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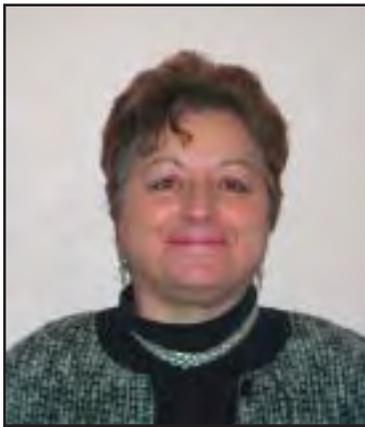
# NEWSBRIEF

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## Message from Chairperson Adela Salame-Alfie, Ph.D.



### Dear Members:

I can't believe it's been a year already. Looking back, it's amazing to see how quickly this last year went by and all the things that we accomplished. Those of you who were able to attend the annual meeting heard about some new and exciting things happening in the field of radiation protection as well as some new areas of involvement for CRCPD. It is very exciting to be at the forefront of new activities and be able to be part of some of them.

Our theme this year, "Opportunities and Innovations in Radiation Protection," highlighted many of the areas where new and exciting work is taking place. John McCrohan from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was the recipient of this year's

Villforth Award. John's Villforth lecture was titled: "Imaging Patient's Bill of Rights." His presentation focused on optimization, a concept that needs to be discussed and embraced by all, and one that, in my opinion, is finally getting some traction.

The presentations on innovations in radiation therapy, developing partnerships with public health, and reducing occupational hazards in the interventional laboratory provided a window into some of the current and upcoming activities in the field of radiation protection. It is great to know that CRCPD is an active participant in many of these activities.

What would our annual meeting be without training opportunities? We are thankful for the support provided by the H-11 Committee on Mammography, FDA, AAPM, EPA and DOE for providing targeted training so we can continue to have a well trained workforce. This year

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## Chairperson's Message

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the training focused on Mammography, Brachytherapy and Eye Applicators, Laboratory Incidents, and FRMAC tools and data for radiological assessment. We received very positive feedback from those attending the training and I would like to use this opportunity to remind you that it is never too soon to let us know other areas where we should provide training. We also had special interest meetings to keep us abreast of new activities and developments. We covered a wide variety of themes, ranging from radon, to the Advisory Team, to computed tomography (CT), and radiation medical events.

One of the pleasures of being Chairperson is that I had the honor to present awards. Kathleen (Cass) Kaufman from LA County, California, was the recipient of the Parker Award; Pat Gardner from New Jersey was the recipient of the Miller Award; and Dr. Charles Miller from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was this year's recipient of the Public Service Award. I also had the honor to present Outstanding Achievement Awards and Meritorious Service Awards to several committees and individuals. The complete list of recipients is available on our website.

But it wasn't all work and no play. We had a beautiful setting in Newport, Rhode Island, and very good hosts. I want to thank the folks from the Rhode Island program for their hard work and support of the annual meeting. Of course, the staff from the Office of the Executive Director did another superb job in making everything run like clock work.

And, like they say "All good things come to an end..." It was a good year, a fun year, and one that brought new challenges and opportunities for CRCPD. I am glad to have been part of that, and I want to thank you for allowing me to represent you and for your support during my term as Chairperson. We have a great organization and one that I am very proud to be part of. Keep up the great work!

**Adela**



The *Newsbrief* is usually published in April, but this year's annual meeting was in April instead of May—a month earlier than usual. Because of that, we were not able to publish an April issue. We will be back on schedule with the June issue.



## What Happened?

## Greetings from Your Executive Director



Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

After having a little time to reflect on the National Conference on Radiation Control in April in Newport, I think the main thing that impressed me, both in the preparation for the meeting and during the meeting, was the enthusiasm and spirit of volunteerism for addressing radiation protection issues. The number of working groups has increased, and several of the CRCPD working groups met in conjunction with the National Conference. The amount of work that can be accomplished in a couple of days of face-to-face interaction is amazing. In addition, several of the presentations involved volunteerism, including the HS/ER-10 Task Force for Volunteer Development's poster presentation on radiation volunteer recruitment for population monitoring, and Margie Wanchick's poster presentation on joining a working group.

It was also great to see the number of people wearing the new CRCPD "Volunteer" pins that indicated that they are participating on a working group. These pins will also be sent to all the other CRCPD volunteers who were not at the conference to acknowledge their service. This got me to thinking—the word "volunteer" can be used as a noun or a verb. Thus, the term on the pin can be used to indicate the status of the wearer or to encourage others to volunteer. CRCPD could not maintain its strength and be involved in as many projects without these committed individuals. In fact, volunteers contributed over 13,000 recorded hours to the activities of the organization during the past year.

