

Quality serves as focus for CARC Staff Conference



THE WOODLANDS – A commitment to adhere to the highest standards of quality was the focal point of the Cooperative Agricultural Research Center’s annual staff conference. The gathering was held May 27-28 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott.

The theme of the gathering was “Embracing Quality: Systematic Approach to Compliance and Quality Enhancement.” Administrators, research scientists and other staff took part in the conference, which explored compliance to university regulations and the university’s Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation process.

“Our staff conference was a great success this year. We gathered with the hopes of reaffirming our commitment to operating CARC to its highest potential,” Dr. Alfred L. Parks, CARC research director and associate dean said. “Based on our discussions and shared feedback, I’m confident that we achieved that goal.”

Sessions featured during the event included presentations offering guidelines on various university regulations regarding areas such as employment evaluations, health awareness, stress management and records management. Administrators and staff also led sessions geared towards bring CARC employees up to speed on Information Technology, Research and Development and Administrative and Fiscal Operations.

The conference also featured an interactive session that allowed staff members to collaborate on measuring and documenting successes. “CARC’s mission is to conduct relevant, quality, focused basic and applied research. This conference has demonstrated the staff’s commitment to fulfill that mission,” Parks said.