

Ed Maher Recognized for Leadership in Military Health Physics

RICHLAND, Wash. – July 14, 2015 – Senior Health Physicist Edward F. Maher has been honored with the John C. Taschner Leadership Award from the military section of the Health Physics Society. The award was conferred last night at the section’s annual business meeting in Indianapolis.

Each year, the military section recognizes one society member who has demonstrated distinguished leadership in advancing the field of military [health physics](#) (health physics performed in the service of the Department of Defense or the Public Health Service). The award is named for John C. Taschner, a radiation biophysicist who served in key health physics positions for both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force.

Maher is a certified health physicist with more than 40 years of experience conducting and managing [radiation safety](#) and environmental protection programs, including for the Departments of Energy and Defense. He was an officer in the U.S. Air Force, retiring with the rank of colonel. He directed the Air Force radiation assessment team responsible for providing global response to nuclear weapon accidents and served as division chief of the radiation services division, as well as chief of the dosimetry and [radioanalytical services](#) branches at the Brooks Air Force Base’s Armstrong Laboratory. Maher is a fellow and former president of the Health Physics Society.

From 2013 to 2014, Maher served as an appointed member of the National Academy of Sciences’ Committee on Research Directions in Human Biological Effects of Low Level Ionizing Radiation. The 12-member expert committee studied the radiobiology research needs and direction of the U.S. Department of Defense’s Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute and produced a report in 2014 outlining opportunities for the institute.

A Dade Moeller employee since 2004, Maher is a manager of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health radiation [dose reconstruction](#) project under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. He also is a member of the [Dade Moeller Training Academy](#) faculty and an adjunct lecturer on environmental science at the Harvard School of Public Health’s department of environmental health.

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