**CIMAS Five Year Review**

The mandated CIMAS Five Year Review for Non-Competitive Renewal was held at CIMAS on September 18 and 19th, 2014. Thanks to all the scientists who gave excellent presentations, the input the Panel received from our local (and DC based) NOAA constituents as well as participating local Partner Universities, the Panel has recommended their highest rating, Outstanding. We are also grateful for the gracious support provided by RSMAS Facilities, IT and Security. All contributed to making the meeting a great success.

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The Agenda and the presentations given to the SAB Panel charged with reviewing CIMAS can be found at:

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