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**REGENTS TO HEAR FROM DISTINGUISHED OSU SCIENTIST  
AT JUNE BOARD MEETING IN COLUMBUS (June 16)**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – The Ohio Board of Regents will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, June 16, at the agency's offices, 30 East Broad St., 36<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

The meeting will feature a presentation on "Past and Present Impacts of Climate Change," by Dr. Lonnie G. Thompson, Distinguished University Professor of geological sciences at Ohio State University and a research scientist at the Byrd Polar Research Center. Thompson was elected last month to the National Academy of Sciences.

For almost three decades, Thompson has led an effort to first recognize that the shrinking of tropical glaciers and ice fields is an early warning of the impact of global climate change, and second, to rescue the remaining archives of ancient climate trapped in ice cores from those locations for future research.

Among items scheduled for board action are: institutional reauthorizations for Indiana Wesleyan University and Ohio Northern University, renewal of six tuition reciprocity agreements, approval of another reciprocity agreement, consideration of an addendum to a joint use agreement between the University of Akron and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, academic program authorizations and requests to the state Controlling Board.

Media and the public are encouraged to attend the board meeting and the 9 a.m.-noon committee meetings, all being held in main conference room at the Ohio Board of Regents offices.

The Ohio Board of Regents is the coordinating body for higher education in the state. Created in 1963 by the General Assembly, the 11-member public board has a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio's colleges and universities.

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**Note:** A board meeting agenda and committee meeting schedule are attached. The next monthly meeting of the Ohio Board of Regents is scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m., July 14 at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio.