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To: All Researchers Interested in Diabetes

Date: August 19, 2008

Re: Call for Abstracts and Participation

Fifth OUHSC Diabetes Research Retreat, Saturday, November 22, 2008 8:00 – 4:30 pm

Oklahoma History Center across from State Capitol

We look forward to welcoming you to our Fifth Annual Diabetes Research Retreat, which will be held again this year at the Oklahoma History Center on Saturday, November 22nd. As we all work together to develop the Harold Hamm Oklahoma Diabetes Center, our goal is to facilitate communication and collaboration between researchers from all disciplines on campus whose work relates to diabetes.

The format will be similar to last year’s meeting. Presentations will last 20 minutes (including discussion time), and will focus on individual research projects by post-docs and junior faculty. To provide overview and context, summaries of the work being done by each research group will be included in the program.

Posters will be judged for first and second place. A gift certificate to amazon.com will be awarded in the amount of $500 for first place recognition and $250 for second place.

We therefore request:

1. submission of abstracts from more junior researchers (junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and students) for oral presentations or posters. The abstracts should address specific research projects and findings. All presenters should submit an abstract by October 10th, 2008 to Jay Ma through email (jian-xing-ma@ouhsc.edu) or Sharon Yarbrough (sharon-yarbrough@ouhsc.edu). Please use American Diabetes Association abstract format: an example is attached.
   (1) Margins are 1.25” for top and bottom and 1.25” for left and right.
   (2) Font should be Times New Roman 12.
   (3) Title should be centered and in all caps.
   (4) If the abstract has more than one author, please make sure we clearly know which PI is from which department and university.
   (5) Paragraphs should be indented and double space between paragraphs.

2. each “group leader” or PI to write a short summary/overview about ongoing research projects and future directions of his/her work. This information will be printed in the program, and will provide attendees with a general description of research interests.

   If you agree, this information may be placed on a Diabetes Research Retreat website.

The meeting will end with a lecture by our keynote speaker; to be confirmed.

**Deadlines:**

Submission of Abstract for Presentation: **Friday, October 10, 2008**

Submission of Summary of Research Interest for the handout: **Friday, October 10, 2008**

**Tentative Retreat Schedule:**

**Saturday, November 22, 2008**
Breakfast: 8:00 am – 8:30 am
Opening Remarks: 8:30 – 8:45 am
Scientific presentations and discussion: 8:45 am to 12:00 noon
Lunch (provided) and Poster session: 12:00 – 1:30 pm
Scientific presentations and discussion: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Keynote speaker: 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Location: Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

Please mark your calendars – we look forward to seeing you!