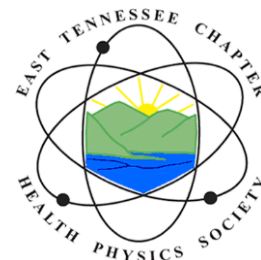


Information to ETCHPS Members – November 11, 2013
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Thank you to our Veterans this Veteran's Day.



Action Required

1. WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2013 JOINT ANS-HPS MEETING AT GETTYSVUE. By Friday, November 15th @ noon please RSVP to Irina Popova at popovai@ornl.gov or call 865-241-5281. (The agenda and invitation was sent out the latter part of October. Our website also has all the details.)
2. THURSDAY DECEMBER 12, 2013 VENDOR'S MEETING AT ROTHCHILDS. Dan Mantooth (dsm37830@att.net) is organizing this year's meeting. Watch your email this week---We've been working on the arrangements and Dan will be sending out the particulars soon. The prices will be about the same as last year: Vendors-\$175; members-\$15 (early registration), \$20 (late registration). We will post all information on the website as well. Dan is managing the PayPal registrations for both the vendors and members, from his personal email address --- if you are having any problems please email Dan or call at his cell: (509)528-7826. Also, this is good chance for you to encourage other colleagues (and vendors) to join ETCHPS, and attend the meeting---pass the word on.
3. Interest in Review for NRRPT Exam. If you have any interest an ETCHPS review exam, please go to our website and take the surveymonkey "survey" that Elizabeth Gillenwalters posted last week.
4. Interest in January 2014 HP-U Workshop. In the next few weeks, we'll post a survey on the website regarding the interest in a Saturday-morning, 4-hour workshop in Oak Ridge, with invited ETCHPS members to give short PEP sessions of contemporary interest, anything from air monitoring, radiation detection, dosimetry, radiation biology, proton therapy, accelerator safety, RP-operations and practices, nuclear fuel cycle, etc. The survey will focus on what members are generally interested in (from a continuing education point of view) as well as finding members who already have canned PEP-like slides put together. {We are tentatively thinking about a January 11 or 18 date, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. We also will make sure to invite fellow Chapters from the southeast.}

5. ETCHPS Member DataBase, Email Distribution, and Annual Dues. Please log on to your ETCHPS account and make sure all of your contact information is correct. Remember that this email distribution list is different from the HPS member database. Also, if you know folks that would like to join ETCHPS, please send them an email and direct them to the New Member registration on our website <http://www.hpschapters.org/etchps/> . Once they are registered, they will then obtain all of the email announcements. Also, please pay your dues so we can keep the lights on, and meetings/activities coming!

Information

1. October Meeting- Thank you to Dr. Hertel, for his presentation: "What is New in External Radiation Dosimetry? An ICRP/ICRU View." His paper is posted on the <http://crpk.ornl.gov/>. I'm working to post Dr. Brooke's paper on "Hg in Oak Ridge" soon---Dr. Brooke's was the invited speaker to the September meeting.
2. The UTK Student Chapter of the Health Physics Society is close to being re-instated. "Big Announcement" coming soon.
3. Department of Energy Funding Proposals. Over the next 5-10 years, the DOE budgets will continue ebb and flow, with little predictability. We found the following article interesting, regarding the proposed level of funding to support research:
<http://news.sciencemag.org/funding/2013/11/high-contrast-u.s.-legislators-plot-disparate-courses-department-energy-research>. You will note funding to study "Radiation Effects at Low Dose."

Looking Ahead

1. Gary Kephart---seeking nominations for officers. Election coming soon.
2. With declining budgets to attend technical meetings, the committee will likely put another survey together to consider taking a bus or train to Baton Rouge, for the Midyear meeting-2014. Stay tuned on this.
3. Invitation to HPS President-Elect Barbara Hamrick is being sent this week. We hope she is able to join us in February, 2014
4. Linda Hodges (ORAU) has reserved Pollard for the 3rd J.E. Turner Symposium, May 21-22, 2014. Save the Date. Jim Bogard has agreed to be the General Chair. If you'd like to get involved with planning this meeting, please contact Linda or Jim.
5. STEM Academy---if any of you wish to get involved in several activities we are engaged, please contact Tom Hansen, Elizabeth Gillenwalters, or Jim Bogard.

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