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Dear RAMPS members:

Happy New Year!

One of my New Year resolutions as the president of RAMPS is to start a new tradition for RAMPS - sending periodic reports to RAMPS members on the status of RAMPS' operation.

Since communication and participation are key to the success of our society, the board has decided in the last meeting held on 12/06/2010 to implement a couple of changes to improve member communication and boost member participation. The following is a summary of what we are implementing:

A. Improving the mechanisms for member communication: Jussi Sillannpaa, the new RAMPS' secretary, is in charge of improving the communication mechanism:

1. We will query RAMPS' member information directly from the AAPM database instead of maintaining a separate database except for those RAMPS members who are not AAPM members.
2. We plan to post as much information about RAMPS operation as possible on the website (<http://chapter.aapm.org/ramps/>).
3. We plan to use email for all member communication (i.e., no more paper for CAMPEP application).
4. Jussi will email everyone explaining how the above three will be implemented.

B. Getting young members more involved in RAMPS activities: Since we have observed a decline of young members' participation in RAMPS activities, Vishruta Dumane is charged to organize young member and get them more involved:

1. Vishruta will send requests to register young members - particularly medical physics postdoctoral fellows, residents and graduate students.
2. We will organize seminars on topics that concern young members.
3. RAMPS will provide volunteer opportunities for young members to help with RAMPS operation.

In addition to the above changes, we will still hold routine seminars, symposium and business meetings in 2011. I will prepare a tentative schedule for all these events and post it on the RAMPS website so that members can plan ahead.

Best,

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President of RAMPS