

PTCOG 45 STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

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PTCOG 45 was hosted by the M. D. Anderson Proton Therapy Center. The Steering Committee wishes to express appreciation to the M. D. Anderson Conference Services staff for the organization of this very successful meeting.

Scheduled PTCOG Meetings

The Steering Committee has approved the following meeting sites:

- **PTCOG 46** - Host: Wanjie Proton Therapy Center, Wanjie, China
 - May 18-20, 2007: Educational Workshop, Wanjie, China
 - May 21-23, 2007: Scientific Meeting, Zibo, China
- **PTCOG 47** – Host: Florida Proton Therapy Institute, Jacksonville, Florida, USA
- **PTCOG 48** – Host: Heidelberg Ion Beam Therapy Center, University Clinic Heidelberg, Germany

Chairman, PTOG Steering Committee Chairman

Dr. Hirohiko Tsujii, MD, Director, Research Center for Charged Particle Therapy, National Institute of Radiological Science, Chiba 263-8555, Japan was elected as the new Chairman for a three-year term: tsujii@nirs.go.jp

Scientific Sessions at PTCOG meetings

The following guidelines were approved by the Steering Committee:

- Parallel scientific sessions are highly discouraged.
- A PTCOG Scientific Sub-Committee will provide guidelines for scientific sessions and will be available to review abstracts for host institutions.
- Commercial talks and facility status reports should be given the lowest priority for oral presentation. It is recommended that these topics be presented in poster sessions.
- Two-minute poster presentations are encouraged.

Reorganization of PTCOG

- We have achieved the status of a non-profit organization in Switzerland.
- Martin Jermann, PTCOG Treasurer, has established a PTCOG bank account in Switzerland and PTCOG funds (about 50,000 €) will be consolidated into that account. Martin will manage all PTCOG funds.
- The draft Statutes and Articles of PTCOG have been developed by Martin Jermann and are on the PTCOG web site for comment. We will vote to adopt (or not) these Statutes at the PTCOG 46 meeting.

New Facilities

- Dr. Erik Blomquist, Professor, Uppsala University Hospital, Sweden, announced that the Swedish Particle Therapy Center will be built with treatments scheduled to begin in 2011.
- Dr. Christian Schmidt, University Clinical Hospital Schleswig-Holstein, announced that a particle therapy center will be built in Kiel, Germany.

PTCOG Travel Fellowship Program

Contributions for 2006 were received from:

- Schär Engineering AG (5'000 €)
- IBA SA (5'000 €)
- Siemens AG (5'000 €)
- ACCEL Instruments GmbH (5'000 €)
- Varian (5'000 \$)
- Proton Therapy Education and Research Foundation, Houston, Texas (4,000 \$)

Our sincere thanks to all companies for these contributions. The status of our funds is:

- **€28'500.- available in March 2006**
- **€14'500.- spent for 12 travel fellows for PTCOG 44**
- **€13'500.- for 10 travel fellows for PTCOG 45**
- **€3'200.- left in account for 2007**
- **\$ 4,000 was given at PTCOG 45**

The recipients of travel awards for the PTCOG 44 meeting were:

- Andrew J. Wroe, PhD Univ. of Wollongong/Loma Linda AUS/USA
- Quing Chen, BSc TPS Dept. Wanije, CHN
- Jungwon Kwak, PhD PTC-NCCR, South Korea
- Ralph Schneider, MD RPTC Munich, BRD
- Hansjörg Borchert, PhD RPTC Munich, BRD
- Razvan Galalae, PhD Univ. Kiel, BRD
- Lamberto Widesott, PhD ATreP, Trento, I
- Rolf Seemann, Ing. Slovak Univ./ MedAustron, SLOV/A
- Michael Bieda, PhD Univ. of Pennsylvania, USA
- Stephanie Krejcarek, BSc NPTC-MGH, USA
- 2 others accepted but did not attend

Hitachi America will be a new sponsor for 2007