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A MESSAGE FROM THE AAHP PRESIDENT

Kathy Pryor

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Health Physics Society is coming right up, and with it, the various meetings of the academy and the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP). This year's meeting is on 15 July to 19 July 2018 in Cleveland, OH (home of the academy President-Elect and Local Arrangements Committee Chair Andy Miller). The Part II Exam Panel will meet to begin preparations for the 2019 exam. The ABHP and AAHP Executive Committee will meet from Friday, 13 July to Sunday 15 July. Many of the academy standing committees will also meet during the week of the annual meeting.



The academy will sponsor a group of all-day continuing education classes on Saturday, 14 July 2018. New this year are two 4-hour courses, which are:

- *Practical External Dosimetry Management* - Tosh Ushino, CHP
- *Internal Dosimetry Review, Standards, and Ongoing Considerations* - Charles "Gus" Potter, PhD, CHP

There are also two 8-hour courses:

- *Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) and Nuclear Detonation Response Tools for ROSS and HPs Engaged in Radiological and Nuclear Emergency Response* - Brooke Buddemeier, CHP; Bill Irwin, ScD, CHP; Angela Leek; Matt McKinley; Jim Rogers
- *Radiation Risk Assessment* - Fred Dolislager, Stuart Walker

The academy owes many thanks to current ABHP Chair Bill Rhodes and the members of the board who have been engaged in efforts to transition to an on-line exam management and recordkeeping system. This will both reduce the cost and effort needed to deliver and maintain the Part I examination, and will enhance security of the process. As described in the March "CHP Corner", the examination application process is being conducted on-line through the ABHP website. This includes the application, review and notification of approval to sit for the exam, and the Part I examination itself. This is truly an exciting step forward for the examination process!

Remember also that Tuesday, 17 July is Academy Day. Past-President Kyle Kleinhans will host an all-day symposium on "Potential Health Effects of Low Dose Radiation and the Role of Radiation Protection Professionals," followed by the academy's annual business meeting.

The academy luncheon will also be held on Tuesday. CHPs that became certified earlier this year are extended a special invitation to join us at the luncheon and be recognized for your accomplishment. Committee chairs and members who completed their service in January 2018 will receive certificates of recognition.

This past year we welcomed new Program Director Amy Wride-Graney, replacing longtime Executive Director Nancy Johnson. While we have missed Nancy's smiling face, Amy has stepped in and ably filled Nancy's shoes in carrying on the work of the Academy while

navigating the many changes that are in-process. Amy is available to answer questions and assist candidates and members of the academy.

I want to encourage all CHPs to also hold membership in the Health Physics Society. The HPS supports the academy through providing venues at the Mid-Year and Annual Meetings for our academy training courses, as well as opportunities for obtaining continuing education credits through the HPS Professional Enrichment Program courses. Membership in the HPS also provides access to the HP Journal, HP News, ANSI N13 and N43 standards and NCRP Reports (at discounted or no cost).

Finally, don't forget to wear your Hawaiian shirts on Monday, 16 July in support of our Part II Examination candidates. See you in Cleveland!