

## **IUPESM Regional Development Committee**

The duties of the RDC committee are:

- to promote the interests of Developing and Emerging Countries, especially with respect to regional development
- to liaise with the corresponding committees of the Constituent Organizations in identifying projects worthy of support of IUPESM of external sources
- to publish the Bulletin for Developing Countries on behalf of the three Organizations

The RDC membership had been decided in Sydney as follows:

- Makoto Kikuchi (Chairman)
- Stelios Christofides
- Alberto de Guerre
- Jean Pierre Morucci
- Kwan Hoong Ng
- Marc Nyssen

**IOMP side** : ( quoted from PRC report by S. Christofides )

### **1. *Equipment Donations Program.***

This is the most active of the PRC's programs thanks to the efforts of Mr Mohammed Zaidi and Dr Ajai Kumar Shukla. An account of the activities of this program is given separately in every issue of Medical Physics World. The latest news is given on the IOMP Web page ([www.iomp.org](http://www.iomp.org)).

### **2. *IOMP Libraries Program.***

Dr. Alan Wilkinson has been very active pursuing this important program. An account of the status of this program is given separately in every issue of Medical Physics World. Some 69 Libraries are operating in 42 countries. The latest news is given on the IOMP Web page ([www.iomp.org](http://www.iomp.org)).

### **3. *WC2006 Travel Awards***

The aim of this programme is to introduce members of developing countries (one from each IOMP region) to medical Physics scientific, educational and professional issues at the international level and make them more effective to advance medical physics in their own countries.

For WC2006, initially, it was agreed to make six awards. After receiving the applications, seven applicants were meeting all the criteria, and it was decided to increase the awards to seven so that all the applicants meeting all the criteria were given a WC2006 travel award. This consists of a sum of US\$ 1000 as well as 50% reduction for the Congress Registration fees.

**IFMBE side :**

**4. *Asian-Pacific Traveling Fellowship***

During previous years IFMBE has initiated the formation of the European Alliance for Medical and Biological Engineering and Science (EAMBES), which, as an all-inclusive umbrella organization representing all fields of MBES, already includes the European IFMBE member societies, and other national and European societies. IFMBE will act as an facilitator, enabling similar developments in other regions, such as the Asian-Pacific region, and will maintain close cooperation with the regional Alliances, going far beyond simple membership in the Federation. Actually the WG on Asian-Pacific activities started a new active plan called "Asian-Pacific Traveling Fellowship". Five representative researchers under age of forty years from Japan, Korea, Taipei-China, Hong kong, and Singapore have been traveling together for almost two weeks to reach their final destination, which is the WC2006 in Seoul. This new activity promoted an international umbrella for Asian-Pacific societies of the discipline and all organizations representing the various parts of Medical and Biological Engineering and Science.

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