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Dear Mr. Javier Galvéz,

It is with great enthusiasm that the European Association of Nuclear Medicine (EANM) read the proposal on a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy as put forth by the Interinstitutional Commission for Radiographer Training. There is no doubt that the ever-evolving medical technologies demand a corresponding evolution in the education of health professionals.

The EANM is always eager to encourage the development of Nuclear Medicine professionals and with special attention to Nuclear Medicine Technologists. At the same time, it belongs to EANM's objectives to ensure that the quality of Nuclear Medicine education in Europe remains at a top-level, in order to deliver the best health care to patients.

In the past years Europe has witnessed a tendency to fuse the three radiation medical specialties in the technologist's domain. While in principle this brings a wider plan of action to technologists/radiographers, it can hardly deliver the depth of knowledge demanded for the Nuclear Medicine discipline. Because of this conceptual gap, the European School of Nuclear Medicine (ESNM), as the educational wing of the EANM, provides specialised education on selected topics in Nuclear Medicine.

A careful analysis of the Educational Programme provided, shows a very complete plan in regard to the basic sciences and a great focus on the applied nature of this profession, including radiation protection. Given that this programme encompasses the three radiation specialties, we acknowledge that only 15 credit points are devoted to pure Nuclear Medicine topics.

The EANM supports the initiative by the Interinstitutional Commission for Radiographer Training, which aims at advancing the Radiographers/Technologist profession in Spain by implementing the education on basis of the European Qualification Framework Level 6. The extensive educational offers of the European School of Nuclear Medicine might present an ideal opportunity to gather further knowledge in Nuclear Medicine specific topics that cannot be covered in the curriculum proposed.

With best regards,

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