

PTCOG 42
June 8-10, 2005
Tokyo, Japan

Steering Committee Report
Al Smith, Chairman

Honorary Members* elected at PTCOG 42

- James Slater, M.D.**
- Dan Miller, Ph.D.**
- Joe Castro, M.D.**
- Bill Chu, Ph.D.**

*** Honorary Members of PTCOG are those who have made significant contributions to the field of Particle Therapy and who are retired from the position held during the period of their major work.**

PTCOG Travel Fellowships

The Travel Fellowship program is currently sponsored by the following companies, to whom we are very grateful:

- ACCEL
- IBA
- Schär Engineering
- Siemens

PTCOG Travel Fellowships

A travel fellowship candidate is a person who:

- Is no more than 5 yrs beyond highest degree and has at least one-half yr, and at most 3 yrs, experience in particle therapy.**
- Is a member of, or affiliated with, an existing medical particle facility or a facility being built or is in an advance state of planning.**
- And, whose institution will undertake to cover any additional costs of a fellow's attendance at a PTCOG meeting.**

PTCOG Travel Fellowships

- **Fellowships will provide up to €1'000 for travel/meeting expenses and an additional €500 for travel between continents.**
- **The funds will be distributed to travel award recipients at the meeting when the fellow registers.**

PTCOG Travel Fellowships

- The Travel Fellowship fund has € 20'000 for the next year (two meetings). We plan to fund up to 10 Fellowships for the Munich meeting.
- Application forms may be obtained from Michael Goitein by emailing:
Michael@goitein.ch
- Applications must be received at least 3 months before the specified meeting date.

PTCOG Travel Fellowships

- Facilities that host PTCOG meetings are strongly encouraged to discount registration fees for Travel Fellows.
- Companies that wish to sponsor PTCOG Travel Fellowships may contact Michael Goitein at:
Michael@goitein.ch
- Martin Jermann, PSI, has been chosen as the Treasurer of the Travel Fellowship Funds and an ex-officio member of the Travel Fellowship Committee.

PTCOG Meetings

- **PTCOG 43:** Rinecker Proton Therapy Center, Munich Germany, Dec. 10-14, 2005
- **PTCOG 44:** Paul Scherer Institute, Villigen, Switzerland, June 15-17, 2006. Education satellite will be held June 12-14.
- **PTCOG 45:** M. D. Anderson Proton Therapy Center, Houston, Texas, USA, October 9-11, 2006

PTCOG Meetings

- **Beginning in 2007, PTCOG will meet only one time per year. We are soliciting volunteers to host the 2007 meeting.**
- **The University of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, USA and the Korean National Cancer Center have expressed their desire to host PTCOG 46. Other bids would be welcome.**
- **We will decide where PTCOG 46 will be held at the Munich Steering Committee meeting.**

PTCOG Meetings

- **Allan Thornton, MPRI, Bloomington, Indiana, has volunteered to maintain a web site for the purpose of PTCOG meeting registrations.**
- **We will let you know in the next issue of Particles whether or not the Munich hosts will use this web site.**

Particles Newsletter

- Al Smith will take over the writing and distribution of Particles.
- Martin Jermann, PSI, will maintain a web site that will have issues of Particles and particle therapy statistics. Newsletters are available from 1996 and as recent as January 2005.

<http://ptcog.web.psi.ch/archive.html>

Martin will contact particle facilities for updates of their building programs or patient treatment numbers.

PTCOG Business

- We will seek the legal status of “non-profit society” for PTCOG, probably in Texas, but this is to be determined.
- After ‘non-profit’ status has been achieved, we will establish a bank account under the PTCOG name and consolidate all PTCOG funds into this account.
- PTCOG currently has funds at MGH, MPRI, PSI, UCSF and, as of this meeting, at NCC - Japan

Training Programs at PTCOG

- Ale Mazal and Allan Thornton will assist PTCOG meeting hosts to structure training programs. Weekend programs, either before or after PTCOG meetings, as well as early morning or noon programs, will be developed.
- Beginning in 2007, we may begin having a one-week training course each year. Ale and Allan will submit a plan for such courses at the Munich meeting.

Vendor Participation in Steering Committee Meetings

- Vendor's representatives (along with regular PTCOG members) are welcome to attend PTCOG Steering Committee meetings without qualification. As a guideline, we suggest that each vendor send one representative.
- Vendor reps are non-voting attendants, however they may request to speak or offer comments on topics under discussion.
- When vendor-related topics are being discussed, the vendor reps may be requested to leave the meeting during such discussions.