

Accelerator Section Establishes Student Award in Honor of Lutz Moritz

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Last fall, the accelerator radiation protection community lost an esteemed colleague and friend, Lutz Moritz (1943-2008). Lutz passed away on 16 October 2008.

This summer, in memory of Lutz, the Accelerator Section of the Health Physics Society (HPS) has established the Lutz Moritz Memorial Award. The award recognizes Lutz's dedication to and support for the Accelerator Section, which he served for many years as a founding member, newsletter editor (1993-1995), and president (1995-1997).



It is also a tribute to his contributions to the field of accelerator health physics. Lutz's distinguished career at TRIUMF, Canada's National Laboratory for Particle and Nuclear Physics, earned him an international reputation as Canada's foremost expert on accelerator radiation safety. He served on the board of the Canadian Radiation Protection Association and on many international review panels for important accelerator projects, including the Superconducting Super Collider, the CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) Large Hadron Collider, and the ORNL (Oak Ridge National Laboratory) Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility.

The Lutz Moritz Memorial Award will be given each year at the Health Physics Society annual meeting to a promising health physics student who has submitted an outstanding talk or poster on accelerator radiation protection. This award in Lutz's honor is especially significant because Lutz was not only a gifted researcher, but also a dedicated teacher. Lutz will be remembered by all the students whose lives he touched and now also by the future generation of health physicists who will receive the Lutz Moritz Memorial Award.

This is one of two such awards supported by the Accelerator Section. The other is the H. Wade Patterson Memorial Award, first presented in 2003 for an outstanding student paper. Both award recipients receive a cash grant (currently \$150), as well as a plaque honoring their achievements.

Past recipients of the H. Wade Patterson Memorial Award include:

- Eric Burgett (2009, Georgia Institute of Technology)
- Neba Robinson Neba (2009, Idaho State University)
- Deirdre Elder (2008, Colorado State University)
- Robert O'Brien (2008, University of Nevada, Las Vegas)
- Bryan Bednarz (2007, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
- Maxwell Ankrah (2007, Idaho State University)
- Vakhtang Makarashvili (2004, Idaho State University)
- John Shanahan (2003, University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

Winners of Accelerator Section awards are chosen by a committee of section members who convene during the annual HPS meeting to review all student abstracts and posters that have

application to accelerator radiation protection. The choice is always difficult, but the best presentations are chosen to win the awards. Winners' names are announced at the annual banquet; checks and plaques are presented at the annual Accelerator Section business meeting.

The Accelerator Section sees the Lutz Moritz Memorial Award as a fitting way to honor the legacy of excellence that Lutz left with us. With that legacy in mind, students and their academic advisors are encouraged to strive for excellence, too, and to submit their best work for consideration for the annual Accelerator Section awards. Further information on the Accelerator Section awards can be found online at <http://hpschapters.org/sections/accelerator/awards.php3>.