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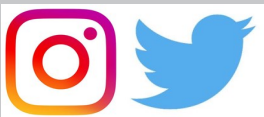
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Reported cases of Zika in the last three years (2016-2018) in Puerto Rico—Sources CDC and Puerto Rico Department of Health as of October 31, 2018



WEBNEWS

October 2018

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



Yahveh Comas Torres, BS Eng.
Intellectual Property: New Policies
October 2, 2018



Derek Haseltine, M.Ed.
Career Development Workshop
October 5, 2018



William A. Banks, M.D., F.A.C.E.
Blood-brain Barrier in Health and Disease
October 30, 2018

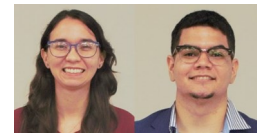
Seminar Series: Biochemistry Research Education Design



Maria del Mar Maldonado, Rachell M. Martinez and Jorge E. Martinez, October 9, 2018



Julia I. Medina, Ricardo A. Noriega and Yenisia Rodriguez
October 16, 2018



Alexandra Torres and Luis Velazquez
October 23, 2018

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER & INNOVATION



A panel addressing the contributions of academia and industry to the development of innovation and technology in the Island was organized as part of the Puerto Rico BioScience Week. The industry sector was represented by executives from Monsanto, BD Biosciences, Eli Lilly and RC Bard. Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet, from the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus, represented the academic sector. Dr. Fernández-Repollet's presentation highlighted the impact of the BioMedical Innovation Laboratory (BIL) on stimulating the interest of undergraduate students in innovation applying 3D printing technology to the development of biomedical applications and educational tools. The BIL was one of the innovative initiatives highlighted by local newspapers covering the activity.

COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS



Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet, Principal Investigator of the Center for Collaboration in Health Disparities, met on October 23rd with leaders and investigators of the RCMI Program at Ponce Health Sciences University. Topics discussed on the meeting included areas of potential collaborations such as cancer, neurosciences, HIV/AIDS, and tropical emerging infectious diseases, among others. Sharing of research resources to support health disparities research and common community engagement approaches were also discussed.

Pre-Med Students Visit BioMedical Innovation Laboratory



The BioMedical Innovation Laboratory (BIL), at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences, hosted the visit of Pre-Medical students to its facilities. The BIL focuses on research activities that apply 3D printing technology to biomedical applications. These activities target undergraduate and high school students interested in this innovative technology. Conferences and demonstrations were conducted with the active participation of students. The activity was evaluated as outstanding and highly recommended to other students. BIL research activities are supervised by Drs. Abraham Schwartz and Emma Fernández-Repollet.