



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to this first edition of Middle East Federation of Organizations of Medical Physics (MEFOMP) newsletter. It is a great opportunity to welcome all medical physicist colleagues in the region to blow the trumpet a little for what MEFOMP role is. MEFOMP was born in 2009 as one of regional organizations of the International Organization of Medical Physics. There are twelve (12) countries involved, namely Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

The process of activities for establishing local Medical Physics Societies varies among the 12 countries, and this creates a wide divergence among medical physics programs in the Middle East. Most of the medical physics programs have succeeded since its establishment; whereas others have not due to the conditions beyond the control of medical physicists; although, a few are still trying to survive.

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*-Dr. Huda M. Al Naemi*

In view of this, there is a strong need to establish and formulate new rules, guidelines and standard specific to this field. Improvement of professional recognition which would promote interest within the new generation of professionals is essential.

MEFOMP will rely on the Internet as a means of communicating with member organizations and, in turn, a website is available at <http://www.mefomp.com>. The website is a useful first point of reference for any questions regarding MEFOMP's activities – I urge you to check the site regularly – or even to make it your home page!

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Most of the credit goes to the enormous efforts and achievements from fellow medical physicists who continuously work and support for the development of the Medical Physics Profession in the Middle East. It is vital that such efforts be sustained to further accelerate the growth of Medical Physics profession in the region. I warmly acknowledge their efforts, and encourage all of you to get involved!

**- Dr. Huda M. Al-Naemi**

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