

NCCHPS

Northern California Chapter-Health Physics Society
November 2017



The NCCHPS November 2017 Dinner Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2017

The Meadows at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, Castro Valley

6 pm Social – No host / 7 pm Dinner / 8 pm Announcements and Technical Presentation



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Working with Journalists for Better Reporting on Radiation Incidents

In the event of a radiation incident such as the use of a dirty bomb or nuclear reactor incident, accurate and swift reporting is vital to public safety. Journalists play a key role in communicating information to the public in the aftermath of an emergency. The public is told to “stay tuned” for announcements and instructions that will be delivered via news media sources. In the case of a radiation incident, health physicists need to partner with journalists to get their message out in a timely and accurate manner.

A guide for journalists was developed with their input to both help protect journalists to be safe while covering a radiation incident, and to provide them with the basic safety information that can be conveyed to the public to limit the risk of radiation exposure. This presentation will review the contents of the “Safety Guidelines for Journalists: Radiation Incidents” and recommendations for how health physicists can assist journalists in getting their message out in an accurate manner.

About the Speaker



Carolyn MacKenzie, CHP

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Carolyn MacKenzie is a board certified health physicist with her Masters in Biophysics and is currently working as the Radiation Safety Officer for UC Berkeley. She has previously worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in radiation protection and international radioactive source security. She led efforts in 2004-7 in radioactive source search and secure throughout the world, as well as the development of a radiation warning symbol for the International Atomic Energy Agency. In 2008-2012, she worked with the National Nuclear Security Administration on the Global Threat Reduction Initiative securing radioactive sources in African countries. She has also supported the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization by leading training of international inspectors in how to locate radioactive sources.

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Joint AAPM-HPS Meeting October 27 in Walnut Creek

The joint AAPM-HPS meeting is quickly approaching. Scheduled for **Friday, October 27th**, the meeting will take place at the *Embassy Suites Walnut Creek* in the Contra Costa Ballroom ([1345 Treat Blvd, Walnut Creek, CA 94597](https://www.embassysuites.com/walnut-creek)).

Registration begins at 10:30 AM, and the day will include four technical presentations. This is a great opportunity to see new products/technology, meet with colleagues, and support students. **Registration cost is \$30.00 for members, FREE for PostDocs and students!** Refreshments and lunch will be provided, and the day will conclude with a Wine & Cheese reception! A detailed program is available [here](#).

If you have any questions, or still need to register for the event, please contact Cynthia Chung: cynthia.chuang@ucsf.edu.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,

Ibrahim Ozcan

NCCHPS President

<p><i>Upcoming NCCHPS Meetings...</i></p> <p>November 16, 2017 Carolyn MacKenzie University of California, Berkeley</p> <p>January 18, 2018</p> <p>March 15, 2018 HPS President Elect</p> <p>May 17, 2018 Affiliates 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>Thursday, November 16th, 2017 <i>(5pm board meeting)</i> 6pm no-host meet-and-greet 7pm dinner 8pm presentation</p> <p>The Meadows, Redwood Canyon Golf Course 17007 Redwood Rd Castro Valley, CA 95546 http://www.themeadowsatredwoodcanyon.com/</p> <p><u>Dinner buffet:</u> Hot coffee/tea self-service beverage station No-host cash bar Fresh baked bread and butter Eight assorted salads Grilled chicken with pesto cream sauce Oven roasted salmon with béarnaise sauce Seasonal Vegetables Scalloped potatoes Rice pilaf Freshly baked cookies</p> <p>Register by Midnight, Sunday, November 5 at the link below:</p> <p>http://hpschapters.org/ncchps/docs/pages/meetings.html</p> <p>NCCHPS members \$30 (\$35 @ door) NCCHPS guests \$35 Students \$10 Non-members \$40</p> <p>Only online registrations accepted.</p> <p>Contact Member-at-Large Heather Byrnes ONLY if you encounter difficulties using the form: byrnes7@llnl.gov</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>2017-2018</u> <u>NCCHPS</u> <u>Board Members:</u></p> <p>President Ibrahim Ozcan iozcan@lbl.gov (510) 495-2842</p> <p>President-Elect Maranda Cimeno Genentech, Inc. cimeno.maranda@gene.com</p> <p>Past President Lydia Tai Tai4@llnl.gov (925) 422-0475</p> <p>Secretary Dan Hibbing (510) 643-9242 dhibbing@berkeley.edu</p> <p>Treasurer Chad Hopponen hoppyinhi@gmail.com (925) 422-7128</p> <p>Member-at-Large Paul Swearingen swearingen.paul@gene.com (650) 255-3088 (work)</p> <p>Member-at-Large Heather Byrnes (925) 422-1790 byrnes7@llnl.gov</p>
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