The National Conference was successful, thanks to the excellent presentations and participants in several special interest meetings and facilitated discussions on timely topics. We have received good feedback from the evaluation sheets and other comments to the staff. This year, we will be sending copies of the presentations on reusable flash drives containing the CRCPD logo. Let us know how you like the switch from CDs.

As noted elsewhere in the *Newsbrief* and in a recent broadcast e-mail, we have lost a dear staff member and devoted colleague at CRCPD, Terry Devine. Terry was very dedicated to his work at CRCPD and was a source of knowledge on technical radiation issues. He assisted with technical reviews of the Suggested State Regulations, found homes or disposition paths for orphan sources, and over the last few years has worked diligently to make the Source Collection and Threat Reduction (SCATR) program successful. In addition, he maintained information beneficial to the radiation protection community, i.e., contacts for radiological assistance with incidents, web sites for radiation control program fees, a listing of laboratory and measurement equipment resources

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available to states, radioactive waste brokers and processors, disposal facilities, etc.

One example of the degree of his dedication was his recent telephone calls to me and to the Frankfort office while he was on vacation in Germany, concerning a pending SCATR project. Terry had been selected as this year's recipient of the Charles M. Hardin Award for Exemplary Performance. Our intent was to present this award to him at a staff meeting later in May. We will present the award instead as a Memorialization Award to his family.

On behalf of the staff of the Office of Executive Director, thanks to all of you who have sent condolences and have called the office with your words of sympathy. Your kind words and offers of assistance are really appreciated as we adjust to his loss. Please see the write-up and photographs about Terry on page 10.



## 42nd National Conference on Radiation Control

By Sue Smith (OED)  
Executive Office Manager

The 42nd National Conference on Radiation Control was held April 19 – 22, 2010, in Newport, Rhode Island, at the Hyatt Regency Newport. There were 261 attendees registered for the National Conference and a total of 25 exhibitors.

The critiques are still being received by the OED. If you haven't submitted your comments, please do so immediately. To complete your critique form, please click on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8S9YKT6>

CRCPD wants to hear from you!



## Special Thanks to Rhode Island Staff

On behalf of the CRCPD membership, Board of Directors, and the OED staff, I want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Rhode Island Radiological Health Program, especially Ray Rusin, Carol Horibin, Bill Dundulis, Shelley Regan, Tom Caruolo, and Dennis Klaczynski in assisting CRCPD in executing this year's very successful annual meeting.

Those states who have previously hosted a national conference know of the many hours of planning that it takes to put on a successful conference. We appreciate all the work that went on both before and during the meeting. We thank you for allowing us to share your city.



### Special Thanks to the H-11 Committee on Mammography

A special thanks is extended to the H-11 Committee on Mammography for developing and coordinating Mammography Continuing Education: Rhode to the Future that was held April 16 – 17, 2010, in conjunction with the 42nd National Conference on Radiation Control. The course was designed for mammography inspectors and others interest in continuing education. There were more than 150 registered attendees.

Those persons who deserve special recognition are: Beverly Jo Carswell, H-11 Chairperson, H-11 members: Shanna Farish, Jerry Cogburn, and Donald Parry; Lin Carigan (OED), Pamela Platt, American College of Radiology, April Kidd, FDA/CDRH, and Melissa Martin, American Association of Physicists in Medicine. Thank you for a job well done!



### CRCPD Board of Directors -Outgoing/ Incoming Officers

At the annual business meeting that was held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, in conjunction with the 42nd National Conference on Radiation Control, special recognition was bestowed to Adela Salame-Alfie, Ph.D., outgoing chairperson for 2009-2010. Dr. Salame-Alfie was presented with the traditional “Chairperson’s Plaque” as a symbol of her tenure as chairperson and an expression of the membership’s appreciation for her hard work during the past year.

Two CRCPD Board members rotated off the CRCPD Board of Directors effective at the end of the National Conference due to their term of office coming to an end. They were John Winston (PA), Past Chairperson, and Kim Steves (KS), Member-at-Large. Jennifer Elee (LA), Treasurer, will rotate off the CRCPD Board of Directors effective July 1, 2010.

At the business meeting all three were recognized for their many contributions to the organization. We sincerely appreciate their hard work and will miss their wise counsel.

Two new CRCPD members rotated on the CRCPD Board of Directors, effective at the end of the National Conference. They are Alice Rogers (TX), Chairperson-Elect and Frieda Fisher-Tyler (DE), Member-at-Large. Terry Frazee (WA) will take office as the Treasurer on July 1, 2010. All three individuals had the opportunity to sit in on the Board meetings that were held in conjunction with the annual meeting. We extend to each of them a hearty welcome and we look forward to their many contributions over the next three years.



