

FLORIDA CHAPTER - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICISTS IN MEDICINE

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TO: FL-AAPM Chapter Members
FROM: Thomas H. Wagner, FL-AAPM Secretary

RE: 2008 FL-AAPM Spring Meeting

VENUE: Marriott Orlando Airport, 7499 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, FL 32822

DATES: Thursday March 6th - Saturday March 8th 2008

The 2008 Spring Meeting of the Florida Chapter of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine will be held at the Marriott Orlando Airport Hotel. For meeting attendees staying at the meeting hotel, the room rate for our group is \$149 per night. When making your reservations, please identify yourself as part of the "Florida Chapter American Association of Physicists in Medicine" or "FLAAPM" group. The special meeting room rate is available until Tuesday, February 5th, 2008. If you plan to attend the meeting, please consider staying at the hotel and booking at the meeting rate. If we do not meet our minimum contracted number of rooms, we pay a penalty for meeting room space, which increases the registration cost next year. A copy of this announcement is being sent electronically and a paper copy will be sent via USPS. A ballot for the annual FLAAPM elections and for a proposed FLAAPM by-law change will also be enclosed with the hard-copy announcement. Updates will be posted on at FLAAPM's new web address at <http://chapter.aapm.org/FLAAPM/> (please note that this is a new address and replaces the flaapm.org webpage).

Hotel Information:

Marriott Orlando Airport Hotel

7499 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, FL 32822, (407)-851-9000

Hotel Information Online at

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcoap-orlando-airport-marriott/>

RESERVATIONS: When reserving your hotel room, please inform the hotel you are part of the "Florida AAPM" group. Registration for rooms must be made by **February 15, 2008** for guaranteed availability.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The meeting program will cover topics of radiation therapy, diagnostic radiology, nuclear medicine, and health physics. A draft agenda is included in this announcement, and updates will be posted at the FLAAPM web site when applicable (www.flaapm.org). The meeting agenda includes one hour of medical errors CE and one hour of HIV/AIDS CE (a new requirement for Florida physicist licensees).

FLAAPM has applied to CAMPEP for accreditation for up to 12 MPCECs (medical physics continuing education credits) for this meeting. For physicists holding Florida TRP, DRP, MNP, MHP, and MPT licenses, FLAAPM reports meeting attendance to CE Broker for purposes of satisfying licensure CE requirements set forth by the Florida Department of Medical Quality Assurance. Meeting attendees also receive a certificate of attendance at the conclusion of the meeting.

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NIGHT OUT

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to tango for the night out at the Latin Quarter Restaurant at Universal's CityWalk. Buses will be provided between the Airport Marriott hotel and Universal Citywalk from 5pm until 10pm; the dinner (buffet style with open bar) event will start around 6pm at the Latin Quarter restaurant.

GOLF

A golf outing is planned at the Shingle Creek golf club; Zoubir Ouhib has agreed to arrange tee times and teams. Please see enclosed golf outing flyer for registration form and details. If you do intend to participate, please register with Zoubir as soon as possible. FLAAPM contracts with the golf course based upon a predicted number of participants, and spots may not be available for late registrants.

VENDORS

Did you miss last years AAPM, ASTRO or RSNA? The Florida AAPM has excellent support from our vendors who are willing to share their products on a more personal basis in your backyard. Look forward to visiting with over 40 vendors of radiation related equipment and services.

ELECTION AND PROPOSED FLAAPM BY-LAW CHANGE

It is time to elect your new President-Elect and Treasurer of the FLAAPM. -Please see the attached ballot and candidate biographies. In order for your vote to be counted properly, please follow the instructions printed on the ballot. Additionally, the ballot includes an opportunity to vote FOR or AGAINST a proposed change to the FLAAPM by-laws to better serve our members. A synopsis of the proposed by-law change is printed on the ballot (front and back sides).

