

**Report of the RCA Programme Advisory Committee for 2021/22**

In accordance with the TOR of the RCA Programme Advisory Committee the report of the RCA PAC for 2021/22 containing completed and planned activities is herewith submitted to the 44<sup>th</sup> RCA NRM for its information and observations.

Proposed Action:

The NRM may approve the contents of the report and provide feedback to PAC on the completed and planned activities.

**Report of the RCA Programme Advisory Committee to the 44<sup>th</sup> RCA NRM**  
**on its Completed and Planned Activities in 2021-2022**

The activities of the RCA Programme Advisory Committee since the 50<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM held in September 2021, and the activities planned for 2022, are hereby presented for the information of the 44<sup>th</sup> RCA NRM

**1. RCA Programme for 2024/25**

- a. The templates for Project Concepts and for their evaluation were improved based on past experience.
- b. Project Concepts were invited from RCA GPs through RCA Chair on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2021, for the Pre-Concepts that were approved by the 50<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM for further development, subject to a maximum of two Concepts per GP based on the GOR. The deadline for submission was 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
- c. The 18 Project Concepts were received from the GPs up to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Three GPs exceeded the limit of 2 Concepts per GP.
- d. The received Concepts were reviewed by PAC and the recommendations were finalized at the Meeting of the Programme Advisory Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> of February.
- e. The recommendations of PAC were provided to the RCA GPs along with the form for prioritization by individual GPs on 25<sup>th</sup> of February, through RCA Chair, with a deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> March for submission.
- f. The overall rankings based on individual rankings of GPs will be presented to the NRM separately

**2. RCA Research Project**

- a. PAC, in its role as a member of the RCA Research Review Committee, along with the Technical Officer of the project, assisted in the review of the annual progress reports of 11 Research Agreement and Contract holders, of the Phase II of the Research Project on Monitoring Air-Pollution.
- b. PAC assisted RCARO in the review of the 9 Research Proposals received from the RCA GPs on radiotherapy which was identified as a priority for the region through a survey conducted by RCARO.
- c. The proposal made by Indonesia on the topic "Closing the Gap in Radiotherapy" was recommended for further development based on recommendations of PAC and three external experts.
- d. PAC, along with the Technical Officer of the project participated in the review of the 9 Research Proposals submitted by RCA GPs on the selected topic of "Closing the Gap In Radiotherapy".
- e. PAC Chair participated in the Pre-Meeting held in December 2021 and the Research Coordination Meeting held in March 2022.

### 3. Meetings of the RCA Programme Advisory Committee

The following virtual meetings of the RCA PAC were held since September 2021

1. 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – To consolidate the recommendations of PAC on the 18 Project Concepts received for the RCA Programme of 2024/25.
2. 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – To a) agree on the recommendations to be made to the 44<sup>th</sup> NRM related to the Project Concepts for RCA Programme for 2024/25, b) agree on the modalities of implementing responsibilities delegated to PAC on project implementing and monitoring by the 50<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM and c) to discuss recommendations to be made to the WG on MTS for 2024-29.

### Planned Activities

1. Development of the RCA TC Programme for 2024/25

<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Activity</b>
April 2022	Initial communication with LCCs regarding the design of projects approved by the 44 <sup>th</sup> NRM
April 30 -2022	Submission of RCA Regional Programme Note to IAEA
May – July 2022	Project design meetings (virtual) for design of approved projects with the participation of the designated PAC members
1-15 August 2022	Review of the project designs and PAC and feedback to LCCs
September 2022	Reporting to the status of development of the programme for 2024/25 to the RCA GCM
September 2022	Finalization of project designs and submission to the IAEA on PCMF

2. Assisting and supporting the LCCs in implementing and monitoring of RCA Projects implemented in 2022/23 according to approved procedure
3. Functioning as the RCA Research Review Committee in the development and implementation of the research project on "Closing the Gap in Radiotherapy"
4. Assist the MTSC WG in the interim evaluation of the Performance Indicators of the MTS for 2018-2023
5. Providing inputs to the WG on RCA MTS for 2024-29
6. Assisting the RCARO in the preparation of the RCA newsletters (by PAC Chair)
7. Participating in activities related to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RCA (PAC Chair is a member of STF)

#### **4. Members of the RCA Programme Advisory Committee**

1. Dr. Prinath Dias (SRL) – PAC Chair
2. Prof. Tomoaki Tamaki (JPN)
3. Dr. SungChul Jung (ROK)
4. Prof. Liu Lixiang (CPR)
5. Dr. Soledad Castaneda (PHI)
6. Prof. Nahrul Khair Rashid (MAL)
7. Mr. Peter McGlinn (AUL)
8. Dr. Muhayatun Santoso (INS)