

2012 Annual Meeting

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Academy of Science (SCAS) and the South Carolina Junior Academy of Science (SCJAS) will be held on April 13 and 14, 2012 at USC-Aiken. This year's meeting will involve an exciting collaboration between USC-Aiken and the Savannah River National Laboratory. According to Dr. Robin Brigmon, President-elect of the SCAS, "Because this year's theme has a focus on energy, we have expanded the conference to a two-day event. On Friday, April 13th we will offer tours of the Savannah River National Laboratory as well as invited speakers who will address the themes of energy and the environment, homeland security, and nanotechnology"

On Saturday, April 14th , 2012 the SCAS and SCJAS will hold our regular annual meeting featuring more than 400 research papers in a variety of areas related to biology, chemistry, and physics. The South Carolina branch of the American Society for Microbiology will also meet in conjunction on the same day continuing a four year collaboration. Dr. Bill Pirkle of USC-Aiken will serve as on-site coordinator for the annual meeting. "We are delighted that USC-Aiken will be hosting this year's annual meeting," said Dr. Pirkle. "Including the SCJAS participants we expect to have more than 500 individuals registered for the meeting. The collaboration with Savannah River National Laboratory is creating a lot of excitement".

Mrs. Tammy Taylor of Midlands Technical College and Program Director for the SC Junior Academy of Science says," We appreciate USC-Aiken and the Savannah River National Laboratory hosting this year's meeting and providing such wonderful opportunities for high school students throughout South Carolina. SCJAS will once again be awarding more than \$8,000 to students presenting outstanding research projects". SCJAS will also continue to collaborate with the Science Fairs from across the state by featuring the best research projects from each of the regions in a poster competition.

For more general information as well as registration and abstract submission instructions, visit the SCAS and SCJAS websites at www.scacadscience.org