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AAPM Annual Meeting to Feature ‘Presidential Symposium: The Art of Science, the Science of Care’

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—On Monday, July 24, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) will host the Presidential Symposium, “The Art of Science, the Science of Care,” during its [2023 Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#) in Houston.

The Presidential Symposium will be led by AAPM President [Ehsan Samei](#) and will feature award-winning artist and former physicist [Enrique Martinez Celaya](#), distinguished physician and author [Richard Gunderman](#), chancellor’s professor of radiology, pediatrics, medical education, philosophy, liberal arts, philanthropy, and medical humanities and health studies at Indiana University, [Steven Garber](#), senior fellow for vocation and the common good for the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, and [Kyle Myers](#), director of the division of imaging, diagnostics, and software reliability at the Food and Drug Administration Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

“This year’s Annual Meeting will feature many firsts, including expositions of visual, performing, and musical arts,” said Samei, noting that the theme of the Annual Meeting 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 translated into a practice with direct benefit to human health.”

The Presidential Symposium will feature prominent artists and thought leaders who will illuminate the common ground of creativity shared between art and science, and how they can inform and inspire creativity in medical physics, followed by five days of world-class scientific, educational, and professional sessions. A key topic is how art speaks to the foundational quest of humanity for purpose, meaning, and understanding, with innovation as its key methodological asset.

“Isn’t it 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,” added Samei.

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Media is invited to attend the Presidential Symposium and should RSVP to AAPM Communications Manager Aaron Helmbrecht at ahelmbrecht@aapm.org.

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The American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) is a 10,000-member professional association whose mission is to advance medicine through excellence in the science, education, and professional practice of medical physics. With members in 92 countries, AAPM supports the medical physics community by providing continuing education, improving the safety and efficacy of radiation oncology and medical imaging procedures through research, and the maintenance of professional standards.