

CCRHD AT 2017 RCMI CONFERENCE



The Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities (CCRHD) at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus (UPR-MSC) sponsored the participation of 30 faculty and graduate students in the 2017 RCMI Translational Science Meeting held in Washington DC. A partial list of the oral and abstract presentations follows.

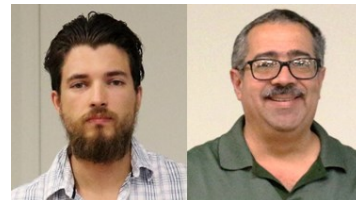
- Irma and María in Puerto Rico: Natural Disasters in a Colonial Archipelago, Dr. Carlos Rodríguez Díaz
- SMS to Improve Infant Weight Gain and Feeding Practices, Dr. Cristiana Palacios
- Disparity Among Obstetrical Services in **Zika** Affected Areas, Dr. Maribel Campos
- Risk Communication for **Zika Virus** Prevention: A CBPR Study, Dr. Deborah Juarbe
- Minority Student Perceptions and Interest in Health Careers, Dr. Wilfredo De Jesús
- MicroRNA Association with **Cancer** in Hispanics, Dr. Abiel Roche-Lima
- Pharmacogenetic Study on Clopidogrel Response in Puerto Ricans, Dr. Jorge Duconge
- Modulation of SIG1R in **HIV/Cocaine** Exposed Macrophages, Dr. Loyda Meléndez
- Targeting C-MYC-Regulated Molecules in Ovarian **Cancer**, Dr. Pablo Vivas
- Entomological Survey of Mosquitoes in Arbovirus Endemic Area, Dr. Emilee Colón

HONORS AND AWARDS

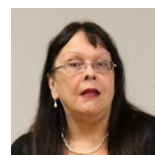


Dr. José Cordero, former Dean of Public Health at the UPR-MSC and RCMI Collaborator, was selected by the American Public Health Association (APHA) to receive the 2017 *Sedgwick Memorial Medal* for Distinguished Service in Public Health. The award was presented by APHA President, Dr. Thomas C. Quade, in recognition of Dr. Cordero's public health research and mentorship achievements as well as his lifelong effort to translate scientific findings to public health practice and policy.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



Carlos Rullán, and Vladimir Vélez Segarra
Biochemistry Education Research Design
November 7, 20167



Dr. Carmen Cadilla
Biomedical Sciences Update
November 10, 2017



Dr. Daniela C. Gonzalez
My Beauty Journey from Graduate School to Industry and from Innovation to Market
November 17, 2017

COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

Dr. Uriyoán Colón, from the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University, shared with the CCRHD the nutrition infographics "El Plato Huracanado", developed in collaboration with students supervised by Dr. Alicia Diaz Boulon at the MSC- School of Health Professions. The material is part of the study "Documenting the Food Chain Disruption The Aftermath of Hurricane Maria and Identifying Opportunities for Food Commodities to Fill This Gap". The data collected will be used to design a rapid assessment tool of food commodities that can be used in future emergency situations, and to provide more accurate nutritional advice to affected populations.



CONGRATULATIONS



We are pleased to announce the recent designation of Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet as the president of the RCMI Program Directors' Association. The election was conducted at a meeting held during the RCMI Translational Science Conference in Washington DC.

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Number of subjects currently enrolled in the pilot project "Risk Communication and Community Engagement to Address Zika Virus Prevention."



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