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SSDL Newsletter

The issue No. 65 has been published. It is available on our [publications website](#). This issue of the SSDL Newsletter is dedicated to the report about the 17th Scientific Committee of the IAEA/WHO Network of Secondary Standards Dosimetry Laboratories. It was also the last issue to be published as a hard copy and sent by mail. In addition to the hard copy, a link to the electronic version of this publication has been sent by email. If you have not received it by email, please ensure that you have provided us with the most recent contact details.

Calibration services:

I am happy to announce that a **new calibration request form** is available. The new form can be found on [our web site](#) in [Downloads](#) under [Request for Calibration of Instruments](#). Calibration requests can now be done simply by filling this form electronically, signing it and sending it by email to dosimetry@iaea.org.

IAEA-SSDL bilateral comparisons:

New and updated dosimetry comparison protocols can be found in [Downloads](#) under IAEA-SSDL Comparisons. The new comparison round for 2017 will start in the beginning of next year. Kindly inform me if your SSDL is interested in participating in these bilateral comparisons.

Radiation therapy:

The 2016 comparisons are on-going with 10 participants. The anonymized results from 2015 - 2016 comparisons will be published in the SSDL Newsletter.

Diagnostic radiology:

The 2016 comparisons are on-going with 3 participants. The previous comparison results of 12 participants will be published in a scientific journal in 2017.

Radiation protection:

Comparison in the field of radiation protection is a new service and a pilot comparison will be launched in 2017.

Annual reports:

The deadline for the 2015 annual reports was the end of September. However, we are still missing some reports. Reminders have been sent to the SSDLs in question. Please note that you should have received a confirmation if your report was submitted successfully. Please inform us if your SSDL has not received the 2015 Annual report request.

Training and meeting of the SSDL members:

We are organizing a training course on uncertainty estimations for dosimetry measurements. It will be held next spring at the IAEA from 3 to 7 April. The main target audience is the people working in SSDLs. However, it is also open for medical physicists interested in uncertainty calculations. The course is free of charge and the participants are only responsible for costs related to e.g. travel and accommodation. A general SSDL Network meeting will be held during this training course to offer the members an opportunity to meet other members and to discuss SSDL related issues. More information will be provided in January 2017. I look forward to meeting you all.

Best regards,
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