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Dear Medical Physics colleagues

On the back of a very successful SAAPMB congress in Cape Town last week we are happy to wish every member of the Medical Physics community a Happy International Day of Medical physics. The theme for this year's day of Medical physics is "It's a Medical Physics World". SAAPMB, actually the South African Association of Medical Physicists (SAAMP) as it was founded, is the 3rd oldest Medical Physics society in the world and has over the years played an important role not only in South Africa but also in Africa and globally. SAAPMB is also celebrating its 60th anniversary next year and we can all be proud to be part of an association that is very active and still growing stronger with time.

At the 58th annual SAAPMB congress last week it was great to see that medical physicists of all ages actively take part in not only research but also implementing, improving and establishing new practices in the field. It is important that we keep taking part in these events to share information and also open a narrative to aid in the advancement of the field. And, of course, it is great that our medical physicists have strong social bonds as well! A big thank you to the congress organisers, Tygerberg Hospital Medical Physics department, for a great event.

While the society is going strong it is important to note that there are always challenges and changes and we must always remain adaptable and firm to do what is best for our patients. The 4th Industrial Revolution is here and will also change how the medical environment functions. Artificial intelligence and the use of big data will play an enormous role in the medical field in the next few years and we need to adapt accordingly. When do we trust the machine? When do we start being human again and not just quality assurance gurus? Of course this also comes with exciting possibilities and we must use every opportunity we are presented with to grow and improve not only the field of medical physics and the medical industry as a whole but also improve ourselves.

We would like to also take this opportunity to thank every single Medical Physicist in the country for all they do on a daily basis. Your hard work and dedication make a difference to many people's lives. Keep up the good work and always remember that you are an important part of this Medical Physics World.

Yours Truly

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