

Dear colleagues,

As discussed at the AOCMP/SEACOMP meeting in Thailand a few days ago, the AFOMP Science committee would like to showcase the academic work our PhD students do all over the AFOMP region. We intend to do this by publishing a few selected abstracts and a few more titles of PhD theses completed at Universities in the AFOMP region in the AFOMP newsletter.

It is planned that the process is administered by the AFOMP Science Committee and NMOs are encouraged to submit suitable PhD abstracts (see eligibility below) to

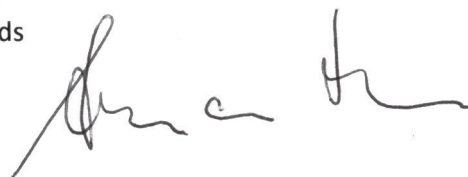
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Deadline for submission is March 31, 2021.

At this point in time it is unclear how many abstracts will be received. The AFOMP Science Committee will select up to 3 full abstracts from three different subspecialties. In addition to this we intend to publish the titles of PhDs submitted. If the number is too large we will ensure that each participating member country has at least one title included.

Published abstracts promote the PhD candidate to readers of AFOMP newsletter and the Science Committee will keep a record of the work. The breadth of abstracts and titles will highlight the huge range of different activities occurring in medical physics. An additional advantage of this process will be generating interest in medical physics in the host academic departments and universities.

With kind regards



Eligibility: All PhDs which were formally awarded in any university within an AFOMP member country in the calendar year prior to the newsletter publication are eligible. It is appreciated that several colleagues from AFOMP countries may undertake a PhD in other countries. However, at least initially it is proposed to only include local universities in order to promote also the academic work performed in the AFOMP region.

The topic must be broadly related to medical physics and ideally be categorisable into the six subspecialties identified by IOMP:

- Radiation Oncology Physics
- Medical Imaging Physics
- Nuclear Medicine Physics
- Medical Health Physics (Radiation Protection in Medicine)
- Non-ionizing Medical Radiation Physics
- Physiological Measurement

NMOs shall identify which subspecialty each abstract is pertaining to.