

Greetings from the Symposium Chair

September 14, 2014



Dear Colleagues:

It is a distinct honor and a great pleasure to welcome you to the *Eleventh International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research* and the *Thirteenth International Symposium on Metal Ions in Biology & Medicine* being held at the Jackson Convention Complex in Jackson, Mississippi, USA, from September 14 to 18, 2014. This important event will be the Eleventh World Congress held in Jackson, MS, USA, on important issues related to environmental quality and human health.

These symposia constitute a major contribution to global research and education in the exciting field of Environmental Science, Biomedicine and Public Health. Our overarching objective is to continue to promote interdisciplinary discussions and international scientific collaborations, as well as to increase awareness of important environmental and public health issues facing our state, nation, and the global community.

This year, we are expecting colleagues from 22 different countries. The scientific program is composed of several plenary sessions where oral/platform presentations will be given by 56 invited speakers. In addition, there will be two poster sessions - one for faculty and professional scientists, and one for students - with more than 200 abstracts. Both plenary lectures and poster presentations will deal with many crucial issues, such as environmental toxicology and health risk assessment; nanoscience, nanotechnology and nanotoxicology; emerging issues in computational biology and environmental modeling; new frontiers in environmental health research; natural resources damage assessment and management; health disparities and environmental security; metal ions in environmental health and disease; and metal ions in biology and medicine.

As in previous years, we are very excited about this international event, and believe that it provides a strong forum to communicate the latest advances in scientific research and new developments on issues related to environmental quality and human health. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the participants at these international symposia, and to our colleagues and staff who have worked very hard to make it successful. We invite all of you to take advantage of this unique opportunity, enjoy its scientific program, and meet friends and colleagues. Together, we will make this meeting a marvelous scientific and social event.

We look forward to the opportunity to personally meet each of you in Jackson!!!

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