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UGA FACULTY OF ENGINEERING TO HOST SYMPOSIUM

ATHENS, Ga. — The University of Georgia Faculty of Engineering will host a symposium to explore trends in interdisciplinary engineering April 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Classic Center in Athens.

The purpose of the daylong event, entitled *Towards 2010: The Faculty of Engineering at UGA*, is to gain insight from state leaders regarding the development of interdisciplinary engineering programs at the University of Georgia. The event will examine ways in which engineering can strengthen the State of Georgia's competitiveness, and define the involvement of Georgia leaders in advancing engineering teaching, research and outreach at UGA.

The morning session will feature a panel discussion on new models for comprehensive engineering at research universities. The discussion will be moderated by Lindsay Thomas, president/CEO, Georgia Chamber of Commerce; and Dr. Rob Williams, senior fellow, J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership. Panel members include Russell Medford, CEO, Atherogenics; Richard Miller, president, F.W. Olin College of Engineering; John Nemeth, vice president, partnership development, Oak Ridge Associated Universities; Nina Sawezuk, CEO, Zygogen; Greg Sheldon, vice president, technology, operations and architecture, ChoicePoint, Inc.; and Mike Cassidy, president, Georgia Research Alliance. Opening remarks will be made by UGA President Michael Adams.

Afternoon sessions will center around small-group discussions between UGA faculty and symposium participants.

A keynote address will be presented by Dr. Kristina Johnson, dean of the Edmund T. Pratt Engineering School, Duke University.

Founded in 2001, the University of Georgia Faculty of Engineering is a new kind of engineering program organized to capture the convergence of engineering, the arts and sciences. The Faculty of Engineering is dedicated to expanding the role and impact of engineering in the state of Georgia through innovative, interdisciplinary teaching, research and outreach initiatives.

For more information and to register for the symposium, visit www.engineering.uga.edu.

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