

A European FP7 project for Training and Education for the Medical Physics Expert in Radiology

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Motivation

'EC Call'

Topic Fission-2013-5.1.1: Euratom Fission Training Schemes (EFTS) in 'Nuclear Fission, Safety and

'... Aligned with the above principles of the 'European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training' (ECVET), an EFTS should address the challenges of borderless mobility and lifelong learning in specific domains. This implies: (i) modularity of courses and common qualification criteria, (ii) common mutual recognition system, (iii) facilitation of mobility for trainers and trainees across the EU, and (iv) feedback from the 'employers' from public or private sectors. For this purpose, wherever justified, a Furopean Passport ("individual transcript of record") should be developed in each FFTS, based on learning outcomes (knowledge, skills and attitudes). Proposals should be submitted by networks of organisations of pan-European relevance consisting of education and training organisations as well as industry, aiming at setting up ECVET partnerships. ...

- expert level, i.e. to the highest level (EQF 8)
- >An MP becomes an MPE after advanced experience and CPD at EQF level 8
- EFOMP: 'We urgently need to set up an agreed programme of education and training that would lead an MP to MPE in each particular specialty as specified in the 'Guidelines on the MPE' document and at level 8 of the EQF.'

Learners

- >The MP in radiology and interventional radiology (hospitals)
- >The MP or scientist in medical device industry
- The MP in regulatory authorities
- >PhD students

'Guidelines for the MPE project'

- The Medical Physics Expert (MPE) is a Medical Physicist (MP) who has developed his expertise to

Create a possibility for the medical physicist to reach EQF level 8

Situation

- Most EC member states don't have the capability to offer courses in medical physics in radiology up to EQF level 8
- > A succesful training and education program needs a proper environment:
 - excellent teachers, teaching tools & quality monitored teaching
 - high end X-ray systems (for practical training)
 - hospital environment (esp. for colleagues in industry & authorities)
 - high end applications (ex. automated dose monitoring, ...)
 - think tanks of promising future applications (ex. virtual clinical trials)
 - prototype / preclinical systems (ex. phase contrast)
 - specific software platforms (ex. Monte Carlo tools)
 - standards
- Sharing is most efficient!



Solution

EC Supported EFTS



Objectives

- >To create a **network of excellent teaching centers** in medical physics of diagnostic and interventional radiology and to prepare courses at EQF level 8
- >To set up a multicampus Educational and Training platform (for course material, online teaching activities, databases...)
- >To get the course either accredited or serve as an example in as many as possible Member States → Sustainability!

PROJECT PARTNERS



- Project partners (network of excellence)
- > Prof. Hilde Bosmans & Prof. Wim Van Petegem
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- > Prof. Kenneth Young & Alistair Mackenzie
- > Prof. Francis Verdun & Dr. Pascal Monnin
- Ruben van Engen & Dr. Wouter Veldkamp
- Prof. John Damilakis
- Dr. Renato Padovani
- Dr. Markus Borowski & Prof. Martin Fiebich

NUMBER **COURSE MODULE (provisional titles)** ORGANISERS Developments of the profession and the challenges of the **EFOMP** MPE: Legal aspects, professional matters, communication & Servicio Madrileño de and risk assessment, incidents and accidents. Raising the Salud, ES public profile of the profession. 2 Radiation biology for medical physicists in radiology University of Pavia, IT Basics of Monte Carlo simulation Polytechnic University of Catalunya, ES University of Ferrara, IT Fundamental physics of X-rays: energy, absorption and phase effects Antropomorphic phantoms to assess clinical effectiveness Technical University of Varna BG From routine Quality Assurance (QA) of X-ray systems Catholic University of Leuven, 6 to advanced QA Advanced measurements of the performance of X-ray Royal Surrey County imaging systems Hospital, UK CT imaging and patient dose optimized with objective University Hospital of Lausanne, CH Achieving quality in breast cancer screening and diagnosis Nat. Expert & Training Centre f. Breast Cancer Screening, NL 10 High dose X-ray procedures in Interventional radiology Azienda Osp. Univ. S. Maria and cardiology della Misericordia,IT & Serv. Madrileño de Salud, ES Dosimetry, from conceptus to the adolescent University of Crete, GE 12 Personnel dosimetry, including techniques to Klinikum Braunschweig communicate practical results to the users (RPE) University of Giessen, DE

E-LEARNING



- >Use different media to educate: audio video lectures, video demonstrations, simulations, animations
- >Online communication and feedback between teacher and learner
- ➤Interactive self-assessment tests
- Interactive exercises
- >Activate the learner prior to the face-to-face contact moments
- >Creation of databases of material
- > Effective sharing of material and knowledge
- Cooperation between the course modules