



CARIBBEAN DIVISION



2021
SouthEast
Regional IDeA
Conference

American Association for the Advancement
of Science Caribbean Division (AAAS-CD)

Annual Meeting 2021

Jointly with 2021 SouthEast Regional IDeA Conference

PROGRAM

Friday, November 12

Day 1: After COVID-19: Impact of Air Quality on Human Health

08:30 AM – 09:20 AM
09:30 AM – 09:45 AM

Registration Desk (confirmation of registration)
Welcome Introduction and Dedication: San Juan & Caguas Stations
American Academy of Asthma, Allergy & Immunology (AAAAI)
National Allergy Bureau (NAB)
Filipa Godoy-Vitorino, Ph.D. President, AAAS-Caribbean Division

09:50 AM – 10:40 AM

Plenary Talk: American Academy of Asthma, Allergy & Immunology
(AAAAI) Puerto Rico Stations
Benjamin Bolaños, Ph.D., Professor, UPR Medical Sciences Campus,
Director, AAAAI Puerto Rico Stations

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Q&A
Distinguished Reactor Panel
Moderator: Lorraine Velez, MPH, PhD candidate
Wilfredo De Jesús Rojas, M.D. Pediatric Pneumologist
Humberto Cavallin, Ph.D. Architect

12:30PM – 3:00pm

Lunch (Attendees that registered and speakers)
Set-up Poster Session for Saturday

Day 2: Beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. Demographics, what now?

12:30 PM – 1:20 PM
1:30 PM – 2:20 PM

Registration Desk (confirmation of registration)
Plenary Talk **Hernando Mattei, Ph.D.**
Graduate School of Public Health, Medical Sciences Campus
University of Puerto Rico
San Juan, PR

2:20 PM – 2:35 PM
2:40 PM – 3:45 PM

Q&A
Distinguished Panel “A view of the University in a post-pandemic world”
Moderators: Ricardo Gonzalez-Mendez, Ph.D., UPR Medical Sciences Campus
and Wilmarí Jesús, Demographer
Ubaldo Córdova-Figueroa, Ph.D. Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Research (UPR)
Luis Iturralde Albert, EdD Vice President for Research, UAGM)
Jose Torres Ruiz, Ph.D. Chancellor Ponce Health Sciences University
Angela de Jesus, Ph.D. Chancellor, Guayama Campus, Inter American University

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM
4:00 PM – 5:15 PM
5:20 PM – 6:30 PM

Coffee Break
Poster Session
Award Ceremony
Moderators: Filipa Godoy-Vitorino, Ph.D., Chair of Microbiology, UPR Medical
Campus, and Jorge Colón, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, UPR, Río Piedras Campus
*Lucy Gaspar Award Presentation
Awardee: **Prof. Jose Díaz**, Escuela Vocacional Miguel Such
by Jessica Gaspar, Ph.D. Interim Director of the Drama Department of the Río
Piedras Campus of the University of Puerto Rico
10 min Awardee talk

Sciences

*Robert Larus Award, Best Student Poster Presentation by Natasha de León, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor Inter Metro

*COVID Science Communication and Living Expenses Grant by Andreica Maldonado,
M.S.W., Grants Program Director; Puerto Rico Science, Technology, and Research
(confirmed)

Trust
6:30 PM-8:00 PM
8:00 PM

Cocktail (jointly with SouthEast Regional IDeA Conference)
Adjourn

Saturday, November 13