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How are members selected/invited to join your committee?

The physics committee aims to include clinical and research physicists with expertise that covers as many of the key areas in radiation oncology physics as possible and who come from a wide range of countries. Candidates who have shown an active profile in ESTRO can be nominated to the committee and are then individually discussed, taking into account their area of specialty. Candidates are then contacted informally to discuss the role and to ensure they understand and would enjoy the commitment before they are nominated formally to the board.

What is the profile of the perfect candidate for your committee or working groups?

Candidates for the committee are slightly different from those in the working groups. It really helps if those who join the committee have had some previous experience in ESTRO, as this is a significant three-year commitment. Ideally, we look for someone who has already shown commitment to ESTRO activity. Candidates who want to join the working groups would need expertise in the area and would have to be keen to get involved in collaborative working and be ready to maintain this commitment with energy over the time frame of the group.

How can members get involved with your committee activities?

We have lots of activities:

- the annual physics workshops (the next one will be held in October 2022 >>>)
- working parties (look out for calls)
- the physics assembly at the ESTRO congress (Sunday lunchtime - come and let us know what your priorities are).

Also, the new core curriculum to become a medical physics expert, which was written by ESTRO/the European Federation of Organisations for Medical Physics (EFOMP), is soon to be published, so people can get involved by implementing this nationally; and you can join your national society and attend national society meetings within ESTRO.

How can members contact your committee to propose activities or to become involved?

You can email us at physics@estro.org. Come and talk to us at the physics assembly. Respond to calls to propose workshops (which are issued each December), send suggestions for the symposia, teaching lectures and debates in the Congress Physics track or join working groups. Let us know your ideas.

Are you planning any changes in the way committee or working-group members will be selected in the future?

Working group members are selected by an open call, with selection by best fit to the objectives of the group. Physics committee members will continue to be selected to ensure that the committee is active and committed and has diversity in expertise and geographical spread as well as a balance of genders

