

Historical Insights: Shaping Georgia's Future in Health Physics

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The field of “Health Physics” originated in the United States during World War II in early days of plutonium production for nuclear weapons program (Manhattan Project). This term is used to refer to radiation protection, radiation safety, or radiation hygiene. In Georgia, this term was introduced in 2007 with establishment of the Georgian Health Physics Association (GHPA). GHPA is a professional organization with main goals to promote the dissemination of knowledge among professionals working in the field of radiation protection and related disciplines and to publicize existing knowledge and challenges in the field. Since its inception, GHPA has been a Chapter of the Health Physics Society (USA). The association regularly organizes meetings, seminars, and conferences, publishes scientific information on the impact of radiation on humans and environment. Papers presented by a trio of national and international experts on the use of state-of-the-art radiation therapy technologies during GHPA’s fall 2023 technical meeting series, as well as plans for future workshops, conferences, and other educational activities, are discussed in this article.

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