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## ANNOUNCEMENT

## A NEW WG ON BREAST TOMOSYNTHESIS QC PROTOCOL – CALL FOR MEMBERS IS OPEN FOR CANDIDATES

The EFOMP hereby announces a new Working Group (WG) entitled "**Breast Tomosynthesis QC Protocol**". The WG will operate under Scientific Committee from April 2019 to March 2021.

The rationale of the WG is to develop a QC protocol for DBT systems. It is envisioned that this protocol could prevent the proliferation of other testing protocols with diverse methods of measurement and limiting values. The DBT QC protocol should incorporate the new universal breast dosimetry model which is in development by a joint AAPM-EFOMP WG. Additionally, task-based image quality methods are planned to be included into practical QC procedures by the WG.

## The planned chair of the WG is Dr Ruben van Engen (NL).

The expected outcome is a Breast Tomosynthesis QC Protocol document which will provide recommendations for the medical physics community (EFOMP & NMOs).

The targeted audience is EFOMP members, NMOs, medical physicist community in general, radiology professionals and vendors.

According to the EFOMP policy, the WG members, consultants and observers will be nominated after this announcement and recruitment procedure. The announcement will be published on the EFOMP website for a period of three months in order to get notified by the potential WG member candidates within the medical physics community.

Based on the interested candidates, the WG members will be nominated by the EFOM Board. WG members have to form an efficient and balanced composition of expertise and professional coverage.

Some general rules in the WG member recruitment will be followed:

- a) The geographical distribution of the active members is crucial in order to widely represent the European community.
- b) The chair of the parent committee may seek potential participants to WGs from the members of the EFOMP parent committee with appropriate expertise and professional profile.
- c) Joint WGs with other scientific organizations can be proposed as long as the participation from the different societies is well balanced.
- d) "Members" identifies the active core of the WG. Other participants are indicated as "consultants" or "observers".

WG will provide regular progress reporting at least twice a year by email. The reporting will be submitted to all WG members, the chair of parent committee and secretary of the parent committee who will convey the progress report among the EFOMP Board members. The progress report



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will declare how the WG has adhered to the planned objectives, methods, milestones and deadlines.

## The deadline to establish the WG is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

NMOs are kindly asked to distribute this announcement to their members, who can apply to be a member of this WG electronically using an enclosed form. A professional CV is required.

References:

• EFOMP Guideline for New Working Groups (WG): <u>https://www.efomp.org/uploads/files/EFOMP\_manual\_02102018.pdf#page=58</u>

Send your WG membership applications here: <u>sciencecommittee@efomp.org</u> (cc to <u>secre-tary@efomp.org</u>).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mika Kortesniemi Chair of the Scientific committee