



**Puerto Rico Society of Microbiologists - ASM Local Branch**

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting 2013**

# **New Trends in Food Microbiology**

**June 20 - 21, 2013**

**Verdanza Hotel**

**Isla Verde, Carolina, Puerto Rico**



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TWO DAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240	<input type="checkbox"/> \$260

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## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

If you register on time you can enjoy our members' special Meeting registration fee and reserve your space. Only those who have paid their 2012 - 2013 annual dues are considered PRSM members and will enjoy our membership's special fees. **June 07, 2013** is the membership's renewal and Meeting's **registration deadline**.

To qualify for **member's special rates**, you must have already renewed your membership (July 01, 2012 - June 30, 2013 period), or renew it on or before **deadline**. Registrations **postmarked or paid with PayPal after June 07, 2013**, will have to register as a non-member and a **Late Registration Fee of \$25.00** will be applied. **Late Registration Fee of \$50.00** will be applied to **ONSITE REGISTRATIONS**.

**After June 07, please call us to inquire about space availability. PRSM CAN NOT GUARANTEE SPACE to those who register after June 07, 2013 or prefer to do it ONSITE.**

Continuing Education Credits are **\$10.00 / day** and are given by the University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus. Credits apply to the Health Related Professionals: Medical Technologists and Registered Microbiologists.

Please make sure that you read all the Annual Convention Registration Form's information before sending us your registration. Payment can be made with PayPal / ATM / AMEX / MC / VISA, or make check / money order **payable to Puerto Rico Society of Microbiologists and mail to:**

**Annual Meeting 2013**  
Sociedad de Microbiólogos de Puerto Rico  
Box 360175  
San Juan, PR 00936-0175

Please review your renewal letter for your membership's status or call us ASAP for any doubt or additional registration information:

**smpr50@gmail.com / roburotero.smpr2011@yahoo.com**  
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## Verdanza Hotel



Dear colleagues and friends, the Puerto Rico Society of Microbiologists has the pleasure of inviting you to our interesting 2013 Annual Meeting, to be held at the Verdanza Hotel's Grand Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> level). Our Exhibitors will be located at the Aria Room and 2<sup>nd</sup> level's foyer.

We are looking forward to share with you in this luxurious and comfortable property, conveniently located only 7 km (4.4 mi) from the center of Carolina. Nearby places of interest include: Luis Muñoz Marín Intl. Airport (SJU), Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Puerto Rico, Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico, Centro de Bellas Artes Luis A. Ferré. It is only steps away from Isla Verde's beautiful beaches and tasteful kioskos.

In Verdanza, "verde" stands for the Spanish word for green, making reference to its location in Isla Verde and evoking the green lushness which characterizes our Island and the hotel's commitment to the environment. "Danza" is an artistic expression from our Puerto Rican culture and heritage: a richly melodic and harmonious musical genre that for centuries has articulated our heart and soul. Come and enjoy this experience with us, while sharing the latest information in Food Microbiology with our distinguished lecturers. Your valued presence will add to our Meeting's SUCCESS!!!

PRSM Members Special Parking Fee: **\$8.56 / day**  
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**Puerto Rico Society of Microbiologists - Local ASM Branch  
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Thursday, June 20, 2013**

- AM**     **Moderator:** Ana M. del Llano, Ph.D.
- 7:30**     **Registration & Breakfast with Exhibitors / Visit to Exhibitors**
- 8:30**     **Welcoming remarks and presentation of “Proclama de la Semana del Microbiólogo” to the first graduate students’ chapter: Microbiology Chapter of the University of Puerto Rico-Medical Sciences Campus (Lizaida Pérez Sánchez, doctoral candidate, President; Edna Aquino, PhD, Mentor)**  
Robur Otero, BS, PRSM President 2001; 2011-2013
- Greetings from Joseph M. Campos, Ph.D., DAPMM, FAAM,**  
ASM National Secretary  
Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, D.C.
- Tribute to Mrs. Rosa Peguero de Lluberes, Past President,**  
El Koury-Medina Award Recipient and Emeritus Member  
Ana M. del Llano, Ph.D.
- 9:00**     **We Are What We Eat**  
María L. Marco, Ph.D., ASM Distinguished Lecturer  
University of California, Davis, California
- 10:00**     **AM Break**
- 10:15**     **Exhibitors’ Presentations: What’s New in the Field?**
- 11:15**     **Visit to Exhibitors**
- 12:15**     **Lunch**

