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On behalf of Jackson State University, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all participants of the *Eleventh International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research* and the *Thirteenth International Symposium on Metal Ions in Biology & Medicine* scheduled for September 14 through 18, 2014 at the Jackson Convention Center in Jackson, Mississippi. We are happy to have you in our capital city for this conference series, which brings together environmental and biomedical scientists, and public health specialists to help address the major environmental and human health challenges of the 21st century.

Building upon the success of the 2013 conferences, the *Eleventh & Thirteenth International Symposia* will serve as a forum for interdisciplinary communication among environmental and biomedical scientists interested in bringing about global solutions to complex societal issues. This year's symposia will provide an excellent opportunity to share new knowledge and discuss the latest advancements in environmental health and biomedical research. I commend the JSU College of Science, Engineering and Technology for bringing together a vast array of world experts to network and share innovative ideas and to discuss strategic ways to address global environmental health challenges.

Special thanks are extended to all our major sponsors, which include the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Education Title III Program; and Jackson State University. Each is providing valuable contributions to this important activity. The symposium is content-rich, and promises to be informative and enjoyable. We have planned an outstanding program featuring distinguished speakers, platform and poster presentations, and scientific workshops.

Thank you for your support as we continue to address global environmental and human health challenges. By working together as a team on this important endeavor, we will make a substantial contribution to improving environmental quality and saving lives. Best wishes for a very successful symposium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn W. Meyers".

Carolyn W. Meyers
President
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