

THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY

An Affiliate of the International Radiation Protection Association

PROSPECTUS

The HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY is a professional organization whose mission is excellence in the science and practice of radiation safety. Society activities include encouraging research in radiation science, developing standards, and disseminating radiation safety information. Society members are involved in understanding, evaluating, and controlling the potential risks from radiation relative to the benefits. Our vision is that the Health Physics Society will be the home for radiation safety specialists and the trusted source of radiation safety information that enables the safe use of radiation to improve people's lives.

The activities of the Society are those appropriate to the accomplishment of the mission, including (1) promoting cooperation and communication among people engaged in radiation protection activities within particular geographical, functional, and technical areas through chapters and sections, (2) providing for the dissemination and exchange of information through scientific and professional meetings, education, and publications, (3) encouraging scientific, professional, and public education, (4) promoting scientific research, (5) encouraging and supporting the development and use of radiation protection standards and recommendations, and (6) pursuing other activities appropriate to radiation safety.

The Society is the largest radiation protection society in the world, with members in 48 countries, and has established nearly 40 chapters in the United States, 2 chapters in non-US countries, 16 student branches, and 10 technical sections. The membership of the Society is divided into two general subdivisions—Voting Members and Nonvoting Members. Voting members are entitled to hold office in the Society. Dues are set each year by the Board of Directors. Application forms for membership are available from the office of the Executive Director and on the Society website.

The official publications of the Society include the monthly journal *Health Physics*, the periodic journal supplement *Operational Radiation Safety*, and the electronic newsletter *Health Physics News*. The Society edits *Health Physics* and *Operational Radiation Safety*, the official journals of the Health Physics Society and the only journals devoted exclusively to the field of health physics. *Health Physics* and *Operational Radiation Safety* are available to nonmembers at a moderate cost. *Health Physics News* is an email newsletter sent twice a month to all Society members. It notifies members of news that has been posted on the website, including Society news, messages from the HPS president, meeting notices, technical news, and chapter, section, committee, and agency and organization news. Archives of the newsletters are posted in the Members Only section of the Society website. A subscription to all publications of the Society is included in the yearly membership dues. The Society also maintains a website (hps.org) that provides the most current information about the Society, including public-education materials, official positions of the Society, and the Members Only area.

The Society is affiliated with the International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA), the National Research Council (NRC), and the Council of Scientific Society Presidents (CSSP). The Society also maintains close working relationships with the American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP), the American Board of Health Physics (ABHP), the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP), and other professionally related societies and institutions. As an affiliate of IRPA, the Society lends support to the promotion of health physics activities throughout the world. As the secretariat for ANSI Committees N13 (radiation protection) and N43 (radiation-producing equipment), the Society is provided with a mechanism

to contribute toward good practices in radiation safety through the development of national standards.

The Society holds an annual meeting each summer and sponsors or cosponsors a midyear meeting each winter. Information on these meetings is on the Society's website and in the official publications or may be obtained from the office of the executive director. These meetings include presentations on scientific endeavors and practical experience of specialists in radiation safety and exhibits of radiation safety equipment and services.

The Society recognizes both members and nonmembers for their contributions to the field of health physics. The Elda E. Anderson Award is presented each year to an outstanding young member of the Society for excellence in research or development, discovery or invention, or other significant contributions to the profession of health physics. The Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award recognizes outstanding contributions of fundamental significance for the profession. The Founders Award recognizes members for exceptional contributions to the advancement of the Society or the field of radiation safety. The Robley D. Evans Commemorative Medal recognizes scientific achievement and other accomplishments as exemplified by the late Professor Robley Evans. The Distinguished Public Service Award acknowledges outstanding contributions to the profession of health physics while in public service or service to the general public that significantly contributes to the relationship between the public and the health physics profession. The Geoffrey G. Eichholz Outstanding Science Teacher Award honors a teacher who has made significant contributions to educating students in topics related to the field of radiation safety. The National Student Science Award recognizes outstanding contributions by students in grades 6–12 to the understanding of the applications of radiation and its impact on the environment and health. Senior members of the Society who have made significant administrative, educational, and/or scientific contributions to the profession of health physics are awarded the status of Fellows of the Society. The Health Physics Honor Roll posthumously honors Society members who significantly contributed to the profession of health physics during their careers, but were not otherwise honored by the Society during their lifetimes. In addition to these individual awards, the Society also provides numerous lectureships, scholarships, and travel grants in support of health physics activities.

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FUTURE HPS MEETINGS

64th Annual Meeting, 7–11 July 2019, Orlando, Florida

53rd Midyear Meeting, 26–29 January 2020, Bethesda, Maryland