Call for Abstracts
The 47th Midyear Meeting of the Health Physics Society
9-12 February 2014
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Nuclear Power Radiation Safety: Learning from the Past to Protect the Future
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The Health Physics Society invites members of the Society, other scientists and students to participate in the 47th Midyear Topical Meeting of the Health Physics Society to be held in Baton Rouge, LA, 9-12 February 2014.

Location
The meeting will be located at the Baton Rouge River Center - Convention Center. It is located only 8 miles from the Baton Rouge Metropolitan airport or 70 miles from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. There will be a block of discounted hotel rooms at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center.

Baton Rouge is one of America’s fastest growing cities. From old to new, the avant-garde to the antebellum, it’s a perfect mix for everyone with opportunities to explore the history, culture, music, and food. From every direction, everything uniquely Louisiana culminates in the “Red Stick.” Dive into the colorful history of Louisiana politics in downtown Baton Rouge at the Old State Capitol and the Old Governor’s Mansion, built by legendary Governor Huey P. Long. And while you’re here, take a bird’s-eye view of the city from the observation deck of the 34-story State Capitol, or walk across the street and soak in the culture at the Louisiana State Museum. Take your taste buds on the ultimate culinary ride and unlock the secrets of Louisiana’s distinct cuisine in Baton Rouge.

Abstract Due Date: 6 September 2013

Please submit your abstract on-line using the site:
http://hpschapters.org/2014midyear/abstracts/

NOTE: Abstracts submitted via email will not be accepted. Abstracts will be printed directly from your electronic submission. Minor editing (punctuation and grammar) may be performed on your abstract; you will not see a revised version before publication. If you experience problems or it is not possible to submit your abstract
Meeting Format
Presentations may be in an oral or poster format. Oral presentations are 12 minutes, with an additional 3 minutes for questions. Those choosing the "Poster or Oral" option under the Presentation Format Section on the Abstract form will have the highest probability of acceptance. If there is a compelling reason that a presentation must be in either the oral or poster format exclusively, please explain the reason. Please indicate if you wish to withdraw your abstract in the event that your preference cannot be accommodated.

- A submitted abstract is a commitment to present; cancellations should be avoided.
- If extenuating circumstances prevent the presenting author from making the presentation, it is the author’s responsibility to find an alternate presenter.
- Presenters who submit more than one oral abstract and cancel must find alternate presenters; otherwise, you will be limited to one abstract for future meetings.

Technical Sessions
Contributed abstracts are requested for sessions on the following topics:

- ALARA
- Shielding
- New Reactors
- Regulatory/Licensing
- Dosimetry/dose assessment
- Waste Management
- Decommissioning
- Environmental
- Emergency Response
- Homeland Security
- Instrumentation
- Medical Dosimetry
- Special Sessions

Special Sessions
Sessions sponsored and organized by a Section of the Society (e.g., Decommissioning, Environmental/Radon, Medical, etc.) or by a group such as the American Academy of Health Physics are considered special sessions. Please note that submissions of abstracts for special sessions are by invitation only; do not choose this category if you have not been asked by the session organizer.

Author Eligibility
Any member of the Society, other science professionals, and students may submit an abstract for presentation at the Annual or Midyear Meetings. The priority of abstract acceptance will be as follows: society members, non-members sponsored by Society members, and unsponsored non-members. Sponsors must endorse the abstract by including their name and HPS ID number on the electronic form.
Abstract Acceptance
Notification of acceptance will be sent to the presenting author during October 2013. Please note that the technical session you select is for Program Committee guidance only. Due to scheduling or topical interest, the Program Committee may find it necessary to reassign your presentation to a technical session different from what you selected.

**PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS:**
- Computer projection is the presentation format for all sessions. Presentations shall be prepared in Microsoft PowerPoint.
- Guidelines for preparing visuals will be posted on the HPS Web site in the Midyear Meeting section.
- If your abstract is accepted for oral presentation, your computer presentation file(s) must be uploaded to the Secretariat Web site (http://www.burkinc.net/hpsMY/) by 5:00 PM EDT January 29, 2014. These files will be reviewed by the Program Committee for format, compatibility with meeting site software/hardware, and appropriateness. Changes may be required due to font substitutions, differences between the version of software used to create the presentation and that used to display the presentation, or font size/color. **Individual visuals may be rejected if presentation guidelines are not followed.**
- All presenters must check in at the Speaker Ready Room the day prior to their session to ensure any problems with the presentation are corrected.

**NOTE:** Presenters who wish to make changes to their previously submitted computer presentation will be accommodated as availability allows. Revisions on CD-R or flash drive media will be accepted; Minor revisions may be done on the computer in the Speaker Ready Room on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Instructions for Submitting an Abstract**

**Specific Requirements:**
All abstracts will be printed directly from the on-line submission form. The on-line submission form is located on the HPS Web site (http://hpschapters.org/2014midyear/abstracts/). Contact the Secretariat if you are unable to submit your abstract using the on-line submission form.

1. **Title:** Submit the title in upper and lower case, capitalizing each word. Acronyms should not be used.
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 10 authors.
3. **Affiliation(s):** Enter the affiliation(s) in upper and lower case; e.g., University of California, Berkeley. **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 2000 characters.)
5. **Presenting Author Address**: Include the complete mailing address. It is essential that the e-mail address is accurate because information or questions regarding abstracts and presentations will be sent via e-mail.

6. Presenting Author cell phone: necessary to contact the author for question on the abstract and for contact during the meeting.

**Additional Information**

1. Abstracts that suggest commercialism, either through writing style or trade names, may be rejected.
2. Abstracts should not contain tables, figures, structural formulas, or bibliographic references. **NOTE**: Limit use of equations to only those that are new and required to convey the central concepts of the abstract. **You must use SI units.** Contact the Secretariat if the abstract requires equations, math or Greek symbols, subscripts or superscripts (other than for isotopic identification).
3. Acronyms in the abstracts themselves should be accompanied by the spelled out words in parentheses.
4. The substance of the abstract must not have been presented or published previously.
5. Promissory statements, such as "will be discussed," "will be studied," or "will be analyzed", cannot be accepted. Use present tense, e.g., “is discussed,” “is presented,” “is analyzed.” A well-written abstract includes results and conclusions, not promises.
6. The Program Committee’s decision to accept or reject an abstract will be based upon inclusion of the following items.
   a. **Purpose and title of the work**: Is the purpose clearly stated and are the issues current? Is the title descriptive of the abstract?
   b. **Experimental procedures (if applicable), analytical methods (if applicable) and discussion/review**: Are the procedures well described? Is (Are) the discussion/review and/or analytical methods clearly presented?
   c. **Application or relevance to the field of Health Physics**: Is the work relevant or directly applicable?
   d. **Conclusions**: Are the conclusions based on an appropriate quality and quantity of data?
   e. **Appropriateness of material for presentation**: Material which may be considered unprofessional or vulgar will be rejected. Material will not be rejected simply because it may be controversial.

If you are interested in serving as Co-Chair for one of these areas, or have questions regarding presentations or the technical topics listed, contact Christopher Shaw ([mailto:cshaw@w cstexas.com](mailto:cshaw@wcstexas.com)), Program Committee Task Force Chair.