

2017 RCMI CONFERENCE



Investigators from the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus (UPR-MSC) attended the 2017 RCMI Translational Science Conference held October 28-November 1, in Washington, D.C. The conference was designed to highlight the importance of basic, clinical and population research collaborations in addressing minority health and health disparities. Activities included keynote/plenary lectures by nationally recognized scholars, oral and poster presentations, as well as technical workshops for investigators, trainees, clinicians and community partners.

Dr. Elizabeth Ofili, RTRN Principal Investigator reported that more than 700 attendees and 125 academic institutions were represented in the conference. Dr. Ofili thanked RCMI leadership and researchers for the success of the event and for their efforts in addressing and improving health outcomes. At the Opening Plenary session, NIH Director, Dr. Francis Collins, highlighted the role of RCMI institutions in moving forward research that will lead to elimination of health disparities. Dr. Eliseo Perez-Stable, NIMHD Director, shared NIMHD goals for the RCMI Program giving special attention to the advancement of knowledge in all areas of science, especially minority health and engagement of the community in health disparities, genuine research, and productive collaborations with other NIH-supported programs.



According to Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet, Principal Investigator of the Center for Collaborative Research in Minority Health and Health Disparities, the UPR-MSC contributed significantly to the success of the RCMI Translational Science Conference, as evidenced by the 24 abstract reviewed by our investigators, 55 attendees, 52 invited poster and oral presentations, and a busy exhibit receiving over a 100 visits.



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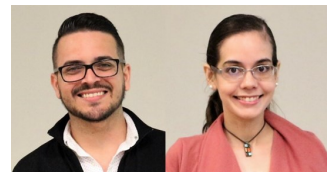
Number of abstracts submitted to the 2017 RCMI Translational Research Conference.



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SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Biochemistry Research Education Design Seminar Series



Luis Borrero and María Del Mar Maldonado
October 17, 2017



Ginette Santiago, Blanca Quiñones, Michael Rivera
October 24, 2018



Yesenia Rodríguez and Amanda Flores
October 31, 2017

RCMI SPECIALIZED CENTERS



The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), part of the National Institutes of Health, funded seven new awards to support the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) Specialized Centers program. RCMI is designed to support institutional research capacity and foster the career development of new and early career investigators conducting minority health and health disparities research.

"Institutions with a historical commitment to diversity are essential to supporting scientific research and providing health care to underserved communities," said NIMHD Director Dr. Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable in the announcement.

The seven RCMI grantees are: Florida International University, Meharry Medical College, North Carolina Central University, Northern Arizona University, Tuskegee University, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus (UPR-MSC).

Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet will serve as Principal Investigator of the RCMI Center for Collaborative Research in Minority Health and Health Disparities at the UPR-MSC. The Center will support three research projects in the areas of cancer, personalized medicine and infant obesity.