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SIMMONS IS AAPM PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR 1994

With the start of the new year, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine got a new president-elect: Guy H. Simmons Jr of the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Ravinder K. Nath of Yale University is the AAPM president for 1994.

Simmons earned a BA from Western Kentucky University in 1961, an MS from the University of North Carolina in 1964 and a PhD in nuclear engineering from the University of Cincinnati in 1972. Since then he has been a professor of radiology at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. From 1972 to 1993 he was also a medical physicist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Lexington. Simmons's expertise lies in the development and evaluation of nuclear medicine and radiographic imaging instrumentation.

As AAPM president, Simmons

plans to focus on enhancing the visibility of medical physicists as vital members of the health care team, particularly in diagnostic areas. He also intends to continue recent initiatives to increase participation in AAPM among diagnostic imaging scientists.

In other election results, Charles W. Coffey, an associate professor of medical physics at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, was elected AAPM secretary.

AAPM NAMES TROFI NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sal Trofi Jr is the new executive director of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. Trofi's first official duties were overseeing the relocation of AAPM headquarters from New York City to the American Center for Physics, in College Park, Maryland, and hiring new staff members.

Trofi has more than 20 years' experience in directing the financial



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and administrative affairs of science organizations. From 1962 to 1985 he was director of finance and financial planning for the American Mathematical Society, located in Providence, Rhode Island. Before joining AAPM he was associate executive director of the National Society of Professional Engineers, in Alexandria, Virginia. Trofi earned a BS in accounting and finance and an MBA, both from Bryant College, in Smithfield. Rhode Island.

As AAPM's executive director, Trofi says he will look at ways of sustaining the growth in AAPM membership, improving the organization's publication sales and operations, and finding new sources of revenue.

AIP PRESENTS INDUSTRIAL PHYSICS PRIZE

Three Hewlett–Packard researchers are the winners of the 1993–94 Prize for Industrial Applications of Physics, given by the American Institute of Physics. Leonard S. Cutler, Curt A. Flory and Robin P. Giffard were presented with the prize during AIP's 1993 Corporate Associates meeting, held in Buffalo in October. The prize includes a cash award of \$7500.

The three were cited for "applying a wide range of basic physics and electronics to the design and improvement of frequency and time standards, including a cesium clock introduced in 1992 that is the most accurate, stable and reliable commercial timekeeping device in the world."

Cutler, Flory and Giffard all work at Hewlett-Packard Laboratories in Palo Alto, California. Cutler is manager of the Precision Instruments Group, Flory is a principal project scientist, and Giffard is a principal department scientist.