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1. The council of the Hellenic Association of Medical Physicists (HAMP) was recently elected (July 2010).
2. The HAMP website was completely renovated trying to facilitate and promote constructive communication amongst all its members. A discussion forum was also created and at the moment is working fine. All the members of HAMP actively exchange views, ideas and scientific attitudes within the framework of this forum.
3. The council is actively moving towards the full electronic communication and financial arrangements (member annual fee, registration, etc) with its members, thus trying to eliminate the need for ordinary mail and promote electronic paperless activities.
4. In late July 2011, a new law in Greece has finally acknowledged the position of an authorized medical physicist in MR. HAMP will organize a series of seminars concerning the new extended role of Medical Physicists in MR and supply the appropriate authorization.
5. In 2011, the government is passing a number of new law schemes regarding the work in public service. The HAMP council is in close communication with the Ministry of Health so as to ensure the correct implementation of European laws and guidances concerning the medical physicist's profession. A lot of discussion is now going on in reference to the need to possess a license to work as a medical physicist and on the duties and roles of a medical physicist in the healthcare environment in general. The EFOMP could possibly facilitate in this process.
6. Until the period this report was written, three scientific meetings were organized by HAMP: a) International Standards and the practical consequences in the Hellenic market, b) what is new in radiation protection of laboratories using therapeutic I-131 and c) Dosimetry and radiation protection when using new radionuclides in Nuclear Medicine Therapy: Sr–89, Re– 86, Sm–153 or Sn–117m.