

PRESS RELEASE

Alexandria, VA – August 22, 2016 - The American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) is pleased to announce that Dr. Michael V. Yester, Ph.D. has been awarded the Edith Quimby Lifetime Achievement Award for his lifetime of outstanding contributions to Medical Physics. The award is named after Dr. Edith Quimby (1891-1982) who devoted her life to using radiation to diagnose and treat human disease.

The award was presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine in Washington, DC on August 1, 2016.



Michael Yester, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Radiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). He is certified in Radiological Physics by the ABR and is a Fellow of AAPM and ACR. He obtained a PhD in Physics from Iowa State University in 1972. After a postdoctoral fellowship at Carnegie Mellon University in Nuclear Chemistry, Dr. Yester went to West Virginia University and received training in Medical Physics. Dr. Yester joined the Physics Division of the Radiology Department at UAB in 1976 and became Head of the Division in 2002.

Dr. Yester has been involved in the AAPM Summer School Committee, Nuclear Medicine Committee as a member and as chair of the committee, chair of the Continuing Professional Development Committee, chair of the Maintenance of Certification Subcommittee, and the SAMs coordinator. Dr. Yester was Local Arrangements chair and Co-Director of the 1983 AAPM Summer School in Birmingham and Co-Director of the 1998 and 2004 Summer Schools. He has served as President and AAPM Board Representative of the Southeastern Chapter of AAPM and is a recipient of the SEAAPM Jimmy Fenn Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Yester presently serves as chair of the ABR Nuclear Medicine Physics Exam Committee. He is also a member of the ACR and currently serves on the Nuclear Medicine Physics Accreditation Committee. Dr. Yester is a past chair of the ACR Mammography Accreditation Physics Subcommittee. Dr. Yester has participated in the training of 25 medical physicists and has authored or co-authored 11 book chapters and 73 publications.

For a full list of AAPM Award recipients, please visit: <http://www.aapm.org/org/history>

The American Association of Physicists in Medicine is an organization of 8,500 medical physicists, in 93 countries, and supports the Medical Physics community with a focus on advancing patient care through education, improving safety and efficacy of radiation oncology and medical imaging procedures through research, and the maintenance of professional standards.

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