### John McCrohan Gives Villforth Lecture

John L. McCrohan, Jr. (Food and Drug Administration Center for Devices and Radiological Health) gave the annual John C. Villforth Lecture at this year's Annual Meeting. His presentation was entitled "Imaging Patient's Bill of Rights." His PowerPoint presentation is downloadable from our website and the presentation will be published in the Proceedings.



CRCPD Chairperson Adela Salame-Alfie presents John McCrohan with the John C. Villforth Lecture Series plaque.

### Awards Presented at the 2010 National Conference

The following awards were presented at the 2010 National Conference on Radiation Control:

#### Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit Kathleen A. Kaufman (Los Angeles County, California)

For her significant contributions in the field of radiation protection, and in particular for her continued contributions to further the objectives of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. Ms. Kaufman has served on the Board of Directors, and served on and chaired numerous committees in an exemplary manner.

Some of Ms. Kaufman's major contributions to CRCPD include: identification and participation in the development of standards and state inspector training in mammography; recommendations on healing arts emerging issues, including dose reduction and quality assurance in computed tomography and radiation safety in the use of radiation therapy; and development of state and local guidance for emergency preparedness for major radiological events. Ms. Kaufman was a pioneer in the development of recommendations for state regulation of mammography. She has consistently been a strong



CRCPD Chairperson Adela Salame-Alfie presents the Gerald S. Parker Award to Cass Kaufman

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advocate for CRCPD with other professional organizations and federal partners. Without reservation, Kathleen Kaufman is a dedicated leader in the field of radiation protection.

### James W. Miller Award Patricia Gardner (New Jersey)

Patricia (Pat) Gardner, Manager of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Environmental Radiation, is recognized with the James A. Miller Award this year for a unique and valuable method of approach, providing the ability to implement a better program of radiation protection in the State of New Jersey.

On September 30, 2009, New Jersey became the 37th Agreement State. Not only was this an achievement regarding New Jersey's authority to regulate radioactive materials, but it also preserved the State's ability to respond to emergencies (both nuclear and non-nuclear). This was largely due to Pat Gardner's dogged persistence.



Pat set out on a mission that consumed her time, pushed her professionalism to the max, and tested her superb ability to navigate the State system. She was able to obtain staff and training and push through necessary technical and fee regulations, even during a time of budget crisis in the state.

In addition to her excellent work in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Pat serves on two important CRCPD committees: the HS/ER-2 Committee on Expanding Radiological Preparedness in Public Health, as a member since 2005; and as Chairperson of the Environmental Nuclear Council's Emerging Issues Committee.

Dr. James Miller paid special attention to nurturing those who were performing the routine day-to-day tasks, realizing that these tasks form the backbone of the radiation protection system. Pat has encouraged and nurtured the career advancement of her staff through both in-house and NRC training. Pat developed

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and advocated for special civil service titles to protect the unique nature of Agreement State staff. Pat's leadership and abilities propelled management and staff to achieve Agreement State status. As a result, Pat Gardner has ensured that the citizens of New Jersey are better protected against an incident involving radioactive materials.

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### Public Servant Award Charles W. Miller, Ph.D.

For his significant contributions to radiation protection and for being a visionary in his quest to bring together radiological preparedness and public health. His efforts in elevating the need for consistency in radiological preparedness nationally demonstrate his extraordinary leadership, dedication and commitment to assuring that the United States is prepared in the event



of a radiological incident.

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## Poster Presentation Winners

The following posters were awarded ribbons for excellence:

1st Place

**GET SMART! Join a CRCPD Working Group** – presented by Margaret Wanchick, Chairperson, G-53 Committee on Public Information for Radiation Protection.

2nd Place

**The 5 Ws of a Radon Website** – presented by Michael Kitto, Ph.D., New York State Department, Nuclear Chemistry Laboratory.

3rd Place

**CRCPD HS/ER-10 Task Force for Volunteer Development** – presented by Dawn Burke, Chairperson, HS/ER-10 Task Force for Volunteer Development.

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## Calls for Papers for the 2011 National Conference

You are invited to present a paper at the 43rd Annual National Conference on Radiation Control that will be held in Austin, Texas, May 16 – 19, 2011. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit your topic along with a brief summary (a couple of sentences) to the OED <ssmith@crcpd.org> **no later than September 30, 2010** for consideration by the Technical Program Planning Committee.

