

Greetings from the President

September 14, 2008



On behalf of Jackson State University, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all participants of the *Fifth International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research* from September 14 through 17, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. The Symposium builds upon the success of the 2007 conference that attracted more than 180 participants from 21 different countries representing all five continents. The focus of this symposium series on “environmental quality and human health” transcends national and international boundaries, and is essential and timely for all peoples of the world.

The *Fifth International Symposium* will serve as a forum for interdisciplinary communication among environmental and biomedical scientists interested in bringing about substantial contributions that address global environmental and sustainable development issues. The Symposium will also provide an excellent opportunity to discuss research findings and the latest advancements in environmental health research.

Co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Health RCMI Center for Environmental Health, the U.S. Department of Education Title III Program, Diwan University College of Management in Taiwan, and the Jackson State University Office of Research Development, Support and Federal Relations, the Symposium promises to be enjoyable, informative and content-rich. As in the past, we have planned an outstanding program featuring distinguished speakers, exiting scientific sessions, scientific workshops, faculty and student presentations, and exhibits.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the JSU College of Science, Engineering and Technology’s Steering and Planning Committee for its hard work in organizing and managing the Symposium. Special thanks are also extended to all of the sponsors whose contributions have made this Symposium a success.

Thank you for your support as we continue to address issues important to environmental and human health. On behalf of the Jackson State family, I extend my wishes for a very successful symposium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Mason, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Ronald Mason, Jr.

President

Jackson State University