13th RCMI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

December 10-13, 2012
Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel
Puerto Rico Convention Center
San Juan, Puerto Rico
www.rcmibiennial.org

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
Why Attend?

The Symposium offers unparalleled opportunities for networking and exchange of ideas, leading to scientific collaborations, resource sharing, and specialized training related to minority health and health disparities.

SCIENTIFIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Cell Biology and Genetics: Translational Research
- Bioinformatics: Models, Methods, and Algorithms
- Inequities and Disparities of HIV
- Improving Cultural Competency in Healthcare Delivery
- Impact of Infectious Disease on Underrepresented Groups
- Advances in Heart Failure Etiology and Therapy
- Women's Health During Reproductive Aging
- Neurobiological Basis of Addictive Behavior and Disorders
- Genomic Medicine
- Molecular and Genetic Markers: Cancer Risk and Clinical Outcomes

Important Dates

- August 31, 2012: Early-Bird Registration Deadline
- October 5, 2012: Pre-Registration Deadline (all participants)
  Advertisement Purchase/Submission Due
  Exhibitor Booth Descriptors Due
- November 5, 2012: Lodging Discount Deadline
- November 9, 2012: Exhibitor Services Discount Deadline
- December 9, 2012: Pre-Symposium Training Workshops
- December 10, 2012: Symposium Begins

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Email: secretariat@rcmibiennial.org

This activity is hosted by the RCMI Programs at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus, Universidad Central del Caribe, and Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Funded by Grant Number 8U13 MD007596 from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
### Program-at-a-Glance

**Sunday, 9-Dec**
- 6:00 AM: Power Walk/Run
- 7:00 AM: Breakfast
- 8:00 AM: Networking
- 9:00 AM: Training Workshops I, II, III*  
  - VII*  
  - Training Workshops VI*  
  - Training Workshops VIII & IX*  
  - Opening Ceremony
- 10:00 AM: Welcome Reception
- 1:00 PM: Luncheon & General Session IV
- 3:00 PM: Networking

**Monday, 10-Dec**
- 6:00 AM: Power Walk/Run
- 7:00 AM: Breakfast
- 8:00 AM: Networking
- 9:00 AM: Training Workshops II, III*  
  - PI/PDT
- 10:00 AM: Training Workshop IV*  
  - PM/PC†
- 11:00 AM: PM/PC† & Concurrent PM/PC† Sessions 1-3  
  - Luncheon & General Session II
- 12:00 PM: PM/PC† & Concurrent PM/PC† & Association Meeting
- 1:00 PM: Luncheon & General Session IV  
  - Closing Session
- 2:00 PM: Networking
- 3:00 PM: Networking
- 4:00 PM: Networking

**Tuesday, 11-Dec**
- 6:00 AM: Power Walk/Run
- 7:00 AM: Breakfast
- 8:00 AM: Networking
- 9:00 AM: Training Workshops II, III*  
  - PM/PC†  
  - Training Workshops VIII & IX*  
  - Concurrent Scientific Sessions 4-6
- 10:00 AM: Concurrent Scientific Sessions I  
  - Exhibit Hours
- 11:00 AM: PI/PDT Concurrent Scientific Sessions & General Session I
- 12:00 PM: PI/PDT Concurrent Scientific Sessions & General Session I

**Wednesday, 12-Dec**
- 6:00 AM: Power Walk/Run
- 7:00 AM: Breakfast
- 8:00 AM: Networking
- 9:00 AM: General Session III  
  - Community Engagement Research Pipeline
- 10:00 AM: PM/PC† Concurrent Scientific Sessions 7-9
- 11:00 AM: Luncheon & General Session IV
- 12:00 PM: Luncheon & General Session IV
- 1:00 PM: Networking
- 2:00 PM: Networking
- 3:00 PM: Networking

**Thursday, 13-Dec**
- 6:00 AM: Power Walk/Run
- 7:00 AM: Breakfast
- 8:00 AM: Networking
- 9:00 AM: General Session V
- 10:00 AM: General Session V & Puerto Rican Culture Experience
- 11:00 AM: General Session VI
- 12:00 PM: General Session VI
- 1:00 PM: Networking
- 2:00 PM: Networking
- 3:00 PM: Networking
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**Abbreviations**
- **PC** = Program Coordinators
- **PD** = Program Directors
- **PI** = Principal Investigators
- **PM** = Program Managers
PROGRAM OUTLINE

Scientific Agenda
The 13th RCMI International Symposium on Health Disparities will include a number of General Sessions and Concurrent Scientific Sessions consisting of lectures, panel discussions, oral, and poster presentations on the environmental, cultural, socioeconomic, biobehavioral, and genetic bases of health disparities in alternative medicine, biomedical informatics, cancer, cardiovascular disease, environmental toxicology, HIV and AIDS, infectious disease (Non HIV/AIDS), neurologic and neuropsychiatric disorders, reproductive health, obesity and metabolic syndrome, and oral disease-systemic disease.

CME Accreditation
Morehouse School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation of Hours – The Morehouse School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 21 hours in AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Disclosure Statement – Morehouse School of Medicine, in accordance with ACCME guidelines, requires instructors, planners, managers, and other individuals who are in a position to control the content of this activity to disclose any real or apparent conflict of interest they may have as related to the content of this activity. All identified conflicts of interest are thoroughly vetted by MSM for fair balance, scientific objectivity of studies mentioned in the materials or used as the basis for content, and the appropriateness of patient care recommendations.

