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Dear Members of the Tennessee Academy of Science:

The 119th meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science (TAS) will be held on October 30, 2009. I invite you and your students to participate in what will undoubtedly be a stimulating meeting. The meeting will be held on The University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus in the Carolyn P. Brown University Center.

The 2009 Plenary lecture “Will Our Great Smoky Mountains Someday Go Up in Flames?” will be presented by Dr. Henri D. Grissino-Mayer, Associate Professor and Director of the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Science in the Department of Geography of The University of Tennessee. Dr. Grissino-Mayer’s research involves reconstruction of past environments using information derived from tree-ring data.

Dr. Linda Jordan, Tennessee State Science Consultant, will be providing a workshop on the new State Science Standards for those in higher education who help train pre-service teachers in our respective disciplines. The new mandatory standards will affect all of us in higher education regardless of what discipline we teach.

Thanks to the efforts of Andy Andrews at Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL), we anticipate a field trip to ORNL on Saturday October 31 for a guided “behind the scenes” tour of the facility. This activity is space-limited and advance reservations are required.

Registration and title submission documents and additional information for the meeting will soon be available on the TAS website (<http://www.mtsu.edu/~tnacadsc/>). Titles should be submitted by September 15, abstracts by November 1. Also available on the website are contact information for Section Chairpersons, an application for membership, and forms for nominations of Fellows and to standing committees. Direct any questions concerning the annual meeting to me, the chairperson of your section, or the TAS meeting coordinator Dr. J. Michael Redding (931-372-3135; mredding@tntech.edu).

On behalf of the TAS Executive Committee, I encourage you to participate in the 2009 annual meeting and to take advantage of both the professional fellowship and intellectual stimulation that have long characterized this important event.

Sincerely,

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