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- PM**     **Moderator:** Filipa Godoy-Vitorino, Ph.D.
- 1:15**     **Non-therapeutic Antibiotic Use in Animal Agriculture-  
The Intersection of Politics, Public Health and Microbiology**  
Gail R. Hansen, D.V.M., M.P.H., Senior Officer and Staff Veterinarian  
Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming  
The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, D.C.
- 2:15**     **Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology:  
25 Years of Development and Projections to the Future**  
Daniel Y. C. Fung, MSPH, Ph.D.  
Professor of Food Science, Animal Sciences and Industry, Kansas  
State University, Manhattan, Kansas; Distinguished University  
Professor, Veterinary College, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona,  
Spain; Fellow of IFT, ASM and IUFoST
- 3:15**     **PM Break & Raffle**
- 3:30**     **Exhibitors’ Presentations: What’s New in the Field?**
- 4:00**     **El Koury-Medina Award Presentation to Agnes Martínez Lahoz, M.S., J.D.**  
Miguel Urdaneta, M.S.
- Dr. Arturo L. Carrión Award Presentation to Carlos A. Sariol, M.S., M.D.**  
Lilliam Casillas Martínez, Ph.D.
- Dr. Arturo L. Carrión Memorial Lecture Dengue:  
Learned Lessons and New Concepts**  
Carlos A. Sariol Curbelo, M.S., M.D.  
Director, Virology Laboratory, Caribbean Primate Research Center and  
Unit of Comparative Medicine, School of Medicine,  
University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, P. R.
- 5:30**     **Reception & Cocktail**

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- AM**     **Moderator:** Mariel E. Pérez-Vélez, Ph.D.
- 7:30**     **Registration & Breakfast with Exhibitors / Visit to Exhibitors**
- 8:30**     **Welcoming Remarks**  
Robur Otero, BS, PRSM President 2001; 2011-2013
- 8:45**     **Special Topic Presentation: Highlights from the 2013 ASM General Meeting, Emphasizing Advances in Clinical Microbiology**  
Joseph M. Campos, Ph.D., DAPMM, FAAM, ASM National Secretary, Children's National Medical Center, Washington, D.C.
- 9:45**     **Food Safety: From Farm to Table - What Does it Mean?**  
Edna Negrón, Ph.D.  
Professor and Director, Food Science and Technology (CITA)  
University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, P. R.  
Collaborator, National Center for Home Food Preservation  
University of Georgia, Georgia
- 10:45**     **AM Break**
- 11:00**     **Visit to Exhibitors / Administrative Meeting for PRSM Members**
- 12:15**     **Lunch**

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- PM**     **Moderator:** Lizaida Pérez Sánchez, doctoral candidate
- 1:15**     **The Indigenous Plant Microbiota as Drivers of Fresh Produce Food Safety**  
María L. Marco, Ph.D., ASM Distinguished Lecturer  
University of California, Davis, California
- 2:15**     **The Other STEC: The Non-O157:H7 Shiga Toxin Producing *E. coli*, Their Role in Foodborne Illness**  
Mildred Chaparro Serrano, Ph.D.  
Professor and Director, MARC Program  
University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, P. R.
- 3:15**     **PM Break**
- 3:30**     **Defense and Bioterrorism: Protecting the Food Supply**  
Edna Negrón, Ph.D.  
Professor and Director, Food Science and Technology (CITA)  
University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, Mayagüez, P. R.  
Collaborator, National Center for Home Food Preservation  
University of Georgia, Georgia
- 4:30**     **Closing Remarks and Raffle**  
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