

Chair's report

TPC meeting, Houston, 4/17/12

Publication status of TG reports

- Quality Assurance for Image-Guided Radiation Therapy Utilizing CT-based Technologies: A report of the AAPM TG-179, accepted Feb. 10th. Is now online as part of the April issue and is in the April 2012 printed issue. Parent SC: TISC
- Quality Assurance for Non-Radiographic Radiotherapy Localization and Positioning Systems: Report of Task Group 147, accepted Jan. 17th, published online March 8th as part of the April 2012 issue. Is in the April 2012 printed issue. Parent SC: QASC
- Dose calculation for photon-emitting brachytherapy sources with average energy higher than 50 keV: Report of the AAPM and ESTRO. Accepted March 30th. Will be published in the May 2012 issue of Medical Physics.; Parent SC: BTSC

Report from Meeting Coordination Committee

- Preliminary analysis: approx. 1600 abstracts were submitted; 400 reviewers engaged; abstract disposition should be sent out this week. There were 4 reviewers per abstract. There were improvements in online submission system and feedbacks were provided to the reviewers
- "Scientific SAMS": This is a new initiative run as an experiment for the first time whereby a scientific symposium will feature CAMPEP-approved SAMS content for CME/MOC. Attendees will be able to earn credits. This will take place in an invited symposium in the Joint Imaging-Therapy Program entitled "Personalizing Medicine: Adapting to the Individual," organized by Kristy Brock and featuring 3 invited speakers.

Report from Science Council

- The Science Council has approved the formation of a WG on the assessment of technologies for image-guided interventions (IGI) under Technology Assessment Committee (TAC). This is an initiative designed by the NCI and Johns Hopkins to assess technologies specifically related to image-guided intervention.
- It has also approved the establishment of a TG on Radiological sciences Resource Center (RSRC) under TAC. This effort will serve as a conduit for establishment of the Institute for the Assessment of Medical Devices as a partnership between the AAPM and the Morgridge Institute for Research in Madison.

Development of Two sets of Key Documents

- Much work has been devoted by the SC chairs, vice chair and chair of TPC to develop two sets of key documents which deal with management of the business of TPC as well as the approval process of new TG proposals and TG reports. We will discuss these during tomorrow's session.

Respectfully submitted

Saiful Huq, chair