



Dear student members of COMP,

As Chairs of the Student Council (SC) for the Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists (COMP), we would like to welcome you to our student community. First and foremost, our mission is to be your voice within the COMP organization. We communicate with the COMP board via the Education Committee (formerly known as the Science and Education Committee). Our key aims include distributing resources to students, establishing funded educational opportunities, collecting and presenting information to the student body and contributing to student-related COMP activities.

This year's (2019) Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) held in Kelowna had substantial contributions from the student body. The fourth Young Professional's Workshop (YPW) was held, focusing on diversity within the medical physics community. The YPW featured a panel of women from a variety of medical physics career paths. We hope that the workshop met the attendee's expectations, and gave a better insight into different stages of career development. As has become a yearly tradition, the Student Council also hosted the Student Night Out (SNO) at the Tree Brewing Beer Institute, an atmospheric local craft beer bar.

One of the highlights of this year's ASM was the introduction of *Science. Spoken. Succinctly. (SSS)*, a 3-minute-thesis style competition organized by the Student Council that we hope becomes a mainstay of the ASM going forward. We encourage everyone to participate in the coming years, notably in Vancouver 2020 - when the event is jointly run with AAPM (and their similar MedPhys Slam competition).

The last year has been particularly busy for the Student Council with a number of new initiatives. In addition to the aforementioned SSS, we also have begun an undergraduate awareness initiative to help pull back the curtain on medical physics nation-wide. More specifically, this initiative focused on spreading awareness regarding career opportunities within the Medical Physics field to undergraduate physics students.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to provide input! We're always open to listening to enthusiastic student members of COMP. We can be reached by email, either at andre.diamantboustead@mail.mcgill.ca (André Diamant) or svetlana.kuznetsova@albertahealthservices.ca (Svetlana Kuznetsova)

Sincerely,

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