FLAAPM WEBSITE CHANGE

Please update your bookmarks to reflect our new website address. The new address is <http://chapter.aapm.org/FLAAPM/> (no longer www.flaapm.org). The new website will allow us easier and faster access, and will be updated with current information more often than in the past.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting,



Tom Wagner

Enclosures:

1. Spring 2008 Meeting Registration Form
2. Spring 2008 Meeting Draft Agenda
3. Golf Outing Information and Registration Form
4. FLAAPM Ballot

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SPRING 2008 CHAPTER MEETING MEMBER REGISTRATION

Please fill in all fields to insure chapter records are current. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name *as you would like it appear on name badge*

(FIRST, LAST, SUFFIX/TITLE)

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

In order to help FLAAPM process CE credits, please enter your State of Florida Medical Physics License Numbers:

TRP: _____; DRP: _____; MNP: _____ MHP: _____.

(CE Broker does not track MPT license hours, MPT licensees must track their own CEs)

REGISTRATION

..... \$ _____

Prior to Feb. 5, 2008: FLAAPM Members \$125, Others \$175, does not include Night Out

After Feb. 5, 2008: FLAAPM Members \$175, Others \$225, does not include Night Out

Night Out Tickets..... \$ _____

Note: Night out tickets are \$35 each and are not included in the meeting registration fee.

Total number of night out tickets

Annual Dues

(if not already paid, good from March 2008 until 2009 Spring Meeting \$ _____

FLAAPM annual dues \$15

TOTAL ENCLOSED..... \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **FL-AAPM**, and mail this completed registration form and check to:

Thomas H. Wagner, Ph.D.

FLAAPM Secretary

M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando

1400 S. Orange Avenue, MP 730

Orlando, FL 32806

Vegetarian Meals Required? _____ (# needed)

PAPERLESS NOTIFICATION (OPTIONAL) - Please check or "X" the space below if you prefer to receive FLAAPM announcements such as this one via email only.

_____ Please send me FLAAPM notifications and announcements via email only.

Thursday, March 6

8:00 am- 12:00 pm FLAAPM Golf Outing (Shingle Creek Golf Club)

4:00-5:00 pm FLAAPM Board Meeting

6:00-8:00 pm Icebreaker reception (Airport Marriott Hotel)

Friday, March 7

7:00 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Area)	
	Combined Session	
8:00-8:50	Introduction to Image Guidance in Medicine Frank Bova, PhD (University of Florida)	
9:00-9:50	Multimodality imaging for simulation and treatment planning John Bayouth, PhD (University of Iowa)	
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break – visit the vendors!	
	Therapy Session: QA and Clinical Implementation of Image-Guided Radiotherapy Systems	Diagnostic Session
10:30 -11:20	kV OBI/CBCT - Peter Balter, PhD (UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center)	TBA
11:20 -12:10	MV OBI/CBCT – John Bayouth, PhD (University of Iowa)	TBA
12:15 -1:00	Lunch	
	Therapy Session: QA and Clinical Implementation of Image-Guided Radiotherapy Systems-continued	Diagnostic Session
1:00-2:00	Tomotherapy – Kajta Langen, PhD (M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando)	Use of Patient Sculptable Phantoms for Individual CT Dose Assessment – Choonsik Lee, PhD & Wesley Bolch, PhD (University of Florida)
2:00-3:00	Non-radiographic localization devices – Twyla Willoughby, MS (M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando)	CT Dose Index Registry – Richard Morin, PhD (Mayo Clinic Jacksonville)
3:00-3:30	Coffee Break – visit the vendors!	
3:30-5:00	Student presentations	
6:00-8:00	Night Out Sponsored by IsoAid Latin Quarter Restaurant at Universal Citywalk Bus transportation shuttle will be provided.	

