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100%

Percentage of users that will recommend RCMI Research facilities to others (Source: RCMI User Satisfaction Survey 2016).



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



On May 18-20, 2016 the National Research Mentor Network (NRMN) Southeast/Deep South Training Hub held a kick-off event in Atlanta. The event was hosted by Morehouse School of Medicine, through the NRMN Research Resources and Outreach Core (RROC) lead by Dr. Elizabeth Ofili and her team. The 3-day event included grant-writing coaching sessions, a mentoring institutional planning forum, and a speaker series focused on helping new health equity investigators pursue research independence. Participants from the UPR-MSU included Dr. Adriana Baez, Associate Director of RROC and Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet, member of RROC External Advisory Board. Approximately 13 senior faculty coaches led the grant-writing training for more than 40 junior faculty and post-docs, while 12 senior faculty and administrators participated in the mentoring institutional planning forum.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus celebrated the Vth Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health in conjunction with the Ibero-American Encounter of Schools in Public Health. These events brought together renowned international researchers and academicians with the purpose of discussing the most pressing and diverse topics in public health at a global scale. The conferences were held on May 2-4, 2016 at the Puerto Rico Convention Center and attracted over 800 participants, including representatives from 75 community organizations.



CONGRATULATIONS



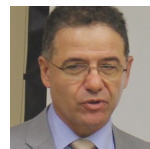
We congratulate Dr. Guillermo Yudowski, Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology, on his article *Mechanisms of Biased β -Arrestin-Mediated Signaling Downstream from the Cannabinoid 1 Receptor*, published in *Molecular Pharmacology*. The article was recently recognized as among the top ten articles viewed in the last trimester. Citation: *Mol Pharmacol*. 2016 Jun;89(6):618-29. doi:10.1124/mol.115.103176. Epub 2016 Mar 23. PubMed PMID: 27009233; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4885504.

GENOMIC DATA TRAINING

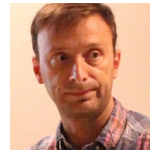


Dr. Abiel Roche-Lima, RCMI Bioinformatician, attended the *Big Genomic Data Skills Training for Professors* sponsored by the Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine in Farmington, CT. Dr. Roche-Lima was a presenter at this training activity.

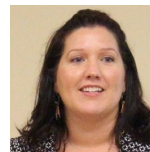
SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



Dr. Gus Kousoulas
Determinants of HSV-1 Neuronal Infection: Implications for Live-attenuated Vaccine Design
May 3, 2016



Dr. Guillermo Yudowski
The New Pharmacology of G protein-coupled Receptors
May 5, 2016



Dr. Jill R Turner
Neuregulin3-ErbB4 (HER4) Signaling: Possible Therapeutic Target for Treatment of Comorbid Nicotine Dependence and Schizophrenia
May 6, 2016



Dr. Adrian Llerena
Clinical Pharmacogenetics: Ethnicity, Regulation and Clinical Implementation
April 15, 2016



Dr. Stuart A. Scott
Translational Pharmacogenomics: Discovery, Education and Implementation
May 20, 2016



Drs. Michael Gonzalez and Jorge Miranda-Massari
Bio-Energetic Theory of Carcinogenesis
May 24, 2016

CORE RESOURCES: USERS SURVEY



Technical Specialists of the Collaborative Center for Health Disparities met to discuss and celebrate the results of the survey conducted to assess user satisfaction with RCMI-supported core research resources. The total number of survey responses was 245, representing 56% of all the questionnaires sent (437). A hundred percent (100%) of all responders indicated that they will recommend the use of these facilities to others, and 82% rated the technical support received as excellent. The meeting was coordinated by Ms. Carol Torres, RCMI Key Activity Manager.