

Benefit Exchange

A newsletter of Medical Physics for World Benefit

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Medical Physics for World Benefit (MPWB) has a mission of supporting medical physics activities, especially in low-to-middle income environments. MPWB is a membership driven organization. It has taken a few leaders to “bootstrap” the process; however, we are now in a position to formalize the membership process.

Why become a member?

If you are interested in providing support and mentorship to the less advantaged components of the medical physics community around the world, then membership in MPWB is appropriate for you.

Who can become a member?

Membership is available to all those individuals who:

1. Are medical physicists; or
2. Are graduate students or residents (registrars) in medical physics or closely related fields; or
3. Are working in an environment that is closely aligned with medical physics and are able to partner in less advantaged medical physics contexts.

What do you gain from becoming a member?

1. You become part of a corps of volunteers who can be recruited to provide volunteer services to less resourced environments.
2. You gain the satisfaction of contributing to medical physics activities in less endowed contexts.
3. You gain the fulfilment of partnering with medical physicists working in environments in different parts of the world.
4. You potentially may have the opportunity to travel in different parts of the world.

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5. Membership provides the opportunity to learn about and interact with different cultures, diseases and health systems.
6. You have the potential to learn about and from your colleagues in other countries.
7. You will be informed on a regular basis regarding the activities and needs of MPWB.

How do I become a member?

1. Fill in the application form found on the MPWB website (www.mpwb.org). The application questionnaire is quite lengthy primarily because we need to develop a database of information regarding expertise, experience in different settings, languages spoken, amount of time available for MPWB activities, etc.
2. Pay your registration donation through the website. The donation structure is:
 - a. US\$50 for Medical Physicists in high-income countries.
 - b. US\$20 for Medical Physics Residents (Registrars) and graduate students in high-income countries.
 - c. US\$10 for Medical Physicists in low-income countries.
 - d. US\$5 for Medical Physics Residents and Graduate Students in low-income countries.

To see whether you qualify for the rates in low-income countries, go to the list of developing countries as defined on the website of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM): http://aapm.org/org/developing_countries.asp?tab=1#TabbedPanels1

As of 16 November 2016, MPWB is officially registered as a charitable organization in Canada. Similarly, MPWB gained independent not-for-profit non-governmental 501(c)(3) status in the US on 23 December 2016. Thus, tax receipts will be sent for membership and other donations. Applicants are given a choice of US or Canadian tax receipts.

Questions regarding membership can be sent to medphyswb@gmail.com.

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