President’s Monthly Research and Development Highlights

People

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Funding

- Prof. Cengiz Altan (AME) is one of four co-PIs recently awarded $533,000 from the ARRA-National Science Foundation for their research project titled “MRI-R2: Acquisition of a Field-Emission Scanning Electron Microscope.” Profs. Mrinal Saha and Wilson Merchand-Merchan are also participating in the project.

- The OU High Energy Physics group (OUHEP), led by Profs. Pat Skubic & Kim Milton (Physics & Astronomy) received a grant renewal from the US Department of Energy for about $2.35 million, over three years. Part of this money is earmarked for OUHEP efforts on the Atlas Experiment at the CERN Large Hadron Collider near Geneva, Switzerland.

- Drs. Priscilla L. Griffith, Jiening Ruan (Instructional Leadership & Academic Curriculum) & Robert Terry (Psychology) received $171,000 for their project: “Every Students Succeeds: OK Teachers Implementing Research-Based Vocabulary and Comprehension Instruction.”

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Appointments

- In March, Dr. Ella Joy Nelson, School of Music, assumed the Presidency of the National Organization of American Kodály Music Educators (O.A.K.E.) . She also serves as Director of the Board for the International Kodály Society (I.K.S.).

- Prof. Hank Jenkins-Smith (Political Science) was elected to the NCRP – The National Council on Radiation Protection. Since its founding in 1929 NCRP has produced nearly 250 scholarly publications that form the cornerstone of radiation protection and measurements.

- Diane Horn, Instructional Leadership & Academic Curriculum Prof., was elected Secretary/Treasurer for the Early Education & Child Development Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association.

- Prof. Brian Grady (CBME) was elected to serve as Secretary for the Society of Plastics Engineers, the premier technical organization for plastics in the world.

People

- Dr. David Sabatini (CEES) was named a 2010 DaVinci Fellow by the DaVinci Institute of Oklahoma. The award recognizes faculty who show creativity and innovation in their scholarly activities.

- At the conference, Dr. John Hansen received an Ovatio for his service as the CAMWS VP for Oklahoma. The ovatio is announced in a Latin oration at the banquet and is the highest honor that CAMWS bestows on its members.

- Prof. Joshua Landis (School of Intl & Area Studies) has been invited to give a talk at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington DC this summer.

- CEES Prof. Yang Hong, was selected as Science Team Member of NASA Global Precipitation Constellation Satellite Mission (GPM). He has been awarded a 3-year project entitled *Investigation of Satellite QPE and Hydrologic Validation in Complex Terrain Basins.*
Students

- Zoiology PhD Candidate, Sunetra Das won the award for best student poster in the Division of Developmental & Cell Biology at the 2010 annual meeting of the Society for Integrative & Comparative Biology.
- Katsiaryna Yarominak, an Interior Design Junior won an Award of Recognition for her Retail Store design project in the 2010 Cooper Lighting Source Competition.
- ME senior, Ara Casada was selected to receive sponsorship from the PRB Coal Users' Group to attend the 2010 PRB Coal Users' Group and Electric Power Conference.

Events

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 13: The Hartel Dance Group, led by School of Dance Prof. Austin Hartel, will be performing a full evening of his choreography at Rose State Performing Arts Theater.

Recent Events:

March 24-27: The Department of Classics and Letters hosted the 106th annual meeting the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Oklahoma City. CAMWS is second only to the American Philological Association in membership, with over 1500 members in the USA and Canada. Topics covered included Greek and Latin literature, Greek and Roman art and archaeology, pedagogy, modern reception of Classical texts, and Classics in cinema.

April 3-4: Director of the School of Dance, Mary Margaret Holt’s abstract ballet ELEGIE was performed by the Oklahoma City Ballet in its repertory performances.