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Information

Details on Conference venue, accommodation and hotels can be obtained from Ms.Lucy Doody Tel. +353 1 2066923 e-mail: ldoody@rpii.ie

Registration

Registration form and further information can be accessed from http://www.medicolegal.ie after 20th April 2009.

Language

The symposium will be held in English

Proceedings

The conference proceedings will be published and accessible through the Europa server at the address:

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The Department of Medical Physics & Bioengineering, St. James's Hospital



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Announcement International Symposium Non-Medical Imaging Exposures



DUBLIN, Ireland 8-9 October 2009

A follow up to the
2002 European Commission Symposium
on
Medico-Legal Exposures



Objective

Since the introduction of the Medical Exposure Directive, 97/43/EURATOM, difficulties in implementing the provisions on medico legal exposures have been evident. It has been recognised that the justification process is complex and must take account of a broad range of social and economic issues. The symposium will address and resolve as far as possible these issues. It will cover a wide variety of practices during which humans are exposed to xrays for non-medical reasons. These will include the use of x-rays for age determination in children/adolescents, in airport security, sports medicine, insurance and employment processes, health assessment in immigration and emigration and their use in the prevention of illegal activities such as drug smuggling.

The conference will focus on and highlight the ethical, legal, social and

technical problems encountered with these practices. This should lead to an enhanced understanding of practices within the EU and provide a starting point for the development of guidance and advice on those practices.

List of topics

- Non Medical Imaging Exposures for purposes including:
 - Security
 - Crime prevention
 - Sports medicine
 - Insurance
 - Employment processes
- Practical Implementation in Member States
- Ethical Social & Legal Issues
- Justification & Optimisation Issues
- Legislative Framework
- View from International Organisations ICRP, IAEA, EU
- New Developments, Imaging Pathways & Referral Criteria



Audience

The symposium addresses a broad spectrum of professionals with responsibilities in the following fields:

- Customs
- Insurance
- Regulation (Health, Justice)
- Police / Criminal prosecution
- Immigration
- (Paediatric) Radiology
- Occupational Medicine
- Security at Airports and Harbours
- Professional or Top-class Sport
- Sports Medicine
- Judiciary / legal professions
- Public Health
- Prisons



The symposium will give the opportunity to professionals involved in the use of use of x-rays for non medical imaging purposes, and other interested parties to exchange experiences and views about the ethical, legal, social and technical problems encountered with these practices.