work hard in wake of better visibility and recognition of medical physics as a profession.



Organizers are thankful to AFOMP EXCOM, all AFOMP NMO's, all the speakers, participants and volunteers.