

Conference Agenda: Collaborative Scientific Research in Relation to the Gulf Oil Spill

Sunday, October 31, 2010				
3:00-6:00		Registration & Poster Set-up		
Monday, November 1, 2010				
7:00-8:00		Registration & Poster Set-up; Continental Breakfast		
8:00-8:45 Plenary		Welcome & Introduction: Michael Khonsari The Role and importance of Interdisciplinary Research: Thomas Russell, NSF Office of Integrative Activities		
8:45-10:30 Plenary II Respective researchers who have been involved in the aftermath of and response to the oil spill offer perspectives on ongoing and prospective collaborative opportunities. These wide-ranging presentations will provide context and impetus for breakaway Strand discussions to take place throughout the remainder of the Conference.		Michael Khonsari, Moderator; Chris D’Elia (LSU); LuAnn White (Tulane); Vijay John (Tulane); Alice Clark (U Miss); Steve Mathies (LA Office of Coastal Protection & Restoration); Nancy Rabalais (LUMCON); Stephen Sempier (MS/AL Sea Grant)		
10:30-10:45		Break		
Breakaway Strands		Engineering Aspects and the Transport and Fate of Spilled Oil Facilitators: Ed Overton, LSU Lou Thibodeaux, LSU Doug Blakemore, Chevron Staff: Sally Donlon	Coastal and Ocean Environments: Damage, Remediation and Recovery Facilitators: Denise Reed, UNO Andy Nyman, LSU Steve Lohrenz, USM Staff: Jessica Domingue	Human Communities: Disaster Management, Sustainability and Health Facilitator: Jay Grimes, USM Staff: Sara Sims
				Economics, Policy and Decision Support Systems Facilitators: Sally Sleeper, RAND Florenz Plassmann, Binghamton U Staff: Carrie Robison

10:45-12:45 Identification and Discussion of Collaborative Research Topics (1) Following brief introductions from a Strand facilitator, each panelist will provide a 20-minute overview of collaborative research in the topical area from his/her perspective. A discussion will follow. Collectively these overviews and discussion will highlight collaborative research and priorities for partnerships within the research Strand.	<u>Panel:</u> Bhaskar Kura, UNO Ning Zhang, McNeese Balaji Ramachandran, Nicholls Julius Langlinais, LSU	<u>Panel:</u> Mark Zappi, ULL John Pardue, LSU Raj Boopathy, Nicholls Vijay John, Tulane Prabhakar Clement, Auburn Russ Beard, Stennis, National Coastal Data Development Center	<u>Panel:</u> LuAnn White, Tulane Kamran Abdollahi, SUBR Udaysankar Nair, UAH Jonathan Ward, UTMB	<u>Panel:</u> Joseph Mason, LSU Ramesh Kolluru, ULL Don Epley, USA Mitchell Crusto, Loyola Robert Collins, Dillard
12:45-1:45	Lunch with Speaker: John Hofmeister, Founder and CEO, Citizens for Affordable Energy and former CEO of Shell Oil Moderator: Robert Twilley, ULL			
1:45-3:00 Identification and Discussion of Collaborative Research Topics (2) Topic 2 will continue and further develop the theme of Topic 1. A new panel will provide 10-minute presentations followed by discussion.	<u>Panel:</u> Erez Allouche, LA Tech Derek Williamson, UA Ralph Portier, LSU Lou Thibodeaux, LSU	<u>Panel:</u> Mike Materne, LSU Ag Center Caz Taylor, Tulane Gary King, LSU Andy Nyman, LSU	<u>Panel:</u> Paul Coreil, LSU Ag Center Jeffrey Wickcliffe, Tulane Marilyn Kilgen, Nicholls Matt Lee, LSU Janice Chambers, MSU	<u>Panel:</u> Geoffrey Parker, Tulane Lee Yao, Loyola Mikel Petty, UAH John Kiefer, UNO Dek Terrell, LSU
3:00-3:30 Priority Collaborative Research Topics Identified Led by the facilitators, Strand participants will list the Priority Collaborative Research Topics to be discussed in the succeeding session.	Discussion Group	Discussion Group	Discussion Group	Discussion Group
3:30-3:45	Break			
3:45-4:30 Priority Collaborative Research Topics Discussion Based on the Priority Collaborative Research Topics Identified, Strand participants will break into small groups to explore partnership opportunities.	Small groups organized by priority topics identified previously	Small groups organized by priority topics identified previously	Small groups organized by priority topics identified previously	Small groups organized by priority topics identified previously
4:30-5:30 Collaborative Research Summary Each subgroup will produce a one-page Collaborative Research Summary for submittal by the end of the day to the Strand facilitator(s).	Ad hoc small groups from previous session	Ad hoc small groups from previous session	Ad hoc small groups from previous session	Ad hoc small groups from previous session
6:00-8:00	Poster Session			

Tuesday, November 2, 2010				
7:00-8:00	Registration; Continental Breakfast			
8:00-8:30 Plenary III	Collaborative Research in NSF EPSCoR - Uma Venkateswaran, Program Director, NSF EPSCoR Moderator: Michael Khonsari, LA EPSCoR			
8:30-9:30 Intra-Strand Priority Collaborative Research Topics: Summaries and Discussion For each Strand, facilitators and selected panelists will explain Collaborative Research Summaries from Day 1, analyzing opportunities and leading discussions of next steps.	Outcome of Day 1: Possibilities for Collaboration & Next Steps	Outcome of Day 1: Possibilities for Collaboration & Next Steps	Outcome of Day 1: Possibilities for Collaboration & Next Steps	Outcome of Day 1: Possibilities for Collaboration & Next Steps
9:30-10:45 Intra-Strand Funding Opportunities For each Strand, NSF program officers will make presentations and lead discussions of federal funding opportunities related to collaborative research in the topical areas.	Funding opportunities explored with federal program officers Eduardo Misawa, CMMI/ENG	Funding opportunities explored with federal program officers Donald Rice, OCE/GEO	Funding opportunities explored with federal program officers Tyrone Mitchell, CHE/MPS	Funding opportunities explored with federal program officers Robert O'Connor, SES/SBE
10:45-11:00	Break			
11:00-12:15 All-Strand Summary Reports Plenary IV For each Strand, facilitators and selected panelists will provide 15-minute summaries which focus on priorities for collaborative research and partnerships.	Summary reports on Breakaway Strands			
12:15-12:30 Concluding Observations A research leader will offer concluding observations about opportunities identified through Conference discussions.	Concluding Observations: Robert Twilley, ULL			