

Greetings from the Vice-President for Research and Federal Relations

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Dear Colleagues, Students, and Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the *Thirteenth International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research*. This Symposium is a great opportunity to network and to learn what your colleagues from across the globe are doing in their respective research areas.

This Symposium brings together top researchers in Environmental Health to discuss some of their latest discoveries and future trends in Environmental Health and Biomedical Science, and the Symposium provides many opportunities for research collaboration. I encourage you to take full advantage of these valuable resources and opportunities.

Because Jackson State University has the expertise and infrastructure to support Environmental Health research, it is one of our main research focus areas. Our researchers work to address the full complexity of today's environmental problems and are integral to educating the next generation of environmental scientists. The RCMI-Center for Environmental Health, which spearheads this Symposium, conducts research to understand how exposure to toxins and carcinogens compromises human health and contributes to disease and death mortality rates, which disproportionately affect minority populations in the United States.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Planning Committee for organizing and managing these successful symposia. Special thanks are also extended to all the professional agencies, academic institutions and scientific societies, as well as the funding agencies, whose contributions have made this event possible and contributed to its success.

Please take the opportunity to visit the Jackson State University campus and to explore the City of Jackson.

Sincerely,

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