

President's Message

Special Issue in honor of Dr. George W. Wicks: Recipient of the 2010 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research

Dr. Wicks has worked for more than 30 years at Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL), and was the 2005 winner of the CNTA Distinguished Scientist Award. He is best known for his research and leadership in developing and understanding processes, systems, and procedures for immobilizing and disposing of potentially hazardous nuclear waste. In 2004, SRNL and the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) signed an historic collaborative agreement that combines the skills of the two premier research institutions, to achieve results that would be out of the reach of either institution on its own. The two institutions' strengths enhance the quality of the team's work, making it more attractive to funding organizations such as the National Institutes of Health. Current and potential areas of collaboration include expansion of research in dental materials science, including studies of radiation effects on dental materials; biotechnology research in areas from biodefense to biological waste treatment and bioremediation; behavior and health effects of environmental contaminants; technologies developed for homeland defense applications and emergency medicine; materials developed for waste management uses that could be adapted for therapeutic treatments; 3-D imaging and rapid fabrication technologies; and adapting sensor systems from environmental monitoring and cleanup for use in surgery and diagnosis.

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