

NCCHPS

Northern California Chapter-Health Physics Society
May 2016



The NCCHPS May 2016 Dinner Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Oakland Yacht Club

5:30 pm Social / 7 pm Dinner / 8 pm Affiliate Recognition and Technical Presentation



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Nuclear Counting Facility

Abstract: The Nuclear Counting Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has been a unique asset and capability for over 40 years. Initially built in the late '60s and early '70s to support radiochemistry diagnostics for the Nuclear Test program, its mission now includes support for programs such as Environmental Radiochemistry, Stockpile Stewardship, Pre- and Post-detonation Nuclear Forensics, Rad/Nuc Emergency Response, and Nuclear Diagnostics for High Energy Physics. The facility's core capability lies with its 13 high-purity germanium gamma-ray spectrometers and, through an amalgamation of commercial hardware and in-house developed software, provides a variety of LLNL programs with the "life-blood" data they require to fulfill their national security mission.

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About the Speaker: Phil Torretto has been working in radiochemistry and radiation detection since obtaining his B.S. in Nuclear and Radiochemistry at San Jose State University in 1993. From 1992-1994 Phil broadened his experience in the field as a student intern at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in the actinide geochemistry group. Hired as staff scientist at LLNL in 1995, Phil has spent the last 21 years focused on radiochemistry and radiation detection. Beginning as a bench radioanalytical chemist in 1995 and culminating in the last 4 years as the Nuclear Counting Facility manager, Phil has recently become the group leader for LLNL's ES&H bioassay and radiological measurements laboratories.

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2016-2017 NCCHPS Board of Directors Election!

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<http://hpschapters.org/ncchps/elections/index.php> .

If you did not receive voting instructions, or have any questions, please contact the NCCHPS Secretary, Maranda Cimenó, at mcimeno@slac.stanford.edu.

Voting will close at the end of the day on **Monday, May 9th**, with the results formally announced at our May 2016 NCCHPS Meeting.

The offices up for election and their nominees are:

President-Elect - Ibrahim Ozcan (LBNL)

Treasurer - Chad Hopponen (LLNL)

Member-at-Large - Daniel Hibbing (UCB); Paul Swearingen (Genetech)



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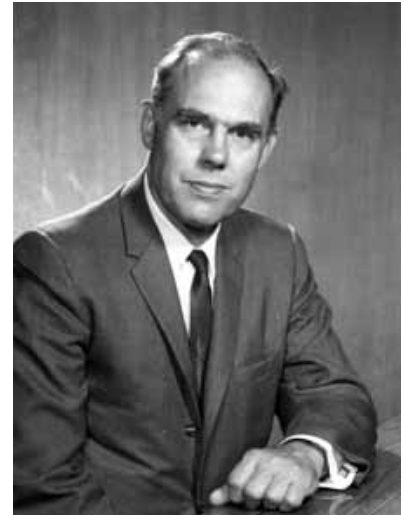
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The current value of Burton J. Moyer Fund investments is \$118,471.82 as of April 12, 2016. Moyer Fellowship Fund money are invested into 7 Fidelity mutual funds and one money market account. The Burton J. Moyer Fund is governed by NCCHPS Bylaws and is devoted exclusively for a fellowship for full-time graduate students in health physics. The fund is separate from the NCCHPS operational funds.

Our chapter contributes \$5,000 annually to the Burton J. Moyer Memorial Fellowship. HPS matches our contribution thus maintaining Burton J. Moyer Memorial Fellowship the most prestigious and most generous (\$10,000) Fellowship in health physics. We hope that the Fellowship will attract more high quality students to the profession of health physics.

NCCHPS actively participates in the selection of the Burton J. Moyer Memorial Fellowship Award recipient. NCCHPS's Moyer Fellowship Committee receives from HPS Academic and Education Committee (AEC) the top 3 candidates for HPS scholarships. We review and rank the candidates according to established criteria and recommend the recipient of the Burton J. Moyer Memorial Fellowship Award. NCCHPS members interested in participating in candidates review and ranking are welcomed.

DONATIONS:

Consider a small donation (\$10-\$50 is OK) for the Burton J. Moyer Memorial Fund. The donations are tax deductible.

Checks payable to NCCHPS may be sent to our treasurer, with the notation "For the Moyer Fund" or you can contribute when you pay for your dinner meeting with one combined check. You may indicate if you wish your donation to remain anonymous.

