

What: Science and Technology for a Sustainable Society
When: Wednesday, May 13, 1998
Where: GCATT
Note 1: It is the 1998 University System of Georgia Research Symposium
Audience: The audience will consist of faculty, staff, and students from the various universities in the University System.
Note 2: You are not giving a speech. You have been asked to chair the first session. As chairman, you will be asked to introduce the speakers and the panelists.
Further information: You may want to check out their web site:
<http://www.coe.gatech.edu/~rac/symposium.html>

Good morning and welcome to Georgia Tech and the first session of the 1998 University System of Georgia Research Symposium, Science and Technology for a Sustainable Society.

Among technological universities, Georgia Tech is recognized as a leader in defining, expanding, and communicating the frontiers of research and education to both promote education and improve the quality of life.

Woven throughout those goals is an increasing reliance on sustainability.

Examples of our strategy include incorporating sustainability principles into our campus building plans, encouraging our faculty to use these principles in their research, and perhaps most importantly, educating our students-the technological leaders of tomorrow-with a philosophy based on these fundamental ideas.

Creating a more sustainable society will not be easy. Together we must work hard to banish ignorance, apathy and to educate the rest of the world on the importance of sustainability issues.

That is why I'm pleased the Science and Technology for a Sustainable Society Symposium is being held here on our campus. In addition, I am particularly pleased to welcome the following sustainable technology visionaries and leaders who will conduct this morning's session.

First, I would like to introduce Dr. Tim Wirth and Dr. Richard Jackson, who will be speaking to us this morning.

Dr. Tim Wirth has served in both the United States Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. Currently, he is president of the United Nations Foundation. Throughout his career, he has been committed to sustainability. While a Senator he authored the 1993 Colorado Wilderness Bill, the 1992 Energy Bill, and the 1990 Clean Air Act. As president of the United Nations Foundation, he oversees prevention programs in such areas as environmental protection, overpopulation, and improving children's health.

Dr. Richard Jackson is the director of the National Center for Environmental Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of Health and Human Services. He holds both a medical degree and a master's in public health and is past chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Environmental Hazards. He is the current chairman of the Health and Human Services Environmental Health Policy Committee.

Our speakers will be followed by a panel discussion. Our distinguished panelists are:

Mr. Milton Bevington. Mr. Bevington is a prominent member of industry who is the founder and president of Servidyne Systems, an engineering services firm that improves the quality of building environments while lowering the construction costs. In the past, he has served as chairman of the Georgia Conservancy and president of the Atlanta Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

Our next panelist is a man I know very well and admire very much.

Dr. Jean-Lou Chameau is dean of Georgia Tech's College of Engineering. In the past he has served Georgia Tech as chair of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Chameau is a Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar and is leading the efforts to create the Georgia Tech Center for Sustainable Technology. In addition, Dr. Chameau gained experience on the industrial side of the fence as president of the environmental firm, Golder Associates.

Mr. Dwight Evans is the president and CEO of Mississippi Power. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Nature Conservancy, the Mississippi Resource Center Advisory Board, the Mississippi Economic Council, and the Environmental Affairs and Utility Regulation committees of the Edison Electric Institute.

Mr. Howard Frumkin is both a medical doctor and doctor of public health. He is an internist, occupational medicine specialist, and epidemiologist. Currently, he is an associate professor and founder and chair of the

Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University.

The final member of our panel is Mr. William Todd, president of the Georgia Research Alliance or GRA for those of us who must have an acronym for everything. The GRA is a state, industry, and academic partnership that focuses on efforts to foster the development of science and technology industry in Georgia. Mr. Todd serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, ZooAtlanta, and the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education. He was recently named one of the "100 Most Powerful and Influential People in Georgia" by Georgia Trend Magazine.

It is now my pleasure to turn the program over to the experts I have just introduced.

Thank you and enjoy the symposium.