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Strategy for Professional Development of Medical Physics in Asia

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Asian-Oceania Federation of Medical Physics (AFOMP) was born in July 2000 during the Chicago World Congress. Its formation is a most challenging mission as Asia has a diverse cultural, social, educational and economical background. Some 60% (3.7 billion) of the world population are in Asia who speak hundreds of languages and dialects.

The formation of AFOMP aims to provide a solid platform for closer collaboration and mutual support among its member organizations, particularly in the promotion of standard of practice and professional status and training of the medical physicists in the regions. AFOMP also aims to facilitate and encourage cross-regional collaboration and interaction on every aspect of medical physics.

For AFOMP to move forward a considered strategy supported by goal-orientated action plans is crucial.

- Supporting the professional status of medical physicists by promoting research and disseminating knowledge and expertise.
- Strengthening the educational, training and professional development of medical physicists by supporting the development and dissemination of educational and training materials.
- Promoting harmonization of practice standards and accreditation.
- Addressing legislative and regulatory issues as they relate to the professional development of medical physicists.
- Developing a set of ethical guidelines for the practice of medical physicists.
- Developing the infrastructure and resources to fulfill AFOMP's mission.
- Promoting good relations and the exchange of information with other related organizations.
- Developing materials for educating the public regarding the practice of medical physics.
- Promoting advancement of medical physics in developing countries.