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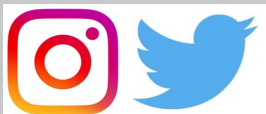
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\$33 million

NIH funding reported for 41 projects
conducted at the UPR Medical Sci-
ences Campus in 2018

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WEBNEWS

May 2019

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RETREAT



On Friday May 31, 2019, the Community Engagement Core (CEC) of the RCMI Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities (RCMI-CCRHD) conducted a retreat at *Los Chavales* Banquet Center. The activity was attended by RCMI-CCRHD investigators and administrative staff, as well as leaders of community organizations. The Agenda included introductions by Dr. Carmen Vélez, CEC Director, Ms. Irene Lafarga, CEC Coordinator and Dr. Emma Fernandez-Repollet, RCMI-CCRHD Principal Investigator, and a panel discussion where representatives of three community organizations shared their experiences when participating in research projects. Professor Edaliz Ferrer followed with a presentation on how to better communicate scientific findings to target audiences. The retreat concluded with a *PhotoVoice* activity in which investigators and community members identified and shared photos which conveyed the importance of academic-community interactions. A total of thirty-one persons attended this event.

ADVANCED PROTEOMICS WORKSHOP



Two technical workshops were organized on May 27-31, 2019 by Dr. Loyda Meléndez and Dr. Horacio Serrano at the Translational Proteomic Center. Dr. Bryan A. Ballif, University of Vermont, provided an update on MS/MS Spectra for Targeted Mass Spectrometry approaches. Drs. Inmaculada Jorge and Emilio Camafeita, Center for Cardiovascular Research in Madrid Spain, provided hands-on activities on Advanced Quantitative Proteomic technologies including Protein Chemistry, Mass Spectrometry, Applied Bioinformatics, among others.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



Robert Desnick, Ph.D.
The Inborn Errors of Heme Biosynthesis: Biochemistry, Genetics, and Therapy
May 1, 2019



Frances Santiago-Schwarz, Ph.D.
Novel Insight into Dendritic Cell Quiescence and Plasticity: Implications for Autoimmunity
May 6, 2019



Joel Vega Ph.D.
Host-parasite-vector Interactions: Targeting Mammalian Fibrinolysis During Malaria Transmission
May 7, 2019



Andrea López-Cepero, Ph.D.
Stress and Risk Factors for Chronic Diseases in U.S. Latinos
May 22, 2019



Victors Mangas-Sanjuan, Ph.D.
Using NonMED in Population Decay-PD Analysis
May 23, 2019



Inmaculada Jorge, Ph.D. and Emilio Camafeita, Ph.D.

Retos de la Proteómica traslacional: Tecnología de última generación aplicada a la investigación "La Oxidación de APOA1 está asociada a la disfuncionalidad de la partícula HDL en el aneurisma de la aorta abdominal humana"
May 30, 2019

MINI-SYMPOSIUM



A Mini-Symposium addressing *Cell-Based Therapies* was held on May 3, 2019. Presenters included Robert J. Desnick, M.D., Ph.D., Steven M. Albelda, M.D., and Todd C. McDevitt, Ph.D. The mini-symposium was organized by Dr Pablo Vivas, CCRHD Research Investigator and Dr. Carmen Cadilla, Lead Investigator of the CCRHD Genomics Services Facility.