Saturday, March 8

7:00-8:00	Breakfast and FLAAPM Business Meeting (Exhibit Area) Presentation of Fitzgerald Award Presentation of Mauderli Award
8:00- 9:00	Update from the American Board of Radiology Richard Morin, PhD (Mayo Clinic Jacksonville/ABR Board of Trustees)
9:00-10:00	TBA -
10:00 -10:30	Coffee Break – visit the vendors!
10:30-11:20	Medical Error Prevention
11:30-12:20	HIV/AIDS
12:30	Meeting Adjourns

FLAAPM Ballot
2008 Annual Election and Bylaws Change

Instructions:

- Place an X in the appropriate blank. No votes will be counted for a given office unless so marked. Names already on the ballot represent those proposed by the Nominating Committee and the membership. You must be a current paid-up member to vote.
- Detach the completed ballot, and seal it into an envelope.
- Write "ballot" on the outside of the envelope.
- Seal the first envelope inside a second envelope, and mail the envelope to:
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Put your name and address in the upper left corner and sign your name under the address (must be legible). All ballots must be submitted by mail and postmarked no later than February 11, 2008. You may include your sealed ballot envelope with your registration and check for the Spring 2008 meeting. Ballots must be received by March 1, 2008 to be counted.

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Florida Chapter American Association of Physicists in Medicine
Spring 2008 Election Ballot

(Biographical sketches of each candidate are on the reverse side.)

OFFICERS

President-Elect

(Vote for one each)

Treasurer

_____ Chiray Liu, Ph.D.

_____ Brian Waugh, M.S.

_____ Amish P. Shah, Ph.D.

_____ write-in

Proposed change to FLAAPM Bylaws (vote FOR or AGAINST)

_____ FOR the proposed bylaw change

_____ AGAINST the proposed bylaw change

FLAAPM Ballot

2008 Annual Election and Bylaws Change

Amish P. Shah, Ph.D. (candidate for FLAAPM Treasurer)

Member of AAPM, ASTRO

Education:

- B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a concentration neurobiology, University of Florida (1999)
- M.S. in Biomedical Engineering, University of Florida (2001).
- M.S. in Business Administration, with a concentration in management, University of Florida (2003).
- Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, with a focus on internal dosimetry, University of Florida (2004).

Completed two year therapy physics residency at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando in 2007.

Remained at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando as a radiation therapy physicist.

Licensed in Florida as a Medical Physicist in Training; currently working towards ABR certification in therapeutic radiologic physics.

Chihray Liu, Ph.D. DABR (candidate for FLAAPM President-Elect)

Ph.D. Physics, 1988. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska
M.S. Physics, 1985. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska
B.S. Physics, 1980. National Cheng-Kung University, Taiwan, Republic of China

Certified by the American Board of Radiology in Therapeutic Radiological Physics

Licensed in Florida in Therapeutic Radiological Physics

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

7/99 - present	Associate Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Florida
10/93 - 7/99	Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Florida
7/94 - 6/96	Representative to the University Senate, University of Florida
7/92 - 9/93	Assistant Member, Department of Radiation Oncology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
7/92 - 9/93	Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Radiology Division of Radiation Oncology, University of Tennessee
6/90 - 6/92	Clinical Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Radiation Oncology, Thomas Jefferson University
8/88 - 5/90	Postdoctoral Fellow, Theoretical Atomic Physics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Recent AWARDS:

"Establishment of Benchmark Data Sets for Radiotherapy Quality Assurance", NIH, PHS 2005-1, Topic no. 209, 8/2005 - 6/2008

"General MU calculation Program and IMRT Planar Dose Calculation Program", industrial grant funded by Sun Nuclear Corporation, 1/ 2006 - 12/ 2007.

Committee Membership:

Member of [TG61] Task Group No. 61 Kilovoltage X-Ray Dosimetry

Member of [TG67] Task Group No. 67 Benchmark Datasets for Photon Beams

Member of [QASC] Quality Assurance and Outcome Improvement Subcommittee

Member of [TG142] Task Group No. 142 QA of Medical Accelerators

Co-Chair of [WGEBOA] Working Group on Recommendations for Radiotherapy External Beam Quality Assurance

Brian Waugh, M.S. DABR (candidate for FLAAPM President-Elect)

Member of AAPM

Education:

M.S. in Nuclear Engineering Sciences (Medical Physics), University of Florida, 1996.

