NCTR and FDA Celebrate Anniversaries

August 9th was a day of celebration at NCTR. NCTR jointly celebrated its 35th anniversary and commemorated the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 1906 Pure Food and Drugs Act, which founded the FDA. Three members of the Arkansas congressional delegation, former Center directors, administrators of prominent state universities, and FDA leadership praised the work accomplished at NCTR and identified NCTR as a leader in public health service. Dr. William Slikker, Jr., Acting Director, hosted the outdoor event.

Senator Blanche L. Lincoln told the visitors and NCTR staff that the ceremony was not to “celebrate your existence, but to celebrate your excellence” and noted that NCTR researchers are “world class professionals.” NCTR was praised for its leadership in public health service, with Senator Mark Pryor noting that NCTR research “makes a difference every day in the quality of American lives.” NCTR performs a critical mission in areas of consumer safety and public health,” added Representative Mike Ross.

Dr. Janet Woodcock, FDA Deputy Commissioner for Operations, was the keynote speaker. She stated that huge advances have been made in science in the last century, and “we are now standing at a crossroads with new science available.”

NCTR’s leadership in developing programs with colleges, universities, and state organizations to mentor graduates and postdoctoral students in becoming successful scientists was acknowledged by two local university chancellors. Dr. Lawrence Davis Jr., University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Chancellor, said the ongoing partnership with NCTR has netted the UAPB a regulatory science program—the only such program in the nation. The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Dr. I. Dodd Wilson, praised the collaborative efforts of NCTR and UAMS.

NCTR’s former directors shared reflections about the beginning of NCTR after the closing of the Biological Operations function of the Pine Bluff Arsenal, the development of the scientific staff, and the creation of the centers of excellence for research using new scientific technologies. All former directors commented on the changes and improvements in the physical plant, with Dr. Morris Cranmer commenting that “This place has gotten a lot prettier.”

Local, State, and FDA Dignitaries Attending

Congressional Delegation
U.S. Senator Mark Pryor
U.S. Senator Blanche L. Lincoln
U.S. Representative Mike Ross

Local University Representatives
Dr. Lawrence Davis Jr., Chancellor,
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Dr. I. Dodd Wilson, Chancellor,
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Dr. Collis Geren,
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Dr. Ron Meyers, Clinton School of Public Service,
University of Arkansas

FDA Leadership
Dr. Janet Woodcock, Deputy Commissioner for Operations
Dr. Stephen Sundlof, Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM)
O.D. Evans, Deputy Regional Field Director, SW Region,
Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA)
Dennis Baker, Regional Director, ORA / SW Region
John Gentile, Director, Office of Financial Management
David Wardrop, Executive Officer, CVM
Gregory Doyle, Chief, Office of Shared Services
Kevin Stine, Chief Information Security Officer
Gary Washington, Director, Office of IT Governance
Kathy Cooper, Director, Employee Resource & Information Center
Dr. Kathleen Uhl, Assistant Commissioner for Women’s Health (OWH)
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