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President's Corner

Well, its fall, 4 months into my term as your Chapter President and I find myself in the "Corner" pondering what to say. As some of you know, that doesn't happen too often! So, after some serious thought, I think I should start by welcoming our new plenary, affiliate and student members for 2008. For the entire membership I would like to welcome Kevin Makinson, Sean Jones, Alan Jones, Paul Kinahan, Bill Megale, Todd Jokerst, and Nelson Chiu to the Cascade Chapter of the Health Physics Society. Hope to see you at some meetings!

I am also excited to announce the Chapter has engaged a very interesting guest speaker for the upcoming meeting.

Scott Davis, Ph.D., Professor of Epidemiology from the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center will present research and findings from two major studies. The first focuses on the risk of thyroid cancer and childhood leukemia in Russia post Chernobyl, and the second, follow-up of patients with thyroid disease after exposure to radiation releases from Hanford. Dr. Davis was also a member of the BEIR VII Committee and will discuss how his research is relevant to the BEIR VII report. We will be extending an invitation to this meeting to the local AAPM Chapters and I encourage you all to invite your colleagues that would be interested in this intriguing topic.

One of the Chapter's primary objectives is to find ways to use our combined knowledge and experience in Health Physics to serve the communities we live in. This is something I personally feel strongly about as a way to not only strengthen the chapter, but to strengthen our communities and increase personal and collective knowledge of our profession. To that end, I am hoping that over the next 8 months we can identify at least one outlet for service and begin to shape a plan, whether it be CCHPS presence at a K-12 "career day", helping a boy scout troop with their Nuclear Power merit badge, or training community responders to respond to a radiological emergency.

Lastly, I want to publicly thank Phil Campbell, who is working his second term as our Chapter secretary for his unfailing support and organizational skills. He's so good

I'm thinking of asking the Chapter for a lifetime appointment! (Just kidding Phil!).

Thanks for reading.

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2009 Elections

Running for a CCHPS office is a great opportunity to support the chapter and get to know chapter members. The next offices up for election are Treasurer, President-Elect, and Member at Large. These terms will run from May 2009 to May 2011. As always, the President – Elect becomes President during the second year. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please contact the Chair of the nominating Committee, John Gough at John.Gough@swedish.org.

Updated CCHPS Website

The CCHPS website has finally been updated. The Secretary has taken over the webmaster duties, so please keep in mind that he is not a web designer. However, the site has been updated to provide more information about membership, meetings, and CCHPS officers. If you have any recommendations for the website, please contact the Secretary. Check it out at www.hpschapters.org/cascade, and let the Secretary know what you think.

Future Meetings

The Winter 2009 meeting will be held in the Kelso area sometime in February. We have a couple of speakers tentatively lined up. Information about this meeting will be posted to the CCHPS website as it becomes available, so keep checking the website.

The 2009 Annual Date E Trout meeting will again be held at Oregon State University on May 8th, 2009. The featured speaker will be HPS President-Elect Howard Dickson.

We are always looking for interesting topics for our meetings. If you have something you would like to present or if you have an idea for a topic or speaker, please contact the Secretary.

2008 Fall CCHPS Meeting

The 2008 Fall Meeting will be held **Friday October 31st, 2008** at Pellegrino's Tyee Center in Olympia, WA. Dr. Scott Davis has agreed to come and talk to us about his research studying the effects of ionizing radiation on human health. Also, Philip Campbell will be talking about a case last year where all of the dosimeters at FHCRC showed exposures about 10 times greater than normal. He will talk about what they think happened, and what they did to correct the problem. More information about the meeting and Dr. Davis can be found on the Meetings page of the CCHPS website.



Agenda

- 9:30 Executive Committee meeting
- 10:00 Registration
- 10:30 Presentation – Scott Davis Ph.D. (University of Washington & FHCRC) – *“Studies of environmental exposure to ionizing radiation: What does the Chernobyl experience, Hanford, and BEIR VII tell us about the dose-response?”*
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Presentation –Philip Campbell (FHCRC) – *“Investigation into Center-wide abnormal dosimeter readings”*
- 2:30 Chapter Business Meeting

Food

Breakfast goodies provided by the CCHPS will be available in the morning during the registration period. Come early and enjoy coffee, juice and pastries.

Lunch Menu:

- *Gourmet Salad Greens*
- *Salad Topping Tray*
- *Assorted Dressings*
- *Sliced French Bread with Garlic Butter & Butter*
- *Mixed Bow Tie Pasta*
- *Classic Meatsauce*
- *Creamy Alfredo Sauce*
- *Assorted Sodas & Bottled Water*

If you do not want to order the lunch please indicate that on your registration form.

Registration

The registration form is attached. Please send it to the chapter secretary by October 23rd.

Cost

Prices for the meeting are:

	<u>Meeting Only</u>	<u>Lunch & Meeting</u>
Member	\$18	\$25
Non-member	\$22	\$30

Directions to the meeting:

The physical address is: 5757 Littlerock Road SW, Tumwater, WA 98512 ([Google](#))

From I-5:

1. Take Exit 102, Trosper Rd SW toward Black Lake. Turn left on Trosper Rd SW.
2. Turn left onto Littlerock Rd SW.
3. Drive approximately three tenths of a mile, Pellegrino's Tyee Event Center is on the right at 5757 Littlerock Rd SW.

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