



# Community Dynamics in a Changing World

Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde Beach Resort  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

**February 28, 9:30 AM – 6:00PM**

## Important Dates

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** January 30, 2026
- **Abstract Acceptance Notification:** February 5, 2026
- **Symposium Date:** February 28, 2026
- **Location:** San Juan, Puerto Rico

**Event will be free of charge**  
**Please follow instructions below**



## **Submission Instructions**

- **Abstracts must be submitted by email in Word or PDF format**
- **Email address:** [cobremicrobiomepr.rcm@upr.edu](mailto:cobremicrobiomepr.rcm@upr.edu)
- **Email subject line: ABSTRACT – YOUR NAME**
- **The email must include:**
  - Name of the presenting author
  - Abstract title
  - Attached abstract file (Word or PDF)
  - Presenter status (Undergraduate, Graduate, Postdoc, or Faculty)
  - Indication of preference for short oral talk or poster presentation
  - Topic: Indicate your topic (up to 3 keywords to facilitate disposition of posters)

## **Presentation & Registration Requirements**

- The presenting author must register using the same email used for abstract submission
- Presenters must be available to present in person in San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 28, 2026. Remote presentations are not available
- Registration is free, however the PR-CMS does not provide travel funding
- International submitters are responsible for all travel funding and documentation and are encouraged to apply for visas as early as possible

## **Important Policies**

- The abstract submitter must be the first/presenting author
- Each abstract may only be submitted once
- Overlapping abstracts submitted by multiple presenters will be rejected
- Approval of all co-authors must be obtained before submission
- Rejected abstracts may not be edited or resubmitted
- Abstracts must be well written, easy to understand, and in English



### **Abstract Title**

*(Short, concise, and descriptive. Not included in the 2,500-character count.)*

### **Author Information**

**Presenting Author (First Author):** Full Name

**Co-Author(s):** Full Name(s)

**Institution(s):** Department, Institution, City, Country

**Presenter Status:** Undergraduate Student / Graduate Student / Postdoc / Faculty

**Presentation Preference:** Short Oral Talk / Poster

### **Abstract Body**

- **Background**
  - Clearly state the scientific background and the central question, hypothesis, or discovery motivating the study. Explain the relevance of the work to microbiome research.
- **Methods**
  - Briefly describe the objective, experimental design, sample source, and analytical methods used. Methods should reflect objective data collection and analysis.
- **Results**
  - Present key findings of the study. Preliminary data are acceptable. Results should be clearly stated and data-focused. Do not include tables or figures.
- **Conclusion**
  - Summarize the main conclusions and significance of the findings. Briefly describe the implications or future directions.

**Keywords:** Indicate up to three keywords

### **Funding**

- State any source(s) of funding contributing to this work. *(Not included in the 2,500-character limit.)*

*(Maximum length: 2,500 characters for the abstract body only. Title, authors, affiliations, and funding are not included in the character count.)*

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