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Optimization of Radiation Protection of Medical Staff



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RADIOGRAPHER SOCIETIES

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PURPOSE AND ROLE

- The EFRS is a non-profit organization, set up by professional societies that represent radiographers in the geographic continent of Europe (**32 professional societies from 30 countries representing \pm 100.000 radiographers**).
- The role of the EFRS is to represent, promote and develop the profession of radiographers in Europe, within the whole range of medical imaging, nuclear medicine and radiotherapy.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To undertake all actions in order to generate influence on European policies and to negotiate with European bodies about all issues that may be of relevance for the profession.
2. To stimulate inter-state professional cooperation throughout Europe in scientific, technical, ethical, organizational and labor areas by facilitating the exchange of information between member societies.
3. To promote patient safety and radiation protection
4. To promote the use of the EFRS reference code of ethics
5. To develop European standards of professional practice
6. To promote evidence based practice and the principle of 'science in society'
7. To promote harmonization of initial and post-graduate education
8. To facilitate free movement of radiographers
9. To cooperate with other organizations with similar objectives

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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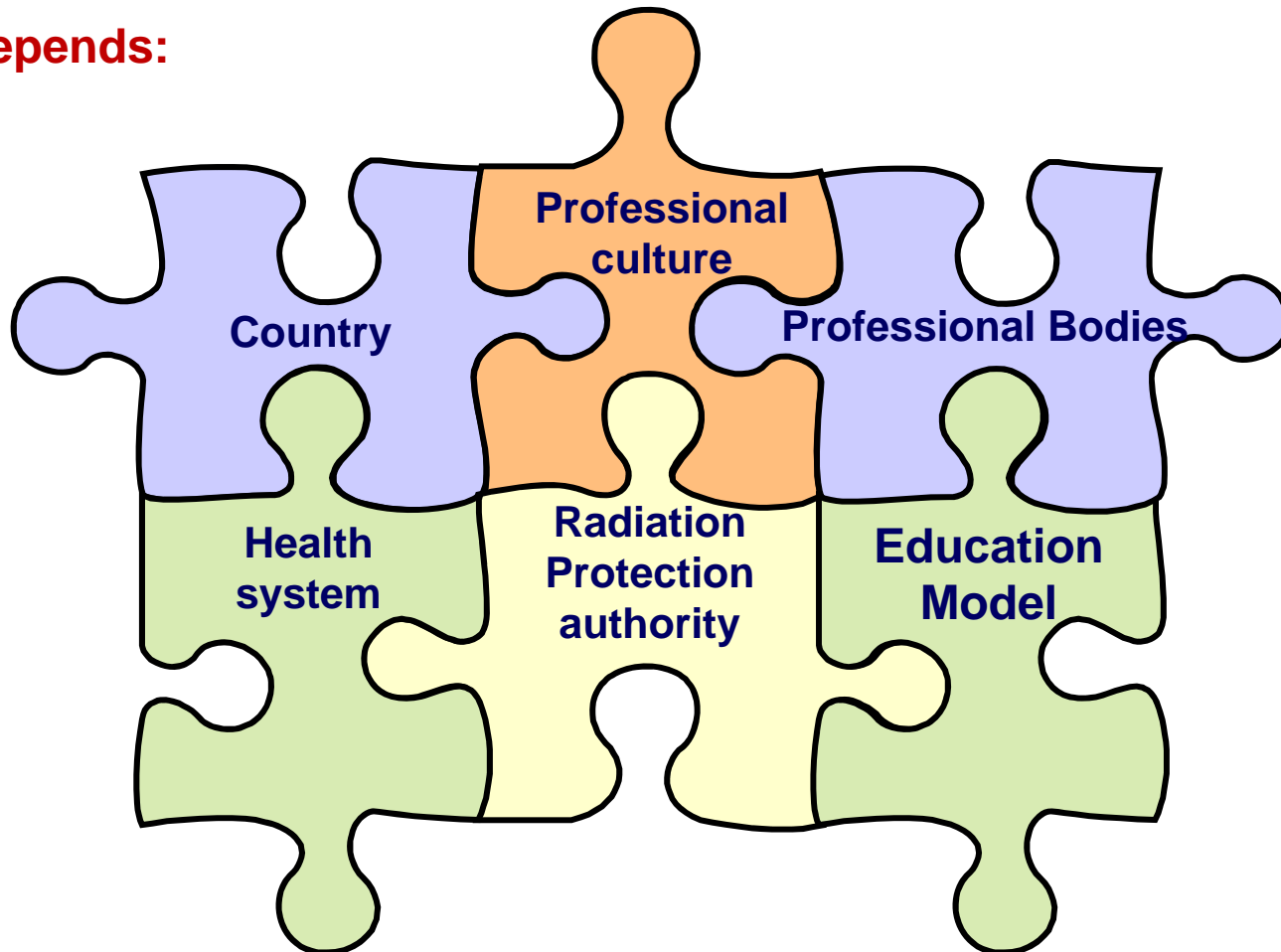
Members:

Susanne Huber
Germany

Sandie Mathers
United Kingdom

“About occupational exposure knowledge”

Depends:





Where to focus?

“Interventional procedures (in general)”

Why?

- **The complexity of the procedures grows faster than the professional awareness about the consequent occupational exposure;**
- **The possibilities of the equipment in order to reduce the exposure are not maximized by the professionals (companies should be more involved and worried about this);**
- **Personal dosimetry and protection devices are not used in an effective and harmonized way (even inside the same department);**



The role of professional societies



- **Have the obligation to disseminate new knowledge (from science to daily practice);**
- **Develop combined professional practice guidelines, published in an easy way (posters that can be disseminated through our members);**
- **Promote multi-professional research projects, at European level, in order to identify the problems, pointing out further solutions**



Thank You !

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