Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with excitement and anticipation that I welcome you to the AAPM’s 65th Annual Meeting and Exhibition on July 23-27 of 2023 that will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Home to nearly 2 billion dollars in life science research and 10 million patient encounters annually, Houston is a city with world-class arts, dining, shopping, Space Center, and more. But more importantly, it is a city renowned to us for its medical physics scholarship and practice, and the host of our well-celebrated 50th anniversary meeting in 2008.

The 2023 meeting is building upon this strong legacy and will make a new statement of its own. The theme of the conference is “The Art of Science, The Science of Care.” This theme reminds us of the privilege of being a medical physicist, a vocation rooted in ingenuity, imagination, and creativity (the art, if you will), which is then enacted within a field that is one of the highest embodiments of human intelligence (physics), and all that, then translated into a practice with direct benefit to human health. Isn’t that amazing? Ours is a high calling: the dignity of caring, and the opportunity to put our thoughts and hearts towards a higher purpose. And we do these as a community – collectively, thus the Annual Meeting.

The Presidential Symposium will include prominent artists and thought leaders, who will illuminate these topics followed by five days of world-class scientific, educational, and professional sessions that echo this theme. The technical exhibit will have offerings of its own on the latest products and services, with unique opportunities for one-on-one connection with vendors. One thing the pandemic has taught us is the value of our community and cooperation. We are more and can do more when we are together. What makes AAPM special is us. Ideas without a community cannot really advance human welfare on their own. As a community, we all strive towards the same goal – advancing human welfare. We are therefore better off when we are together.

So, I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity that is being provided for you by your own peers. Let’s be together, shape our discipline together, and make new memories together! I look forward to welcoming you in person to our 65th Annual Meeting.

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