

CHP Corner



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American Academy of Health Physics Special Session at the 2013 HPS Annual Meeting, Tuesday, 9 July 2013

John Frazier, AAHP Past President

The American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) is sponsoring the special session "Medical Physics and Health Physics at Medical Facilities" at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Health Physics Society in Madison, Wisconsin. The special session will be held on Tuesday, 9 July 2013, with technical presentations in two morning sessions and one afternoon session, with the AAHP awards luncheon at noon.

The purpose of the special session is to compare and contrast the type of work, education requirements, and certification programs for medical physicists and health physicists who work in medical facilities. The first morning session will address work responsibilities and examples of technical issues in diagnostic radiology, radiation therapy, and nuclear medicine. The second morning session will address academic programs in medical physics and health physics and the impacts of requirements from the American Board of Radiology for academic medical physics programs. The afternoon session day will address professional certification programs in medical physics and health physics, followed by a presentation on ethical responsibilities of professionals. The session will conclude with a panel discussion by the eight presenters, with input from session attendees.

Continuing Education Committee Update

Jim Willison, Chair

Preparations for the summer meeting in Madison have been completed. The Continuing Education Committee has arranged for three eight-hour courses to be held on Saturday, 6 July 2013. First, we have Rich Vetter and Ken Miller presenting the course "Introduction to Health Physics." Our second course is "How We Make Decisions for Radiation Protection and Are Prone to Errors," taught by Ray Johnson. Finally, we have "Overview of Internal Dosimetry," taught by Dick Toohey. This is a rather distinguished group of instructors. By the time this newsletter is published, the abstracts for all three courses will be available in the [meeting preliminary program](#). I encourage you all to take the opportunity to attend one of these courses and perhaps learn something new. Each course is only \$275 and also earns the attendee 16 continuing education credits.

Just because we have the courses already arranged for this year, please be reminded that the committee is also on the lookout for topics and instructors for two courses at the 2014 midyear in Baton Rouge and three courses at the annual meeting in Baltimore.

This year's committee consists of me, April Chance, Brian Hinderliter, Mark Hogue, Alan Jackson, and Scott Schwahn. Aside from arranging for the courses, the committee also has the responsibility for reviewing activities that are submitted by CHPs for continuing credit.

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