

World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology MÉXICO



Dear Colleague,

Quite some time has passed since our last and successful congress in Cape Town, SA in September 2010 but these have been exciting times and it is my pleasure to give you an update on our latest changes and developments.

Most of all I would like to introduce me and the other members of the new WFNMB Executive Committee:

My name is Dr. Enrique Estrada Lobato from Mexico City. Together with my colleagues Dr. Juan Carlos Rojas-Bautista (Secretary General), Dr. Juan Francisco Santoscoy-Tovar (Treasurer), Ma del Carmen Aceves-Padilla (2nd Treasurer) and Dr. Luis Vargas-Rodriguez (2014 Congress Chairman) we received the honorable challenge not only to organize our next congress in Cancun in 2014, but moreover, to lead the federation in the next 4 years. In cooperation with the newly established WFNMB permanent office in Vienna, AUSTRIA (elected during the delegates assembly in 2010), it is our clear intention to develop the federation in terms of stable finances and increase the educational output towards countries that need it most.

If I may give you a short overview of our current projects/initiatives:

- **Subsidiary bodies of WFNMB:**
According to a resolution taken during the WFNMB congress in 2010, the federation will no longer have subsidiary bodies such as the World Therapy Council, now turned into WARMTH, or the World Journal but moreover reincorporate the field of Radiopharmaceutical Therapy into the federation. It goes without saying that our focus also lies on the option to found an own electronic journal but before we can work on this ambitious project, a financial consolidation is to be reached.
- **Contacts to NGO's and educational courses:**
Since October 2010 the Governing Council of the federation had several fruitful meetings with representatives of the IAEA. In the spotlight were discussions about joint educational courses all over the world. As the agency and the federation share the same intentions it was discussed to combine network resources and to define the role of each party in this joint venture. There is no final consensus reached yet but we are confident being able to present results to you soon.
Furthermore our office re-started contacts with the WHO in order to get re-acknowledged as official partner of WHO one day. As this process has to be managed only on an administrative level at this stage, our office currently is preparing the grounds. We will be happy to inform upon first results in due time.
- **Website and newsletter:**
After the transfer of the domain rights to an Austrian company, our office currently

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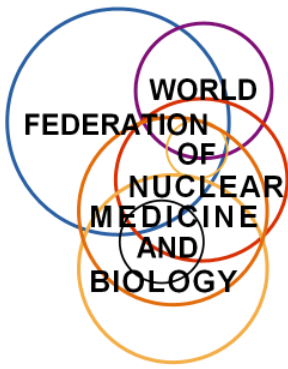
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evaluates the option to continue with the existing website. We strongly believe in a federation's website acting as central communication platform and also think that there is some space to increase the level of general communication and updating. In this regard we will initiate a regular eNewsletter which shall help establishing a vibrant NM community. Consequently it will get more and more important for our administrative office to receive valid eMail addresses of everybody. May we therefore kindly ask you to eMail our office at h.silber@vereint.com and announce your preferred postal mailing address, your eMail address for any WFNMB communication in the future and also the current board (incl. term of office) of your national society?

- IAEA survey:
The world recently experienced severe shortages of molybdenum-99 (^{99}Mo) and its decay product, technetium-99m ($^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$). The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) supports the work of the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in its global efforts to ensure a reliable supply of ^{99}Mo and $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$. In this regard we would like to encourage you to participate in an on-line survey which will be used to establish a future demand scenario. To access the survey please go to www.surveymk.com/s/99mTcsurvey which should take only 15-20 minutes to complete.

We very much look forward to the challenges of the future which we will only be able to handle with your kind and valuable support. As you might have noticed, the delegate's assembly approved our proposal to increase the membership fee to USD 2.- per national member. We consequently updated our database and will send you the 2011 WFNMB membership fee invoice within the next days via eMail.

For any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact our new permanent office in Vienna, AUSTRIA.

Yours sincerely,

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WFNMB President 2010-2014

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