

Call For Papers

2006 HPS Midyear Topical Meeting
on
“University, Medical, and Laboratory Health Physics”
22-25 January 2006

The Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona



Joint Meeting with the
Health Physics Society (HPS)
American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP)
and
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD)

Join your colleagues in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona, for the 39th Health Physics Society Midyear Topical Meeting at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort. The Resort is a 22-acre oasis of towering palms, manicured gardens, sparkling fountains, and pools. Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired architecture is complemented by warm southwest accents. The beautiful resort is located just north of historic downtown Scottsdale and only 20 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The resort features 387 beautifully appointed oversized guest rooms. Decorated in southwestern casual elegance, rooms offer every imaginable amenity, along with pool, garden, and spectacular mountain and desert vista views from a private balcony.

The word “recreation” is synonymous with the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort. Recreation options include a fully equipped health club, tennis courts, racquetball, putting green, and two large outdoor pools. Some of the best golfing in the country is just minutes away. Or choose to relax with a whirlpool, sauna, or massage. The resort location is ideal! It is located within five minutes from Scottsdale’s numerous boutiques, outstanding restaurants, and art galleries.

Scottsdale weather in January is comfortable with daytime temperatures averaging 68-72 °F and overnight temperatures averaging 41-45 °F.

The HPS and CRCPD invite members and other interested parties to participate. The technical program for the meeting begins with a Plenary Session on Monday morning followed by technical presentations Monday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon. The format will include both oral and poster sessions.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically by
Friday, 1 July 2005

Topic for the 2006 HPS Midyear Topical Meeting is
“University, Medical, and Laboratory Health Physics”

Subtopics include:

Health Physics Aspects of Therapeutic and Diagnostic Medicine

(Radiopharmaceutical Therapy, Brachytherapy/HDR, PET/CT, Shielding, Occupational/Public/Patient Dose Considerations)

Radiation Safety Concerns in the Research Environment

(University and Biotech Laboratories, Contract and Government Laboratories, Safety of Nonionizing Radiation Sources, Laboratory Security, Integrating Safety Programs)

QA/QC Considerations

(Instrumentation, Audits and Inspections, Benchmarking)

Waste Disposal Issues

(Radioactive/Biohazard/Chemical Mixed Waste, RAM Disposal Methods)

Training

(Measuring Effectiveness, Methods, Regulatory Requirements, Certification/Accreditation Issues)

Regulatory and Administration

(Differences between State and Federal, Agreement State Issues, Licensing, Security of Radioactive Materials, Statute and Regulation Development)

If you have a session topic allied to the meeting theme and want to put together a special session or have technical program questions, contact HPS Symposia Committee Chairperson Jan Braun (jbraun@mayo.edu).

Author Eligibility

Any HPS, AAHP, or CRCPD member may submit an abstract. Nonmember submittals are welcome, but require member sponsorship (not necessarily coauthorship). Authors who are not members must fill in the sponsoring member information including the sponsor's name and membership number. Nonmembers having difficulty finding a sponsor should still submit their abstract without sponsorship. The HPS Symposia Committee will review abstracts for acceptance.

Submission of Abstracts

Note that the **required method** of submission is using the HPS Web site (www.hps.org). Please note that email submissions are not acceptable.

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Questions??

General questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to Sue Burk, HPS Meeting Director, or Lori Strong, HPS Meeting Manager, at 703-790-1745 or sburk@burkinc.com and lstrong@burkinc.com.

Acceptance of Abstracts

A person may present one poster and/or one oral paper—there is no limit on being a coauthor. Additional papers may be authorized if part of an invited session. Notification of conditional acceptance or rejection of the abstract will be sent to the presenting author by September 2005. The HPS Symposia Committee expects that papers will have support of the author's management prior to abstract submission.

Publication of Proceedings

Proceedings of this meeting will be distributed at the time of the meeting. Manuscripts from both the oral and poster presentations will be included. PowerPoint presentations will also be included on the Symposia Proceedings. Instructions for preparation of manuscripts will be posted on the HPS Web site (www.hps.org). **Completed manuscripts must be received by Tuesday, 1 November 2005**, to be included in the meeting proceedings.

Presentations

For oral presentations, a PowerPoint file is the standard presentation mode. Slides will not be permitted. All PowerPoint presentations **must be** submitted to the HPS Secretariat no later than three weeks (31 December 2005) prior to the conference. PowerPoint presentations will be loaded onto a computer hard drive prior to the meeting. Presenters may not use their own computer. Backup copies of the PowerPoint file should be saved to a CD or memory stick and brought to the meeting. The HPS Symposia Committee reserves the right to preview PowerPoint presentations and to reject those that do not meet the quality standards of the HPS. Instructions for preparation of both oral and poster presentations will be posted on the HPS Web site.

Abstract Submission

All abstracts will be printed directly from the online submission form. The online submission form is located on the HPS Web site (www.hps.org, then click on the HPS Meetings link to find the abstract submission form for the 2006 Midyear Meeting).

NOTE: Contact the Secretariat if you are unable to submit your abstract using the online submission form.

Instructions for Abstract Submission

1. Title: Submit the title in upper and lower case, capitalizing each word.
2. Author(s): Use initials for the author's first (and middle) name(s). Indicate the presenting author. Contact the Secretariat for instructions if there are more than six authors.

3. Affiliation(s): Enter the affiliation(s) in upper and lower case; for example, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. **Do not include department name or full address.**
4. Abstract: The abstract must be **one concise** paragraph. Do not include author names or affiliations. Credits should be placed at the end of the text of the abstract. Use an asterisk as an indicator of the credit. (Note: The minimum abstract length is 150 words and the maximum size of the abstract is restricted to 2,000 characters.)
5. Presenting Author Address: Include the complete mailing address. This is the only address in our records for nonmembers and it is essential that both the mailing address and email address are accurate. Note that authors who are not members must fill in the sponsoring member information, including the sponsor's name and membership ID number.

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