

RCMI Infectious and Global Diseases Symposium: A Tribute to Professor George V. Hillyer



Monday, March 7, 2016
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Amphitheatre, Sixth Floor
Guillermo Arbona Irizarry Building
UPR-Medical Sciences Campus

- 1:00 – 1:10 pm **Welcome – Introductory Remarks**
Adelfa E. Serrano, Ph.D., RCMI-Infectious and Global Diseases Program
Mark W. Miller, Ph.D., RCMI-Translational Neurosciences Program
Noel J. Aymat, DMD, Chancellor, UPR-Medical Sciences Campus
Edgar Colón, MD, Dean, UPR-School of Medicine
- 1:10 – 1:25 pm **In memoriam: Dr. George V. Hillyer**
Angel Román Franco, MD, Distinguish Professor, Dept. of Pathology
- 1:25 – 2:25 pm **Schistosomiasis: Historical and Ecological Perspectives on an Unconquered Neglected Tropical Disease**
Eric “Sam” Loker, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor of Biology
The University of New Mexico
Director, NIH COBRE Center for Evolutionary & Theoretical Immunology
- 2:25 – 3:25 pm **Fighting malaria with engineered symbiotic bacteria from the mosquito midgut**
Marcelo Jacobs-Lorena, Ph.D.
Professor
Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology
Malaria Research Institute
Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 3:25 – 3:35 pm **Coffee Break**
- 3:35 – 4:30 pm ***Plasmodium* parasites hijack the mammalian fibrinolytic system to infect the mosquito and the host**
Joel Vega-Rodríguez, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology
Malaria Research Institute
Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 4:30 pm **Concluding Remarks**

