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On behalf of Jackson State University, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all participants of the *Ninth International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research* scheduled for September 16 through 19, 2012 at the Marriott Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. We are happy to have you in Jackson for this conference series which brings together environmental scientists, engineers, and public health specialists to help address the major environmental and human health challenges of the 21st century.

Building upon the success of the 2011 conference that attracted more than 200 participants, the *Ninth International Symposium* will serve as a forum for interdisciplinary communication among environmental and biomedical scientists interested in bringing about global solutions to complex societal issues.

The Symposium will provide an excellent opportunity to share new knowledge and discuss the latest advancements in environmental health 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 sponsors (National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities [NIMHD] at the National Institutes of Health [NIH]; U.S. Department of Education Title III Program; and Jackson State University) for their 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 blue ink that reads "Carolyn W. Meyers". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carolyn W. Meyers
President

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