

CHP Corner



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Greetings From Your 2016 AAHP Leadership Team!



Photo from 2016 Health Physics Society Midyear Meeting, front, left to right: American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Director Alan Jackson, American Board of Health Physics Chair Andy Miller, AAHP Secretary Rebecca Grabarkewitz, AAHP Director Louise Buker, and Executive Director Nancy Johnson; back, left to right: AAHP President-elect Kyle Kleinhans, AAHP Director Jim Stafford, AAHP Director Jay Poston, AAHP President Kent Lambert, AAHP Treasurer Steven Brown, and Past President Bob Miltonberger

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AAHP Special Session Plans

Robert Miltenberger, CHP, AAHP Past President



The topic of this year's American Academy of Health Physics (AAHP) Special Session at the 2016 Health Physics Society Annual Meeting is "Nuclear Weapons." The session has been designed to provide information to those health physicists who haven't had a lot of association with nuclear weapons or the nuclear weapons complex (other than what they've heard on PBS or the miniseries *The Manhattan Project*).

With the world situation the way it is, it seems prudent to take some time to remind everyone of just what the situation would be like should we have to deal with an intentional or accidental detonation of such a device. This will also include a review of the radiological impacts on emergency responders and those living "downwind" during the early years following the event. For those who lived through the weapons-test era, this might be a walk down memory lane, so please make sure you are there to aid in the information transfer!

At this stage of the session development, seven speakers have been lined up to cover the topics:

- "What Is a Nuclear Weapon?"—Scottie Walker
- "Thermal, Blast, and Pressure Prompt Effects"—Gus Potter
- "Fallout: Delayed Effects"—Brooke Buddemeier
- "Acute Health Effects"—Daniela Stricklin
- "St. George, Utah, Downwinder Data"—Antone Brooks
- "Internal and External Dosimetry of the Early Nuclear Weapons Workers"—Liz Brackett
- "EEOICP: What Is It and Why?"—Jeffery Kotsch

This should be an exciting and informative session that will be held on 19 July 2016. Make sure you don't miss a minute of these presentations, and please also plan to attend the AAHP awards lunch for certified health physicists. You are guaranteed to be back in time for the afternoon presentations, and you can't beat the price (or the company)!