

Greetings from the Dean

September 14, 2008



On behalf of the organizing committee, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the *Fifth International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research* being held at the Marriott Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi, from September 14 through September 17, 2008. This symposium is built upon the overwhelming success of the four previous symposia that were hosted by Jackson State University in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Each attracted about 200 delegates from all over the world, and about 180 presentations.

The *Fifth International Symposium* aims to provide participants great opportunities to gain new knowledge of local, regional and global environmental issues as they relate to quality of life and human health. It also serves as a forum for interdisciplinary communication among environmental scientists, health professionals and policy makers interested in advancing the scientific basis of environmental issues as they relate to human health.

Jackson State University's College of Science, Engineering and Technology is very enthusiastic about all the advances and new developments in the science of environmental health and its relationship to the quality of life and human health, and looks forward to the opportunity to share these with you during the conference.

I invite you to fully participate in this international symposium. Its program includes platform presentations and distinguished lectures by internationally-known experts, as well as poster presentations on recent developments in relevant areas of environmental research and public health. I encourage you to take advantage of this premier event in all the benefits that it has to offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark G. Hardy'.

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