Report of the AAHP Professional Development Committee

The Professional Development Committee is comprised of the following Academy members:

Carolyn J. Owen, 2002, Chair
Bruce Thomadsen, 2004
Armin Ansari, 2003
Rodican P. Reed, 2004
James G. Yusko, 2002
Jeffrey Chapman, 2003

The Committee has finalized two Standards of Qualification/Practice (SQ/P). One standard is for University Radiation Safety Officers (RSOs) and the other is for Healthcare Facility RSOs. The purpose of both standards is to describe the technical qualifications expected of a University or Healthcare Facility RSO commensurate with a range of programs. These standards are offered to provide guidance to university or healthcare facility management in establishing qualifications, credentials, and experience required for the RSO position. The specific status of each standard is as follows:

- The University RSO standard has been developed in coordination with the RSO Section of the Health Physics Society (HPS). At the Orlando midyear HPS meeting, the AAHP Executive Committee agreed to pass the document on to the HPS RSO Section for its approval before publishing it. The RSO Section Chair has since supplied minor comments on the document and the Section's input is being incorporated in the final draft. The standard will be ready for final approval at the AAHP Executive Committee meeting at the annual HPS meeting in Tampa. Once approved, it will be made available electronically on the AAHP Web site and may be published in a future issue of the HPS Newsletter.

- The Healthcare Facility RSO standard has been developed by a task group led by Bruce Thomadsen in coordination with the Medical Section of HPS. It has also been reviewed by the NRC and by a variety of professionals working in the field of medical health physics. Their comments have been incorporated into a final draft that will be ready for final approval at the AAHP Executive Committee meeting at the annual HPS meeting in Tampa. Once approved, it will be made available electronically on the AAHP Web site and may be published in a future issue of the HPS Newsletter.

Look for information on the availability of these two standards in a future issue of the “CHP Corner.”

The Professional Development Committee is also responsible for the AAHP booth, including the set up and take down, as well as coordinating its staffing during exhibit hours at the annual and midyear HPS meetings.

Update on New AAHP Logo

A new AAHP logo has been in the works for some time. This column previously published a call for designs to be submitted; unfortunately the response to that call was very limited.

However, through the diligent efforts of a few Academy members, a new logo has been developed and will be presented to the AAHP Executive Committee during its meeting in Tampa. If a new logo is approved at that meeting, it will be featured in the next issue of the “CHP Corner.”