Certified by the American Board of Radiology in Therapeutic Radiological Physics

Licensed in Florida in Therapeutic Radiological Physics

Since graduating from the University of Florida in 1996, I have had the privilege of working at the James A. Haley VA Hospital and University Community Hospital in Tampa, FL before earning a partnership with the Tampa based medical physics consulting group, Huff Ferras, LLC (formerly Huff, Ferras & Associates) in 2001. This background has placed me in positions as a full time physicist at multiple-physicist hospitals as well as in small clinics requiring less than one FTE. Although clinics in Florida vary widely in size and patient load, the core technology and demands for maintaining quality in diagnostic and therapeutic processes are remarkably similar, despite the suggestions of some administrative representatives to the contrary. An important part of the FLAAPM is to provide resources and influence legislation that will enable physicists to fulfill their role in providing the highest quality medical treatment available at a reasonable cost to our patients and community.

I believe my broad exposure within the clinical environment of Florida's medical physics community will allow me to be an effective and innovative leader who accurately represents our community of medical physicists, known collectively as the Florida Chapter of the AAPM.

Proposed FLAAPM By-Law Change

It is proposed to change two parts of The FLAAPM By-Laws (the current version of which may be found at <http://www.flaapm.org/bylaws.htm>). One change is the method in which the By-laws themselves are amended. The current version requires any changes be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The proposed changes dispenses with the tie to the meeting and will allow changes at any time of the year. The other change simplifies the way in which the election process is handled. Both changes explicitly allow for electronic balloting and voting.

FL AAPM ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Member registration



It is that time of the year (*humiliation and frustration over a tiny old white ball*). Thanks to the generosity of our vendors, all fees and prizes for all registered players will be paid for.

This will include the following:

- 1) Greens fees and cart
- 1) Driving range balls
- 2) Box lunch
- 3) Closest to the pin prize (\$75 pro shop gift cert.)
- 4) Longest drive prize (\$75 pro shop gift certificate)
- 5) \$400 to the 1st place foursome (\$100 pro shop gift cert./person)
- 6) \$300 to the 2nd place foursome (\$75 pro shop gift cert./person)
- 7) \$200 to the 3rd place foursome (\$50 pro shop gift cert./person)

We will have the outing at Shingle Creek in Orlando (11 minutes from the Hotel). You can view the club at www.shinglecreekgolf.com. The site has directions to the facility etc.... I will be making the pairing this year based on your handicap or average score. The purpose of this is to give everyone a chance to win. **Please fill out the registration form and fax it to me before February 11 2008. If you miss the deadline there is no guarantee you will be added to the list of participants.**

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 561-955-5665 or e-mail me your questions at zouhib@brch.com.

Date of the outing: **March 6 2008**

Location: **Shingle Creek, Orlando FL**

Format: **scramble**

Each person is responsible for his or her own transportation

Shotgun scheduled for 8:00 am. Please be there at least Half hour in advance.

The club does have club rentals.

See you there! Bring you best game and 3 dozens of balls. You might need them!!!!!!.

Do not forget to fax the registration form (see below)

Please fax or e-mail me this page completed

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE GOLF OUTING

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

HANDICAP:

OR

AVERAGE SCORE:

**PLEASE FAX IT TO ZOUBIR AT 561-955-7299 OR E-MAIL TO
ZOUHIB@BRCH.COM.**

Maps & Directions

Your Next Great Golf Experience is Conveniently Located, Easy to Find, and Impossible to Forget

A unique Orlando location – Within chipping distance of the Convention Center, International Drive attractions, Universal Studios, and close enough to the airport to play a round of golf, clean up, and fly back to reality!



From Orlando International Airport:
West on Hwy. 528 (BeeLine Expwy.) approx. 7 miles to exit 2, Universal Blvd. End of exit, right on Universal to main entrance on immediate right.

From I-4:
East on Hwy. 528 (BeeLine Expwy.) past International Dr. exit 2, Universal Blvd. End of exit, left on Universal to main entrance on right.

