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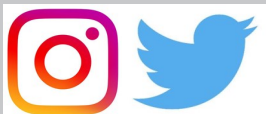
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Number of participants enrolled in research projects supported by the RCMI-Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities.

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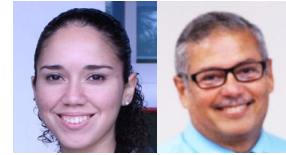


WEBNEWS

September 2019

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Biochemistry Research Education Design Seminar Series



Ailed Cruz and Nelson Martínez
September 3, 2019



Melissa C. Ortíz and Héctor Jirau
September 10, 2019

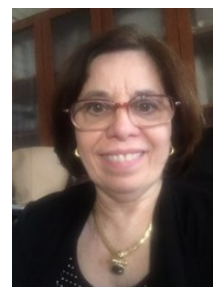


Ginnette Santiago and Blanca Quiñones
September 17, 2019



RCMI-CCRHD Core Leaders Meeting
September 17, 2019

EDITORIAL BOARD APPOINTMENT



Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet, Principal Investigator of the Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities, has been invited to join the Topic Board of the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH). *The International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* is an interdisciplinary peer-review open access journal published semi-monthly online by MDPI. It covers Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Public Health, Environmental Health, Occupational Hygiene, Health Economic and Global Health Research. As the Journal Board member, she will lead special issues, supervise the editorial process, provide suggestions in specific cases of paper processing and promote IJERPH at national and local conferences.

Helen Rodriguez-Trias Social Justice Award



The American Public Health Association announced today that Dr. **Carmen M. Vélez-Vega**, a professor of social sciences at the University of Puerto Rico's Graduate School of Public Health and Director of the Community Engagement Core at the RCMI Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities,

will receive the prestigious **Helen Rodriguez-Trias Social Justice Award**. The Helen Rodriguez-Trias Social Justice Award is presented to an individual who has distinguished themselves professionally by working toward social justice for underserved and disadvantaged populations. This award is named after the late Helen Rodriguez-Trias, past president of the American Public Health Association and a pediatrician.
CONGRATULATIONS!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY



On September 26, 2019, as part of the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month the Community Engagement Core (CEC) coordinated a visit to the Technological Institute in Manatí. The activity included presentations by Dr. Pablo Vivas' laboratory staff. Dr. Vivas is an RCMI Research Project Investigator. Ms. Yasmarie Santana and Ms. Blanca Quiñones discussed the risks factors, symptoms, and prevention measures related to ovarian cancer. Ms. Irene Lafarga, CEC Coordinator, with the assistance of Ms. Jeyshka Reyes and Ms. Moraima Sosa handed out an ovarian cancer awareness brochure prepared for this event. Promotional materials related to the Center of Collaborative Research in Health Disparities (CCRHD) were also distributed.



Eighty-nine students from different disciplines including nursing and radiology, as well as 18 professors and staff members participated in the activity. The students and faculty were very satisfied with the activity and the opportunity to learn about ovarian cancer, which according to them is rarely discussed compare with other types of cancer.