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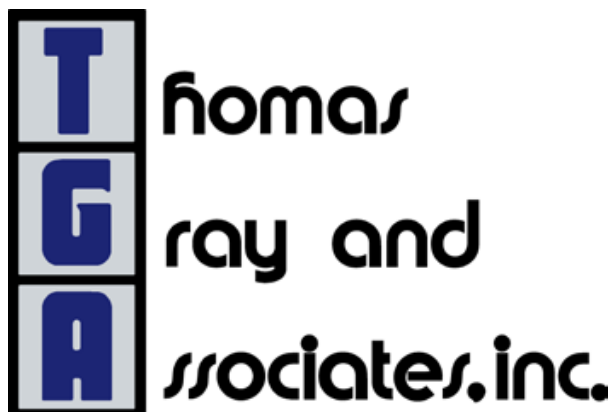
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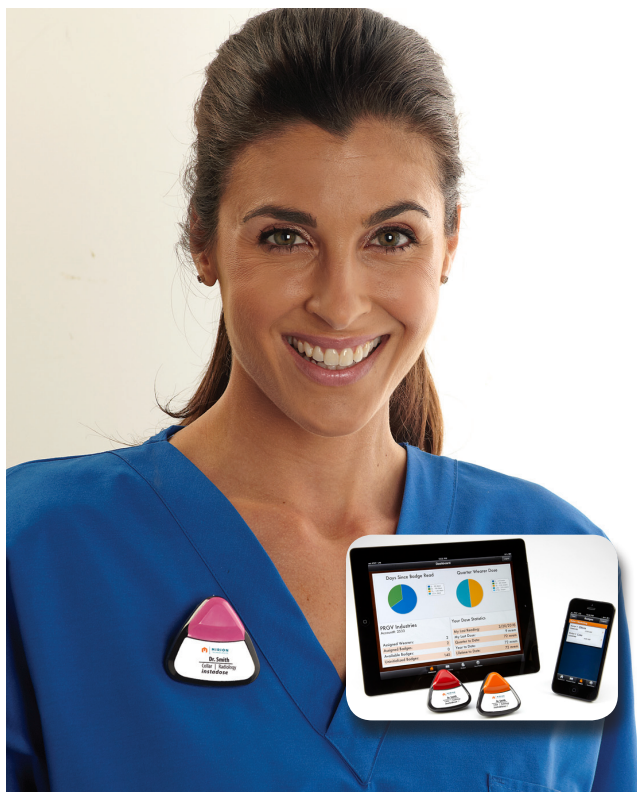
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<p><i>Upcoming NCCHPS Meetings...</i></p> <p>May 19, 2016 Affiliate Night</p> <p>Mailing Address: NCCHPS 4435 First Street #141 Livermore, CA 94550</p> <p>Email: ncchps@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: http://hpschapters.org/ncchps/</p> <p>Newsletter Editor: Warren TenBrook warren@tenbrook.org (925) 423-1470</p> <p>Affiliate Liason: Nelson Chiu ncchpsaffiliatecontact@gmail.com (414) 559-5586</p>	<p><u>The Next NCCHPS Meeting!</u></p> <p>Affiliate Night Thursday, May 19, 2016 5:30 pm no-host meet & greet 7:00 pm buffet dinner 8:00 pm announcements, presentation, and affiliate appreciation.</p> <p>Oakland Yacht Club 1101 Pacific Marina Alameda, CA 94501 (510) 522-6868</p> <p>The menu is: Caesar Salad Bread Garlic Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Flounder Fillets Chicken Piccata Dessert, coffee and tea <i>NOTE: If you prefer a vegetarian entrée, please indicate on the reservation form.</i></p> <p>Register by Monday, May 9, 2016 at: http://hpschapters.org/ncchps/dinner.php3</p> <p>NCCHPS members \$30 (\$35 @ door) NCCHPS guests \$35 Students \$10 Non-members \$40</p> <p>Please register by Midnight on May 9, 2016. Only online registrations accepted.</p> <p>Contact Craig Maxwell (craig.maxwell56@outlook.com) ONLY if you encounter difficulties registering online.</p> <p>Please note that in order to avoid unnecessary costs to the Chapter, you may be charged for no-shows. Cancellations may not be made after the RSVP deadline.</p>	<p><u>2015-2016</u> <u>NCCHPS</u> <u>Board Members:</u></p> <p>President Greg Jones jones88@llnl.gov (925) 423-9875</p> <p>President-Elect Lydia Tai Tai4@llnl.gov (925) 422-0475</p> <p>Past President Jon Dillon dillon10@llnl.gov (925) 423-6167</p> <p>Secretary Maranda Cimenó mcimeno@slac.stanford.edu (650) 926-7978</p> <p>Treasurer Melissa Mannion MCMannion@lbl.gov (510) 486-4423</p> <p>Member-at-Large Claire Vandevoorde cvandevoorde@illumina.com (650) 293-7329</p> <p>Member-at-Large Craig Maxwell Craig.maxwell56@outlook.com (415) 264-2983</p>
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