



STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

2018

At its meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland in July 2016, the COMP Board approved a three-year strategic and tactical plan. The plan was created by COMP to articulate its ambitions and guide its actions. Four strategic priorities were established and they continue to serve as the focus for the work of the Board and guide the Board's decisions. The plan is reviewed at each Board meeting in terms of the accomplishment of the plan's activities against the metrics set. This review also takes into consideration any significant changes to the external environment which may warrant an adjustment of strategies or tactics.

The following document highlights COMP's accomplishments in the second year of the plan as they related to each of the strategic priorities.

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## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1:

Advocate for medical physicists as **leaders** in innovation and technology implementation in health care.

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- Through its annual inter-professional Winter School on Quality and Safety, COMP continues to demonstrate leadership within Canadian healthcare
- COMP plays a leadership role in the Canadian Partnership for Quality Radiotherapy (CPQR)
- COMP participates in both Canada Safe Imaging and the Medical Imaging Team
- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) recognizes COMP as a leader in safety. COMP is in year 3 of a 3-year funding agreement to support innovation initiatives by COMP members. CNSC has approached us to submit a proposal for the renewal of the funding agreement for an additional 3 years
- COMP maintains close ties with its provincial medical physics associations via its Professional Affairs Committee and by providing administrative support to the provincial organizations
- COMP continues to profile the role of medical physicists across Canada through its celebration of International Day of Medical Physics





- A noteworthy section in *InterACTIONS* highlights achievements of members
  - Through the Imaging Committee, COMP provided input to Health Canada on Safety Code 30 (Dentistry) and has also been approached to provide input on Safety Code 26 (MRI)
  - COMP engaged with the Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding Ministry's Task Force for the Development of Standards for X-rays and expressed support for Bill 160: Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act which received royal assent in December 2017
  - COMP has created a taskforce through the Professional Affairs Committee to review its Code of Ethics
  - COMP has representation on the AAPM Leadership working group
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## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2:

Ensure medical physicists in Canada can create and have access to **relevant scientific and professional content**.

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COMP provided members with excellent medical physics and professional content through a variety of vehicles:

- Annual Scientific Meeting – A vibrant ASM was held in Ottawa. All continuing education sessions were recorded and are available for members to view on-line. In 2018 the meeting will be joint with CARO and CAMRT
- The ASM now includes a half day session targeted to young professionals. This session was introduced in 2016 and has been very well-received
- Annual Winter School – In February 2018 the 9th Radiation Oncology WS was held in Lake Louise, Alberta and the theme of this most successful program was: “Automation and the Evolution of Personalized Patient Care”. The 2019 Winter School will be held in Ottawa and will be focused on Quality and Safety on MRI
- Through CPQR, COMP continues provide members with tools to guide quality and safety in radiation therapy





- A task group has been established to consider developing QC guidelines for Bone Mineral Densitometry
- Through its ongoing partnership with Sosido, COMP provides a means to share published research and clinical knowledge within the COMP community
- COMP has arranged for a special "COMP Reports" section of the Journal of Applied Clinical Medical Physics for COMP-endorsed publications. Thirteen of the CPQR Technical Quality Control (TQC) documents were published in the Journal of Applied Clinical Medical Physics
- Content about the medical physics profession are now available in the Career Resources section of the COMP website





## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3:

**Connect the entire Canadian medical physics community:** to each other, to COMP, to other professionals, and to resources.

- COMP's Annual Scientific Meeting continues to be the networking highlight in our Canadian medical physics community. The ASM has introduced specific programming targeted to: students, young professionals just beginning their careers, imaging physicists, women in medical physics
- COMP provided support for the 2017 Young Investigator's Symposium winner to present at a special medical physics session at the Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) Annual Meeting
- A Membership Taskforce has been established in order to better engage under-represented groups



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- COMP's Science Committee conducted a survey to gain a better understanding of the impact of insufficient operating funds to sustain clinical services is having on the role of clinical medical physicists in research, development and education
- COMP's Imaging Committee has made a concerted effort to connect with the MR community and engage MR physicists
- The Education Committee has established a sub-committee of Residency Program Directors
- COMP provides support for the Canadian Undergraduate Physics conference as well as the Canadian Undergraduate Women in Physics Conference
- The membership renewal process has been expanded to capture information about members regarding specific interests, aiming in future to foster communities of practice within COMP. 92% of those members who renewed have shared additional information – a clear indication that COMP members are engaged!
- Community news is broadcast via the weekly Sosido Digest, monthly e-blasts and by social media, in addition to the quarterly newsletter, *InterACTIONS*



## STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4:

### Engage in strategically aligned **international initiatives**.

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- COMP has initiated joint meetings between the AAPM Executive Committee and the COMP Executive Committee
- Many of our members are doing work on the international stage and we are looking to increase the profile of the profession by showcasing this work
- COMP is providing support for the newly launched Medical Physics for World Benefit
- COMP is a member organization of IOMP and is an active participant in International Day of Medical Physics initiatives

