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Medical physics research will be affected strongly by formation of the new institute. As individuals and a society, we must consider our professional commitments to the various institutes. At several levels, from lobbying for formative institute funds to designing individual grants, we must consider our priorities in image guided therapy and our nonimaging research, as well as in diagnostic imaging research. Through our unique liasons and participation in the numerous organizations most relevant to NIBIB we should continue to have a strong impact on NIBIB's development. AAPM's goals and structure must be redefined to improve the society's and members' roles in facilitation of medical imaging and related research.