Cooperative Agricultural Research Center
Prairie View A&M University

EMBRACING QUALITY:
Systematic Approach to Compliance and Quality Enhancement

Annual Staff Conference
May 27 - 29, 2009
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott
Cooperative Agricultural Research Center (CARC)
Annual Staff Training Conference
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel
1601 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX
May 27-29, 2009

Wednesday, May 27, 2009
1:00 - 3:00PM  Hotel Check-In
3:00 - 5:00PM  **Waterway VI.**  Theme Exploration
Moderator: Alfred L. Parks, Associate Dean/Research Director, CARC
Presenter: Freddie L. Richards, Dean/CEP Administrator, CAHS
5:00PM  Dinner (On Your Own)

Thursday, May 28, 2009
6:45 - 7:45AM  **Buffet Breakfast - Waterway VI.**
8:00 - 9:00AM  **The Waterway VI.**
**Workshop I.**  Opening General Session
Moderator: Alfred L. Parks, Associate Dean/Research Director, CARC
Presenter: Freddie L. Richards, Dean/CEP Administrator, CAHS
Speaker: E. Joannae Thomas-Smith, Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Speaker: Willie F. Trotty, Vice President for Research & Development

9:00- 9:45AM  **Workshop II:**  Human Resources: Worker’s Compensation
Moderator: Neal Baines, Human Resource Officer, CEP/CAHS
Presenter: Kim Spacek, Employee Benefits Associate, Human Resources, PVAMU

9:45-10:15AM  **BREAK**

10:15 - 10:45AM  **Workshop III:**  General Environmental Health & Safety Training
Moderator: Laura E. Carson, Research Scientist, CARC
Presenter: James Abbot, Director, Environmental Health & Safety Dept.

10:45-11:15AM  **Workshop IV:**  Human Resources: Performance Evaluation Process
Moderator: Velva J. McWhinney, Research Scientist, CARC
Presenter: LaDonna Harris-Niang, Training Specialist, Human Resources, PVAMU

11:15-11:45AM  **Workshop V:**  Business Affairs: Record Management
Moderator: Christi A. Landry, Communications Specialist, CARC
Presenter: Tasmina Quddus, Compliance Officer, Office of Business Affairs, PVAMU

12:00-1:15PM  **LUNCH**  Montgomery Foyer

1:15 - 1:45PM  **Workshop VI:**  Equal Employment Opportunity: What’s New?
Moderator: Nelson Daniels, Associate Administrator, CEP
Presenter: Renee Williams, Equal Opportunity Officer, EEO/CR, PVAMU
1:45-2:15PM  Workshop VII: Health Awareness: Stress Management  
Moderator: Barbara M. Johnson, Research Veterinarian, CARC  
Presenter: Thelma Pierre, Administrator, Owens Franklin Health Center

2:15-3:00PM  Workshop VIII: IT Technology - Updated  
Moderator: Eric Risch, Research Scientist, CARC  
Presenter: Paul M. Johnson, Research/Computer Specialist, CARC

3:00-3:30PM  BREAK

3:30-4:15PM  Workshop IX: Research and Development:  
Moderator: Raúl Cuero, Research Scientist, CARC  
Presenter: Elizabeth Noel, Associate Vice President for Research & Development, PVAMU  
Presenter: Marcia Shelton, Director-Research Regulatory Compliance, Research & Development

4:15-4:45PM  Workshop X: Administrative & Fiscal Operations Update  
Moderator: Terry J. Burke, Supervisory Accountant, CARC  
Presenter: Leonard L. Campbell, Associate Director, Operations, CAHS

4:45-5:00PM  Announcements/Wrap-up/Adjourn

6:30-9:00PM  APPRECIATION DINNER - Waterway I.

Friday, May 29, 2009

6:45-8:00AM  Buffet Breakfast - Waterway VI.

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS: 8:00-11:30PM

Waterway VI  Break-out Session I: Leadership Team  
Moderator: Richard W. Griffin, Department Head, HC  
Reportor: Nelson Daniels, Associate Administrator, CEP

College Park  Break-out Session II: Research Scientists  
Moderator: Gary R. Newton, Research Leader/Scientist, CARC  
Reportor: Louis C. Nuti, Research Scientist, CARC

Grogan's Mill  Break-out Session III: Specialists/Technician  
Moderator: Eustace A. Duffus, Research Specialist, CARC  
Reportor: William Anthony, Research Specialist, CARC

Indian Springs  Break-out Session IV: Farm Support Staff  
Moderator: Stephen Hill, Farm Worker, CARC  
Reportor: Earl O. Jackson, II.

Panther Creek  Break-out Session V: Administrative Staff/CAHS  
Moderator: Marilyn S. Williams, Staff Accountant, CARC  
Reportor: Adela Jackson, Senior Secretary, CARC

11:30-12:00PM  Wrap-up Session and Adjourn