

## TOP 10 REASONS FOR ACADEMIC PHYSICISTS TO JOIN COMP

- 1) **Have Impact.** Join COMP and impact the Canadian medical physics community. Present your research and help shape ideas, clinical practice, and advancements.
- 2) **Stay Current.** Members of COMP stay updated on the latest Canadian medical physics news by receiving InterACTIONS (the professional newsletter and voice of COMP and CCPM), newsletters, and e-blasts.
- 3) **Expand Your Network.** Broaden and enhance your professional network by interacting with clinical physicists, researchers, and other health care professionals with diverse interests. There are over 800 COMP members across Canada and worldwide, most of whom have graduate degrees in science and/or engineering. COMP members are employed by hospitals, cancer centres, and other sectors of industry and healthcare.
- 4) **Research Translation.** Joining the broader medical physics community will present you with the opportunity to translate your research to clinical practice. Sharing discoveries with the clinical physics community will afford you the opportunity to enhance your impact on various aspects of patient care, including diagnosis, imaging, and treatment delivery. It is also a conduit for your work to be known across a widespread and diverse network.
- 5) **Clinical Motivation.** Understanding current practice, challenges, and new directions in clinical medical physics will keep you informed, inspire and motivate your current research, and may expand your current areas of research.
- 6) **Recruit better.** Many COMP members are students, residents, research associates, and post-doctoral fellows. As a member yourself, you will have many opportunities to interact with and recruit them into your teams.
- 7) **Research Collaborations.** Interdisciplinary collaboration can be a breeding ground for innovative ideas. The multi-disciplinary network in COMP provides you with the connections within medical facilities and the healthcare industry that are pertinent to academic success and securing funding support.
- 8) **Save Money.** COMP offers discounted rates for members to attend COMP-sponsored annual conferences, workshops, winter schools, and other events. Members also enjoy free subscriptions to InterACTIONS, social media, and newsletters.
- 9) **Shape Canadian Medical Physics.** Being a COMP member allows you the opportunity to take a leadership role in our community and help define the future of medical physics in Canada. COMP has many committees and by joining in you can help academic medical physicists have a strong voice on the issues that matter most to you, such as granting agency representation.
- 10) **Make new friends!** Being a COMP member enables you to interact with interesting and engaging people on a personal as well as a professional level.