*Acceptance of a submitted paper does not imply that CRCPD will pay the travel expenses of the speaker to give the paper.*



## Calls for Villforth Lecture Nominations

The purpose of this annual lecture is to honor Mr. Villforth's steadfast support of State radiation agencies as a working partner with the FDA/CDRH in the protection of the American people from unnecessary exposure to electronic product radiation, radioactive materials (especially radium), and protection of the environment from radioactive contamination, as well as his strong support of the CRCPD in its early years of development. Mr. Villforth has long recognized the capacity of State radiation personnel to make valuable contributions to the success of the national programs to protect the public health of our citizens. The CRCPD has the utmost respect, admiration, appreciation for the unceasing friendship and support Mr. Villforth has extended to our organization and the State radiation control programs over his many years of public service. With this lecture series, the CRCPD pay tribute to a man with impeccable integrity, a person with outstanding leadership credentials, and a giant in the field of radiological health.

The criteria for nominations, with a link to the nomination form, can be viewed at [www.crcpd.org/Awards/Villforth/FactSheet.Villforth.pdf](http://www.crcpd.org/Awards/Villforth/FactSheet.Villforth.pdf). **Deadline: September 30, 2010.**



## 20th National Radon Training Conference

The 20th National Radon Training Conference will be held October 17 – 20, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, Columbus, Ohio. A special room rate of \$105 single plus 16.75% sales tax is available for the meeting, as well as for three days prior to and three days after the meeting.

A block of rooms has been reserved in the name of the "CRCPD" at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. You must call the hotel directly

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at 614/463-1234 or toll free at 800/233-1234 to make a reservation. You must guarantee your reservation with either a credit card or one night's deposit. If you need to cancel your reservation, you must call and cancel by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on your arrival date or your deposit will be forfeited/credit card charged. NOTE: Guaranteed reservations are held for one night only – not for the entire stay. Cut-off date for making reservations is **September 20, 2010**.

The agenda and general information about the Conference, registration forms, fees, etc., will be posted to the CRCPD website in early July.



## *In Memory of Terry L. Devine*

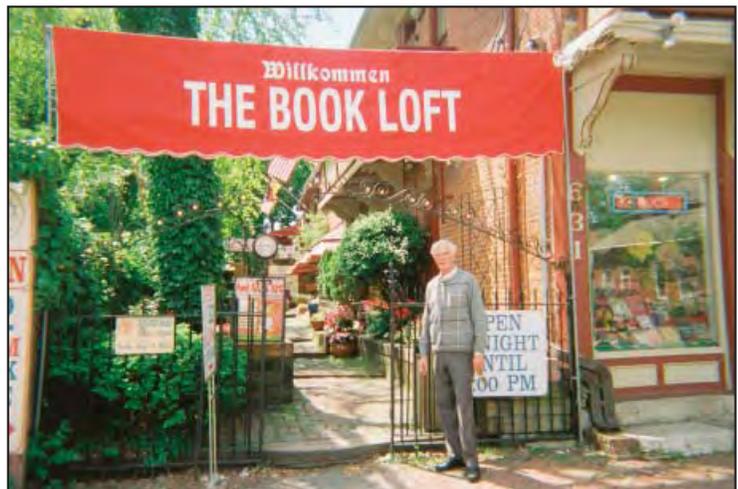


Terry L. Devine, age 70, of Frankfort, Kentucky, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, May 10, 2010. He was born December 6, 1939, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Donald I. Devine and Anita (Smith) Devine.

Terry earned a Bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, followed by a Master's and a Ph.D. degree in Nuclear Engineering from The Ohio State University (OSU). After working in the Engineering Department at OSU for several years, Terry taught at the University of Berlin in Germany. He then accepted a position at Kentucky State University, where he taught until 1983. Until his death, Terry then worked in Frankfort at the Conference of Radiation Control

Program Directors, Inc., where he was a Technical Assistant (General Radiation) for 28 years.

Terry was a unique person who was highly respected for his dedication to his work. He loved traveling to Germany and had just returned from a recent visit there. Terry also enjoyed visiting his home in Petoskey, Michigan. He had a fondness for growing plants, enjoyed walking, and the simple beauty of nature. Terry always brought a smile and had a special sense of humor. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



Bernie Beville provided the OED with this photograph of Terry. Terry had driven to Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday, May 17, 2009, to visit with Bernie and a couple other folks before the Annual Meeting.

### *In Memory of Terry Devine (continued)*

He is survived by his brother, Allan (Carol) Devine. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Devine and mother, Anita Devine.

A memorial service will be held at the Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, 722 S. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio, on Saturday, May 29, at 3 pm. Interment will be in the Ridge Cemetery in Van Wert, Ohio. The family suggests any memorial contributions be made to a charity of their choice.



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