Continuing Education Information for Other Health Professionals
Continuing Education Services will be provided by the University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus, School of Health Professions, DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. Provider # A0001 of the Puerto Rico Office of Regulation and Certification of Health Professionals, Department of Health of Puerto Rico.

CE Certificate applications will be available at the Symposium Registration Desk for Dentists, Health Educators, Nurses, Pharmacists, Psychologists, Medical Technologists, Physical Therapists, and Occupational Therapists. Health Professionals should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the educational activities.

Designation of Hours – According to the board’s evaluation. This information will be announced on site.

Sunday, December 9, 2012 (Pre-Symposium Training Workshops and Meetings)

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Symposium Registration Check-In
SH-Paseo San Juan Foyer

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Training Workshop I - Effective Grantsmanship *
SH-San Juan Salons 4&5

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Training Workshop II - RTRN Biostatistical Training *
SH-San Juan Salon 1

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Training Workshop III - Understanding the Benefits of Incorporating Translational Research with Clinical Research for Better Health *
SH-San Juan Salons 6-8

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
RCMI Principal Investigators and Program Directors Association Meeting †
SH-San Juan Salons 2&3

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Training Workshop IV - Stereology Workshop *
SH-San Juan Salons 4&5

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Training Workshop V - Biomedical Informatics: Facilitating Translational Discoveries from Clinical and Molecular Datasets *
SH-San Juan Salons 1-3

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
RCMI Program Managers and Coordinators Meeting and Workshop Sessions I †
SH-San Juan Salons 6-8

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
DINNER ON YOUR OWN

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Training Workshop VI - RTRN HITS (Highly Innovative Translational Science)
SH-San Juan Salons 4&5

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## MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012

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<td>General Session V &amp; Puerto Rican Culture Networking Experience - RTRN Translational Research Network(RTRN): The Power of Diversity and Multicultural Engagement – A Focus on Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, &amp; Commercialization</td>
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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012**

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<td>Luncheon and Closing Session - Translating Science to Better Health: Proven ‘Pearls’ to Reduce and Eliminate Health Disparities</td>
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The Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) 2012 Symposium Planning Committee is pleased to announce the dedication of the 13th International Symposium on Health Disparities to Dr. Sidney A. McNairy, Jr. Dr. McNairy’s twenty-five years of exemplary leadership contributed to the development and growth of the RCMI program. He championed the idea that researchers in minority and other small and developing institutions can compete with scientists at majority institutions if presented with the same resources and opportunities. Dr. McNairy worked to foster biomedical research environments in minority institutions that have given thousands of researcher’s access to scientific and educational resources and ensured that a diverse group of scientists contribute to the biomedical research advances that lead to improved health for all.
## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION FEES

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¹ Registration Fees must be paid by the respective deadline in order for discounts to apply. Attendees are responsible for their own expenses related to travel, parking, lodging, and any other incidental charges.

² Post Doc Fellows, Undergraduate, Graduate, Research Assistants, etc.

### PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

When registering online for the 13th RCMI International Symposium on Health Disparities, you have the opportunity to pay by Credit Card or Institution Check.

**NOTE:** If payment is not received by the respective discounted deadline, then your balance due will be adjusted according to the time line and respective rates as noted above.

Visit [www.rcmibiennial.org](http://www.rcmibiennial.org) to register now!
WHY EXHIBIT
By becoming an Exhibitor or Supporter, you will have the unique opportunity to meet, share, and dialogue with key opinion leaders and decision makers. With nearly 1,000 attendees, this conference includes attendees who are involved in clinical and basic science research and represent domestic and international universities, for-profit, and not-for-profit organizations focusing on chronic diseases such as diabetes, HIV and AIDS, hypertension, asthma, cancer, and heart disease. As an exhibitor or supporter, you will meet attendees and exchange information about products and services directly related to the conduct of bench, clinical, and community-based research activities.

Assignment of space will be on a first-come, first-served basis and at the sole discretion of the program planning committee. For more information, contact exhibitors@rcmibiennial.org.

Visit www.rcmibiennial.org to register now!

ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
In addition to exhibit space, we are providing and opportunity for advertisement in the RCMI2012 Program Syllabus. Institutions can share upcoming educational events, career opportunities, and the like. Commercial product endorsements and promotional activities are prohibited. All ads must be reviewed for appropriateness and will be accepted accordingly. For inquiries, contact exhibitors@rcmibiennial.org.

FEES PER ADVERTISEMENT
For discounted rates to apply, funds must be received by the respective deadline. Ads may be submitted in Illustrator, EPS, TIFF, or Photoshop files (minimum 300 DPI with 1/4” margin, 1/4” bleed, and 1/4” slug).

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VENUE

All events for the 13th RCMI International Symposium on Health Disparities will convene at the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Sheraton will be the host hotel for lodging.

Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel
200 Convention Boulevard
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907
Phone: +1.787.993.3500
Fax: +1.787.993.3505

Puerto Rico Convention Center
100 Convention Boulevard
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907
Phone: +1.800.214.0420
Fax: +1.787.725.2133

Group Standard Room Rates
The following daily room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 11%), a 14% Hotel Service Fee, and a mandatory $5.00 per person one-time bell man gratuity. Rates may be available 3 days prior and 3 days after the Event Dates subject to availability of guest rooms at the time of reservation.

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Lodging Discount Deadline - November 5, 2012 (5:00 PM Atlantic Time)
After November 5, 2012, it is at the hotel’s discretion whether to accept additional reservations, which will be subject to prevailing rates and availability.
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