

Greetings from the Provost & Vice-President of Academic Affairs

September 16, 2012



I am very delighted to extend warm greetings to all participants of the *Ninth International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research*. Welcome to Jackson State University (JSU) and the beautiful city of Jackson.

This symposium is built upon the overwhelming success of the eight previous conferences that were hosted by JSU and co-sponsored by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), RCMI-Center for Environmental Health, the U.S. Department of Education Title III Graduate Education Program, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the JSU Division of Research and Federal Relations, and the JSU Division of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

The *Ninth 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 health issues.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the symposium sponsors and to the College of Science, Engineering and Technology for the hard work in organizing this international conference for the ninth time.

The Symposium 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. Again, welcome to Jackson State University and very best wishes for a productive conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark G. Hardy". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue rectangular background.

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