



AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATING PRINCIPLES FOR THE RESEARCH PLATFORM MEDICAL IMAGING (RPMI) OF THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

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§ 1 – Name and Seat

The Research Platform Medical Imaging (RPMI) is based at the Medical University of Vienna (MedUni Vienna).

§ 2 – Purpose

The RPMI serves as an interdepartmental communication and research platform aimed at promoting, networking, and optimizing research in both clinical and theoretical fields, fostering communication with other clusters and platforms of MedUni Vienna, and supporting teaching and continuing education in the field of medical imaging.

The organization of joint information events and conferences, the acquisition of third-party funding from collaborative research projects, the conduct of joint clinical and theoretical studies, and the publication of articles in scientific journals represent the external purposes of the RPMI.

§ 3 – Membership

To obtain membership, a standardized application form must be submitted via the RPMI website. This form also includes assignment to a specific node. The formal approval of the respective node spokesperson is required.

§ 4 – Rights and Duties of Members

Members of the RPMI are expected to actively participate in node meetings as well as in the activities and projects of their node and to comply with the Good Scientific Practice (GSP) guidelines of MedUni Vienna.

They have the right to attend public RPMI events and are encouraged to promote the interests of the RPMI to the best of their ability.

Members must adhere to the Operating Principles, including this Amendment, as well as to the resolutions of the Steering Board (SB) and the General Assembly (GA).

Affiliation with the RPMI should be documented by using the RPMI logo in presentations and by including the statement: *“Authors ... and ... are members of the Medical Imaging Platform (RPMI) of the Medical University of Vienna”* in publications and third-party funding applications.

In addition, the acknowledgment *“This work was supported by the RPMI of the Medical University of Vienna”* should be included in the Acknowledgements section.

§ 5 – Organization and Bodies of the RPMI

The RPMI consists of the following bodies:

- a **Steering Board (SB)**, which elects from among its members a **Speaker**, a **Speaker-elect**, and a **Treasurer**;



- a **Scientific Nodes Committee (SNC)**;
- an **Educational Board (EB)**; and
- a **General Assembly (GA)**.

The scientific core of the RPMI is represented by the nodes, each of which appoints a **Node-Speaker** and a **Node-Speaker-elect**, as well as the **RPMI Professor**.

§ 6 – Steering Board (SB)

The SB consists of eight members elected by the GA.

From among its elected members, the SB appoints a **Speaker**, a **Speaker-elect**, and a **Treasurer**. In the event of a vacancy, the GA shall elect new SB member(s).

During the transitional phase of the operating principles, the Speaker-elect shall serve a two-year term, after which they shall automatically assume the position of Speaker of the RPMI for a further two years.

The position of Speaker-elect should alternate between representatives from the clinical and non-clinical sectors.

§ 7 – Tasks of the Steering Board (SB)

In addition to the duties defined in the General Principles, the SB is responsible for:

- initiating and approving the reorganization or establishment of new nodes.

§ 8 – Scientific Nodes Committee (SNC)

Each node has a **Speaker** and a **Speaker-elect**, who should meet the following criteria:

- Postdoctoral level,
- Affiliation with MedUni Vienna,
- Membership in the RPMI.

Applications for the positions of Speaker or Speaker-elect are submitted via a letter of motivation following a call issued by the SB.

Voting takes place during a node meeting by simple majority. The term of office is two years, beginning with the GA. After two years, the Speaker-elect assumes the role of Node Speaker. Dual roles as both Node Speaker and Steering Board member should be avoided.

Responsibilities of Node Speakers include:

- representing the node,
- managing node membership,
- recruiting new node members,
- acting as a contact point for the node's expertise and technologies (within and beyond MedUni Vienna),
- participating in RPMI Scientific Node Committee (SNC) meetings,
- organizing node meetings (at least once per semester),
- organizing RPMI Tea Times (once per semester),
- collecting and forwarding information on publications, projects, presentations, and conferences to the RPMI coordination office,
- contributing to the RPMI Festival (e.g. as reviewer, chair, and by motivating node members to submit abstracts).



The Speakers and Speaker-elects of all nodes together form the SNC, along with members of the SB, EB, and the RPMI Professor.

The RPMI Professor chairs the SNC meetings.

Nodes may be dissolved upon proposal by the Node Speakers in consultation with the node members. New nodes may be established with the approval of the SB.

§ 9 – Tasks of the Scientific Nodes Committee (SNC)

The SNC meets regularly and is coordinated by the RPMI Professor. These meetings aim to promote networking and communication among the nodes and between the SNC, SB, and EB.

They also serve as a forum for presenting and discussing planned or ongoing research projects and other node activities.

§ 10 – Educational Board (EB)

The EB advises the SB on matters related to teaching and continuing education. Its members include one to two representatives from PhD and doctoral programs associated with medical imaging (e.g. Medical Imaging, Medical Physics).

During SNC meetings, the EB representatives report on their respective PhD and doctoral programs.

§ 11 – Tasks of the Educational Board (EB)

The EB is responsible for:

- coordinating the teaching and continuing education activities of the RPMI,
- serving as an interface with the Curriculum Directorate regarding PhD and doctoral programs,
- advising the SB and SNC on matters of teaching and continuing education.

§ 12 – RPMI Professorship

The Medical University of Vienna provides the RPMI with a permanent **Professorship for Clinical Translation in Imaging**, with a particular focus on **multimodal quantitative imaging**, in accordance with § 99 (5) of the Universities Act 2002 (UG).

This professorship is intended to strengthen, expand, and connect the existing imaging technologies of the RPMI, the Preclinical Imaging Laboratory, and the research cluster topics within the Medical University of Vienna.

In particular, the professorship supports the coordination of nodes and their speakers, as well as the alignment of the teaching and research activities of the nodes.

The professorship is formally assigned to one of the organizational units (OEs) participating in the RPMI.