AFOMP Annual Report (June 2022)

The AFOMP office bearers for 2019-2022 are:
President: Prof. Arun Chougule
Vice President: Prof. Eva Bezak
Secretary General: Prof Anupama Azhari
Treasurer: Prof. Kwan Hoong Ng
Chair Science Committee: Prof. Tomas Kron
Chair Education and Training Committee: Prof. Xiance Jin
Chair Funding Committee: Prof. Hajime Monzen
Chair Professional Relations Committee: Prof. Chai Hong Yeong
Chair Awards and Honour Committee: Prof. Eva Bezak

AFOMP celebrated its 20th Anniversary during May 2020 – May 2021. On the occasion of 20th Anniversary many activities were planned and executed such as:

1. A special logo was designed and circulated/used on all AFOMP communications.
2. A special issue of AFOMP newsletter was brought in June 2021 which contained history of AFOMP, information about all the NMO’s of AFOMP.
3. Articles were submitted to MPI special issue on the occasion of 20th Anniversary of AFOMP-special issue published in March 2021.
4. In 20th anniversary year, AFOMP decided to start AFOMP Life time achievement award. Thanks to Eva Bezak, Chair AHC and the members for the hard work in preparing the guidelines, application forms and assessing/evaluating the applications received very meticulously. The 2021 AFOMP Life time achievement awardee is Dr. Masahiro Endo.
5. On the 20th anniversary year, AFOMP decided to recognise and honour medical physicists from AFOMP region who have contributed to AFOMP in medical physics education, professional development and research. AFOMP outstanding Medical physicists’ award was executed, thanks to Eva Bezak, Chair AHC and the members for the hard work in preparing the guidelines, application forms and assessing/evaluating the applications received very meticulously. Twenty one awardees were selected, and the flyer was circulated on AFOMP website.
6. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, organization of the AOCMP 2021 had a hard time, but the conference has been successfully held at Dhaka, Bangladesh in hybrid mode on 10-12 December 2021, thanks to Prof Anupama Azhari and her team for the success of the AOCMP 2021.
7. The Prof. Kiyonari Inamura Memorial AFOMP Orator 2021 was Prof. Tae Suk Suh.
8. AFOMP decided to encourage research article submission to the AFOMP official journal and decided to award one publication every year from the AFOMP official journal as the best research publication, to be awarded with cash prize and certificate. The award for the Best Research Article Publication 2021 was awarded to Yoshiro Iko from Japan.
9. AFOMP started monthly virtual webinars since June 2020 and has been getting very good response. From June 2020 to May 2022, 24 virtual webinars were completed. The webinars are accredited by ACPESM with 2 CME points per webinar. The participants are provided with certificate. Thanks to Prof Jin Xiance, Chair ETC and Prof Chai Hong, Chair PRC and Ms Rajni Verma, AFOMP webmaster for their contributions.

10. AFOMP started monthly virtual AFOMP school webinars since June 2021 and has been getting very good response. From June 2021 to May 2022, 12 virtual AFOMP school webinars and 1 special AAPM-AFOMP school webinar were successfully conducted. The AFOMP school webinars are accredited by ACPESM with 2 CME points per hour fetching 5-6 CME points per webinar. The participants are provided with certificate. Thanks to Prof Jin Xiance, Chair ETC and Prof Chai Hong, Chair PRC for their contributions.

11. AFOMP celebrated IMPW 2022 by encouraging AFOMP NMOs to organize virtual webinars and meetings.

12. AFOMP celebrated IDMP2021 by organizing a virtual webinar on 7th November 2021.

13. Prof. Shugekaju Fuduka, President of JSMP is awarded IDMP 2021 award.

14. Prof Arun Chougule, Freddy Haryanto, Xiaowu Deng were awarded Fellow of IOMP in 2022.

15. The AOCMP 2022 will be held in Taipei, Taiwan on 10-12 December 2022, preparations are in full swing now.

16. Award for the Best PhD thesis of the year from AFOMP region started in 2021. Dr. Wonjoong Cheon from National cancer Center, Seoul, S Korea is the awardee for 2021.

17. P.N Krishnamoorthy Memorial AFOMP Young Achiever Award was started in 2021. Dr. Ying Song from China is the awardee for 2021.

18. An MOU between EFOMP and AFOMP was signed on 2 April 2022 to foster closure collaboration for medical physics education, development of professional and scientific activities.

19. Professor Sung Sil Chu AFOMP Best Student’s Publication Award started in 2021. Dr. Hemlattha Athiaman, India is the awardee for 2021.

20. AFOMP has started one more award in 2022 titled “Dr Udipi Madhvantah memorial AFOMP PhD award in Radiobiology”

21. AFOMP, one of the largest and vibrant RCB of IOMP is following the guidelines of IOMP and implementing the programs of IOMP in the AFOMP region.

22. Four members from AFOMP have been elected to be the IOMP EXCOM members [2022-25]. They are Eva Bezak - Vice President, Arun Chougule – Chair of ETC, Kwan Hoong Ng - Chair of AHC, and Chai Hong Yeong – Chair of Medical Physics World Board. Congratulations!

23. AFOMP constituted a task force to device a masters in medical physics syllabus for AFOMP region and the final report will be published soon.

24. AFOMP website is updated frequently to disseminate relevant information among its members.

25. The AFOMP EXCOM members are working very sincerely for fulfilling the aspirations and to achieve the objectives of AFOMP.

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