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in Health Disparities

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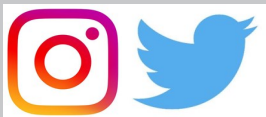
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**4,000**

Estimated number of deaths  
caused by last year's devastating  
Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

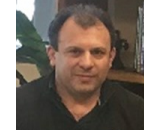
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# WEB NEWS

MAY 2018

## SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



**Jürgen Bosch, Ph.D.**  
*The Invasion Machinery of Plasmodium from a Drug Target Perspective*  
May 7, 2018



**Phillip W. Hinds, Ph.D.**  
*Axe or Scalpel- How Best to Target AKT in BRAFV600E-dependent Melanoma?*  
May 8, 2018



**José G. Conde, M.D., M.P.H.**  
*REDCap in the Lab: Is it Relevant for the Basic Scientist?*  
May 15, 2018



**Abiel Roche-Lima, Ph.D.**  
*Bioinformatics and Health Informatics Portal*  
May 29, 2018

## SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM



**Visions of the Body and The Brain: Advances in Structural and Cellular/Molecular Imaging**  
May 11, 2018

Invited Speakers: **Juan R. García-Pérez, MA**, Johns Hopkins University; **Miguel L Allende, Ph.D.**, Universidad de Chile; **Ricardo Mostany, Ph.D.**, Tulane University and **David McLean, Ph.D.**, Northwestern University.

## COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS



Personnel from the CCRHD and the PROTECT project collaborated in a health clinic sponsored by Dr. Leonel Guerrero and the Disciples of Christ Church. The main focus of the activity was to offer free medical attention and nutritional counseling to residents of the Matrullas Sector in the rural municipality of Orocovis. Over 50 community members received free food, water and first aid services. Flyers about how to properly handle collected water to avoid mosquitos and contamination, as well as free mosquito nets and repellents were distributed among the participants by CCRHD and PROTECT personnel.

## CLINICAL RESEARCH SUMMIT



The Puerto Rico Clinical Research Summit 2018, held in San Juan for the first time, successfully gathered more than 200 key stakeholders, including patients and representatives from academic, pharmaceutical industry and government agencies. The summit featured more than 20 speakers from Puerto Rico, U.S. mainland and Latin America, all recognized experts in the field of clinical research. Participants highlighted that Puerto Rico is a unique destination for clinical studies for several factors, such as its strategic location between North America and South America, a regulatory environment that contributes to the credibility and validity of studies, and the talent and skills of highly qualified physicians.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The research team of the pilot project *Zika Virus Prevention and Risk Communication Strategies*, sponsored by the Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities (CCRHD) at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus, was invited to participate in the Bahia Urbana Health Fair sponsored by the Puerto Rico Department of Housing and the Management Administration Services Corporation. The research team was comprised by Dr. Deborah Juarbe (Project Director), Mr. Samuel Lacen (Health Promoter) and Jhoselie N. Kings (Coordinator). During the event, Mr. Lacen demonstrated the preparation of home-made mosquito-traps, known as "Ago Traps", at an outdoor tent. Over 150 participants from diverse communities attended the demonstrations. As a follow up, those visitors who registered received information on the materials required for the preparation of the home-made traps and instructions on how to build them.

## EXTERNAL EVALUATOR VISIT



The CCRHD received the visit of the external evaluator, Dr. Marcia Carlyn, on May 14-17, 2018. During her visit she conducted meetings with the principal investigator, research investigators, core directors and administrative staff. She discussed preliminary templates of the individual logic models and the overall framework. Ms. Carol Torres continues to assist the external evaluator in areas such as data collection, surveys and participant's interviews. Dr. Carlyn's evaluation reports provide vital feedback regarding the progress of the Center's activities toward accomplishing programmatic goals and objectives.