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EFOMP School for Medical Physics Experts – Prague 2015

Digital mammography and quality controls

January 29 – 31, 2015
Prague, Czech Republic

The Czech Association of Medical Physicists in collaboration with EFOMP and the Department of Dosimetry and Application of Ionizing Radiation of Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague would like to invite you to the next **EFOMP School for Medical Physics Experts 2015**. The school will cover the main physics aspects of digital mammography and quality controls, putting them in a clinical context. It is addressed to medical physicists who are already Medical Physics Experts (MPEs) or are working to become MPEs in Diagnostic Radiology. This two-and-half day event will be accredited by EFOMP. As in previous schools, there will be an optional final exam for those seeking a higher level of certification beyond the school attendance.

Contents

Digital Mammography Overview – General overview on current clinical challenges in breast imaging (screening and diagnostic), physics and technology of 2D digital mammography, CR mammography, physical characterization of 2D digital systems.

Image Quality and Quality Control – Image quality with phantoms compared to clinical image quality. Assessing image quality by phantoms, and optimization strategies. Quality controls, acceptance/commissioning and reproducibility tests. Presentation of the EFOMP protocol on quality controls in digital mammography.

Practical Sessions – Physical characterization demo, hands-on activities on the EFOMP protocol (X-ray source, automatic exposure control, and detector tests), experiment to illustrate difference between image quality human- and computer-based.

New applications of digital mammography - State of the art and clinical challenges in breast tomosynthesis, breast CT, and contrast mammography. Recommendations for QC tests.



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Organizers

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Teachers

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Nicholas Marshall	Department of Radiology, UZ Gasthuisberg, Leuven, Belgium
Ana Pascoal	King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London, United Kingdom
Friedrich Semturs	RefZQS (Reference Center for technical quality control in the Austrian Mammography Screening Project) at AGES (Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety)
Martin Yaffe	Sunnybrook Research Institute, Toronto, Canada



School schedule

Jan 29th Thursday	Session	Title	Description	Lecturer
10:00-14:00		Registration/Welcome		
14:00-15:00	Digital mammography overview	<i>Current clinical challenges in breast imaging</i>	Screening efficacy, breast imaging modalities and current guidelines.	<i>Hendrick</i>
15:00-16:00		<i>Physics and technology of 2D mammography</i>	Digital mammography equipment: X-ray sources, automatic exposure controls, image detectors	<i>Yaffe</i>
16:00-16:30		coffee break		
16:30-17:00		<i>CR mammography</i>	Differences between CR and DR mammography and impact on clinical use and quality control	<i>Pascoal</i>
17:00-17:45		<i>Characterization of digital mammography systems</i>	Application of linear, stationary system theory to mammography imaging	<i>Marshall</i>
17:45-18:30		<i>Practical session</i>	Demonstration of characterization of digital mammography systems	<i>Marshall</i>



Jan 30th Friday	Session	Title	Description	Lecturer
8:30-9:15	Image quality and quality control	Image quality in digital mammography	Concept of image quality for physicists (technical IQ) and for radiologists (clinical IQ)	Gennaro
9:15-10:00		Image quality assessment using phantoms/test objects	Description of phantoms and test objects for mammography: potentials and limitations	Pascoal
10:00-10:30		Reviewing digital mammograms	Display devices and software requirements, potential issues from image inconsistencies	Yaffe
10:30-11:00			coffee break	
11:00-12:00		Quality controls in digital mammography: general aspects of digital QC and the new American College of Radiology approach	Acceptance/commissioning testing: purpose, types, examples	Hendrick
12:00-13:00		Optimization of image quality in digital mammography	Review purpose of optimization and optimization strategies	Yaffe
13:00-14:30			Lunch	
14:30-15:30		Quality controls: the EFOMP proposal	Presentation of the EFOMP protocol and recommendations	Gennaro
15:30-16:30	Practical session	X-ray and AEC tests: procedure description and practice	Description of the procedures in the EFOMP document for testing X-ray source and automatic exposure control	Semturs
16:30-17:00			coffee break	
17:00-18:00		Detector tests: procedure description and practice	Description of the procedures in the EFOMP document for testing the image detector	Pascoal
18:00-19:00		Image quality	School participants will to	Gennaro



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		<p>assessment: an inter-reader variability experiment</p>	<p>score phantom images. Results will be analyzed to verify inter-reader variability, and compared with those obtained by automatic software</p>	
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Jan 31st Saturday	Session	Title	Description	Lecturer
8:30-9:30	Quality control experience	Acceptance/commissioning tests: experience from the Austrian screening	Description of results from the acceptance tests performed within the Austrian national screening started in 2014	Semturs
9:30-10:30		Reproducibility tests: experience from a regional screening	Description of results from the reproducibility tests performed within a regional Italian screening (2013-2014)	Gennaro
10:30-11:00			coffee break	
11:00-12:00	New applications of digital mammography	New technologies and advanced applications in digital mammography: current status and future perspectives	Breast tomosynthesis, breast CT, contrast mammography, etc.	Hendrick
12:00-13:00		QC testing in tomosynthesis and contrast mammography	Proposals of what should be recommended to test with new applications of digital mammography	Yaffe
13:00-14:30			Lunch	
14:30-15:30	Conclusion	Summary and feedback from participants	School take home messages and feedback from participants	
15:30-16:30			Final exam	



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Further information

Course language	English
Level	MP to MPE
Registration fee	300 € 2 lunches, 4 coffee breaks, 1 social dinner included
Reduced registration fee - subsidized by EFOMP and CAMP - first-come, first-served policy	150 € - for the first 15 attendees (max. 4 from one country) coming from the following EFOMP NMO countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine
Late registration fee - registration after 28 Dec 2014	350 €
Maximum number of participants	50
Duration	Jan 29, 2015 – Jan 31, 2015 Jan 30 evening – social dinner
Study load	16 hours of lectures and 4 hours of hands-on activities
Venue	Department of Dosimetry and Application of Ionizing Radiation, Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering, Czech Technical University in Prague, Břehová 7, 115 19 Prague 1, CZECH REPUBLIC
GPS coordinates	50°5'27.737"N, 14°24'58.713"E
Accommodation	Individual (possible via accommodation agency)
Information, program, etc.	http://www.csfm.cz/winter2015.html
Registration	Electronic registration via http://www.csfm.cz/winter2015.html
Registration period	Aug 1, 2014 – Jan 15, 2015
