

**PTCOG 41**  
**Steering Committee Report**

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# Honorary Members

- Current Honorary Members
  - Herman Suit
  - Michael Goitein
  - Kiyomitsu Kawachi
- Honorary Members elected at PTCOG 41
  - Bernie Gottschalk
  - Andy Koehler
  - Raju

# Reorganization

- PTCOG will undergo a reorganization
  - seek status as a legal international organization
    - mission statement
    - bylaws
    - membership definitions
- The Steering Committee is currently gathering information and will give a report of their activities at the next PTCOG meeting

# PTCOG Meetings

- After 2006, PTCOG will meet once each year.
- Meeting organizers are strongly encouraged to provide educational programs:
  - Clinical, Physics or Radiation Biology programs such as the Fall School in basic proton therapy physics
  - Refresher courses
- Ale Mazal will develop ideas for programs.
- Starting in 2007, an education program may be held separately from the annual meeting.

# PTCOG Meetings

- June 8-10, 2005: Tokyo, Japan
  - Japan National Cancer Institute,
  - Shizuoka cancer Center
- Fall 2005: Munich, Germany
  - Rinecker Proton Therapy Center
- Spring 2006: PSI, Switzerland
- Fall 2006: Houston, Texas
  - M. D. Anderson Proton Therapy Center

# Student Travel Awards

- PTCOG will be approaching Vendors with the concept of sponsoring student travel awards to attend PTCOG meetings.
- Travel awards to be awarded according to guidelines being developed by a subcommittee of the PTCOG.
  - Michael Goitein, Skip Rosenthal, Allan Thornton, Fred Vernimmen
- Vendors will be given recognition (and praise) for their participation.

# PTCOG Secretary

- A part-time secretary for PTCOG will be hired from PTCOG funds. PTCOG funds will be transferred to MPRI to support this position. Additional funds (10% of meeting registration fees) will provide continuing support.
- The secretary's duties will be:
  - Publication of Particles
  - Publication of meeting abstracts
  - Keep “membership” and vendors lists up to date
  - Provide information to meeting organizers
  - Support the Steering Committee

# Miscellaneous

- Vendor participation programs will be developed. Skip Rosenthal is developing ideas.
- A PTCOG brochure will be developed by MPRI team. The brochure will be placed at major radiation oncology meetings.



# PTCOG 42

Dr. Takashi Ogino will tell us about the PTCOG 42 meeting.