

AWARDS

2007 IUPAP Young Scientist Prize In Biological Physics

Congratulations to **Dr. Habib Zaidi**, Ph.D., the recipient of the prestigious 2007 Young Scientist Prize in Biological Physics given by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) for “*outstanding accomplishments in the application of biological physics to the field of medical imaging*”. The prize was awarded at the 6th International Conference on Biological Physics to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay in August 2007.

Dr. Zaidi is senior physicist and head of the PET Instrumentation & Neuroimaging Laboratory at Geneva University Hospital and senior faculty member of the medi-

cal school at Geneva University.

The IUPAP Young Scientist Prize is one of many received by Dr Zaidi in his multifaceted scientific career. His research efforts have been also recognized by the 2003 Young Investigator Medical Imaging Science Award given by the Nuclear Medical Imaging and Sciences Technical Committee of the IEEE society and the 2004 Tetelman Memorial Award given by the Society of Nuclear Medicine. ●



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tion was sent out to the participants of the meeting, which included a lot of interesting material that would be of interest for dosimetry research. The distribution of these documents is restricted. We hope

that at least some of that soon will be openly available. We are prepared to share with them our power point presentation.

- At present radiation therapy is in a rapid development including advanced methods as IMRT and new beam qualities (protons and light ions). Co-operation is needed in new

structures as, for instance, BIPM or PSDLs cannot have their own units in some expensive facilities.

- As ‘end-users’, medical physicists need to be involved so that we can express our interests and help to get safe dosimetry in patient diagnosis and treatment and in protection. IOMP, representing medical physicists world-wide, is the only organization which can do that. The BIPM/CCRI could benefit from this association by having their dosimetry protocols field tested prior to their formal adoption and by gaining access to medical facilities with equipment they need, actions which IOMP could facilitate by negotiating with the facilities and medical physicists involved. Of course, these activities are already taking place, but without formal IOMP involvement. To have our name in such negotiations, would help our image as a scientific organization.
- The formal affiliation IOMP-BIPM/CCRI should include not just CCRI(1) but other groups such as CCRI (11), Radionuclide measurements, to which meeting we were also invited this year. EXCOM should consider this proposal, which the Science Committee is willing to undertake, and factor the associated expenses in future budgets. Depending on how the negotiations are done, we could charge facilities ‘brokerage’ fees that in fact could support this activity. ●

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