

Radiation Safety Counseling News

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New Look for Our Newsletter

We have restarted publishing a periodic newsletter with information regarding Ray Johnson's activities in radiation safety around the country and the world. As before the newsletter emails will often describe presentations Ray has made to various groups along with links to related printed material. For this issue, we want to share with our readers Ray's recent professional recognition.

Ray Johnson Receives Prestigious Founders Award from the HPS

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The following citation was prepared by Dr. Wesley Wu, Awards Chair of the Baltimore Washington Chapter HPS

The Founders Award is for exceptional service to the Health Physics Society (HPS) and radiation safety profession. Recipients are recognized for the sum of their contributions to the profession over their lifetime similar to that of the original founders of the HPS.



Raymond H. Johnson, Jr. has been an active plenary member of the Health Physic Society since 1966 and a Fellow member since 2000. He has contributed significantly to the management of the HPS through his service on the Executive Committee as Secretary, Treasurer, and President from 1992 to 2001. He has also served on many HPS committees, including chair of the History Committee from 2005 to 2012 where he conducted video interviews of over 75 senior HPS members. He is currently Chair of the Professional Development School (PDS) Committee. He has served as Dean for several schools and has presented over 15 PDS lectures in the past 20 years.

He co-founded the Radon Section of the HPS in 1994 and served as its second President. He founded the RSO Section in 1997 and served as Secretary. He became certified in 1983 and served as Treasurer and President of the American Academy of Health Physics from 2009-2015. He has served on several committees of the NCRP and the NAS/NRC. He was also a charter member of the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technicians, served as President from 1995-1998, and was selected for honorary life membership in 1999. He was the founder and first president of the National Radon Safety Board from 1997-1999.

Ray is a longstanding active member of the Baltimore Washington Chapter HPS since 1983 having held the offices of President, Public Information Chair, Science Teachers Workshop Chair, and Co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the HPS annual meeting. in Washington DC in 1991. He has edited the Chapter Newsletter for over 20 years and was selected for honorary life membership in 2000.

Ray began his career as a Commissioned Officer in the US Public Health Service in 1963 after obtaining graduate degrees from MIT and Harvard. He retired as an O-6 with 29 years of active duty in 1985. He then set up a consulting practice as the Radiation Safety Academy where he has trained over 3,500 RSO students and over 10,000 radiation workers. In the 1970s he took three

years of training to practice counseling. Since then he has studied health physics communication styles and presented Myers-Briggs Type Indicator seminars to over 4,000 HP professionals. He often shares his risk communication insights in PEP and CEL lectures at HPS meetings, teaching in the HPS Summer Schools, or giving talks about the psychology of radiation safety, radiation measurements and interpretation, and NORM.

He has devoted a large part of his professional career to helping health physics professionals, managers of radiation programs, and members of the public to understand the risks of radiation exposure, and how to communicate those risks to diverse audiences. Ray is an active member of his church where he has served as a Commissioned Stephen Minister since 2003. He has authored over 600 book chapters, articles, professional papers, training manuals, technical reports, and presentations on radiation safety. He has received over 35 professional society awards. This year marks the 53rd in his career in the health physics and his 50th anniversary as an HPS member. His influence on the profession of Health Physics Society will continue to be reflected in the years to come.

The Health Physics Society takes great pride in presenting its Founders Award to Raymond H. Johnson, Jr., CHP who has distinguished himself in service to our country over a long career as a health physicist, and as an ardent supporter of the Health Physics Society. This Award also conveys honorary life membership in the HPS.

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