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68%

Percent of female students enrolled at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus in academic year 2016-2017.



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BIOMEDICAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet, Principal Investigator of the Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities (CCRHD) at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus, participated in the third PR STEM's Up to the Challenge Education Summit held on March 7, 2017. The event promotes the academic competitiveness of middle and high school students in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, known as a STEM. G-Works Inc. and the Amgen Foundation sponsored the event.

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS



Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet, Principal Investigator of the CCRHD, attended the training workshop "Ensuring Diversity, Inclusion and Meaningful Participation in Clinical Trials" sponsored by the Association of Black Cardiologists and Morehouse School of Medicine in collaboration with RTRN and the US FDA Office of Minority Health and the Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute. Dr. Fernández-Repollet presented at the Spotlight Session, "A Proof Concept for the RTRN Innovation Catalyst".



On March 22, the CCRHD received the visit of University of Rochester research team participating in the Puerto Rico Test Site for Exploring Contamination Threats (PROTECT) project. The group was led by Dr. Tim Dye, Informatics Core Director and PI of the TL1 Training Program. Potential collaborations with RCMI investigators working on the area of placental research were discussed.



Investigators from the PROTECT and the Children's Environmental Health Center (CRECE, Spanish acronym) projects presented their research achievements to Dr. Linda Birbaum, NIEHS Director. Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet attended the meeting held on March 27, 2017.

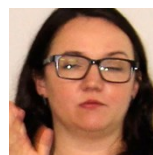
SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



Dr. John D. Houle
Exercise after Spinal Cord Injury: More than Just a Strategy for Rehabilitation
March 10, 2017



Dr. Brian Baliff
Advanced Techniques in Proteomics: Targeted and Large-Scale Quantitative Proteomics
March 13, 2017



Dr. Eimear Kenny
Embracing Diversity to Improve Genomic Medicine
March 14, 2017



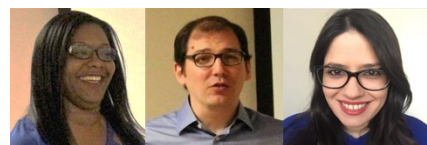
Dr. Harold I Saavedra
The Role of Centrosome Amplification and Unregulated Mitosis in Breast Cancer
March 21, 2017



Dr. Andrea Gaedigk
The Universe of Pharmacogene Variation: Astrolabe Guiding the Way
March 24, 2017



Dr. Riccardo Papa
Complex Cis-regulatory Architecture and Modularity are Key Features in Adaptive Radiations
March 28, 2017



Ms. Karian Wright, Dr. Miguel Garcia-Diaz and Dr. Teresa Martínez
Pipelines and Pathways: Opportunities for research Collaboration and Student Recruitment with Stony Brook University's Center for Inclusive Education, March 29, 2017

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Dr. Gregory Quirk, director of the RCMI Pilot Project Program conducted a "mock review" with the participation of seven early-stage investigators from the Schools of Medicine, Public Health and Pharmacy. The activity, conducted on March 31, 2017, was evaluated as outstanding.