At their meeting on December 5, 2012, The Wayne State University Board of Governors approved the establishment of a Certificate Program in Medical Physics effective September 2013. The proposal, prepared by Dr. Jay Burmeister and Mary Cerulla, was submitted to the Board of Governors for approval by Ronald T. Brown, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. The proposal for accreditation by CAMPEP has already been submitted and we anticipate accreditation of this program within the coming year.

Creation of the Graduate Certificate Program in Medical Physics comes in response to the ABR’s 2014 initiative whereby all entrants to the ABR exam will be required to complete a two year accredited clinical residency program and AAPM Report #197S which outlines the recommendations for core medical physics courses necessary for entry into such programs. “The Certificate Program will essentially offer candidates with graduate degrees in disciplines other than medical physics the didactic coursework necessary to allow them eligibility for entry into accredited clinical medical physics residency programs.” said Burmeister. “Currently, there are only six accredited certificate programs in North America keeping Wayne State University at the forefront of Medical Physics education as we gear up for this significant change in educational requirements.”

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The strength and reputation of the WSU Medical Physics Program continually attracts quality applicants and Fall 2012 was no exception. Fourteen students made the grade and were welcomed into the highly competitive WSU Medical Physics Graduate Programs. Brian Loughery and Evan Silverstein are currently working toward doctorate degrees in medical physics while Benjamin Catt, Michael Dumas, Kishor Karki, Yashwanth Katkuri, Joseph Koh, Kathryn Masi, Alan Mayville, Essa Mayyas, Charles Moreau, Steven Nielsen, Michael Pillainayagam and Charles Wu are seeking a Master of Science Degree in Radiological Physics.

“I applied to this program because I knew I would receive a high quality, clinical medical physics education.” said Kishor Karki crediting the academic environment at WSU for his success. Yashwanth Katkuri echoes those sentiments adding: “My day to day research at WSU fascinates me and shows me the endless possibilities in diagnosis and treatment.”

Congratulations on acceptance into this program and best of luck to all Fall 2012 students!
To that end, a Graduate Research Award Fund was established and an alumni appeal went out soliciting donations. To date, we are pleased to report that we have collected donations totaling over $1,000. And, it’s not too late to give! If you would like to make a donation, a form is attached for your convenience.

Students and recent graduates interested in vying for this award are being asked to submit an abstract with supporting documentation by May 3, 2013 at which time the WSU SOM faculty/staff will determine the top candidates. Top candidates, then, will present on May 28th beginning at Noon in the GROC Large Conference Room. We encourage all alumni to join us for this event and participate in the judging. If you are interested in joining us May 28th, please RSVP by May 17th to Mary Cerulla.

A recap of all the details including donors, applicants and, of course, the winner will be provided in the May newsletter.
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