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## AGMUS 2011 Research Symposium

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**September 16-17, 2011,  
 Hotel Conrad San Juan  
 Condado Plaza Hotel  
 San Juan, Puerto Rico**

### Call for Abstracts

**A Word from the Organizers**

Dear students and research fellows:

We invite you to participate in the AGMUS 2011 Research Symposium. This symposium was initiated by UMET's Science Honor Program to give our students the opportunity to present their scientific research experiences. Since 2000, we have expanded the reach of our meeting to include other institutions in Puerto Rico and the US mainland targeting minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Now, in 2011, the symposium is implemented by the staff of the Student Research Development Center (SRDC), which is part of the Vice Presidency for Planning and Academic Affairs of the Ana G. Méndez University System (AGMUS). This opportunity will not only serve as a forum to learn about research experiences at the pre-college, undergraduate and graduate level, but will also allow you to enjoy the wonders of our beautiful Borinquen scenery. For two days you will be able to learn about science and at the same time enjoy the beauty of our tropical Puerto Rico.

We have prepared an informative and comprehensive program for the Symposium. Abstracts in all STEM areas, as well as in Computer Science, are welcome. We look forward to seeing you in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Meeting Information**

- **Deadline for submission of abstracts:** August 31, 2011.
- **Notification of acceptance:** September 1, 2011. **Symposium date:** September 16-17, 2011. The symposium will take place at the **Conrad San Juan Condado Plaza Hotel**, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- **Scientific Program:** The symposium will include oral presentations and poster sessions divided by areas.

**Symposium Registration Fees:**

	<b>Early Registration</b>	<b>After August 31, 2011 and Onsite Registration</b>
Faculty and Visitors	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$150</b>
Student Presenters	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>
Student Attendees	<b>\$ 80</b>	<b>\$100</b>
Academic Exhibitors Table 6'X3' (Fee includes one person)	<b>\$ 360</b>	<b>\$425</b>
Ad in Proceedings (Please contact Ms Thelma Graniela at <a href="mailto:tgraniela@suagm.edu">tgraniela@suagm.edu</a> )	-	-

- Workshop Registration Fees: TBA.

## General Information

- Travel: All major airlines have flights to the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Please make your own reservations.
- Hotel: [Conrad San Juan Condado Plaza Hotel](#) (787) 721-1000. Symposium Attendees Special Code: **ACDF**  
Please make your own reservations.
- Local Attractions: Old San Juan and its historical sites, El Yunque Rain Forest, the Arecibo Radio Telescope, the Camuy Cave System and many beautiful beaches around the island.
- Weather: During the month of September, Puerto Rico's weather is mild; it's the perfect weather to enjoy our beautiful Island.
- Dress Code: Semiformal, business attire.

## Registration

You have to register and submit your abstract using the webpage of the Student Research Development Center at: <http://www.suagm.edu/umet/im/aspexe/presenter.aspx>.

## Submission of Abstracts

Please attach your abstract in Microsoft Word format. Abstracts must be submitted in English and should be no more than 300 words long. **Only one presenter per abstract will be accepted. Please underline the main author or presenter and specify your preference for an oral or poster presentation.**

### **The deadline for Pre-College Undergraduate and Graduate Abstracts to be considered for Symposium Awards is August 31, 2011.**

Abstracts received after August 31, 2011 will NOT be considered for any cash prizes presented by the AGMUS 2011 Research Symposium, but will be tagged as **Late Submission Abstract** in the Symposium Proceedings. **The abstract submission site will be closed at midnight, August 31, 2011 and will NOT ACCEPT ADDITIONAL ABSTRACTS.**

**\*\*IMPORTANT FOR POSTER PRESENTERS:**

- Boards will be available for posters not larger than 4x6 feet in **portrait** format.
- No audiovisual equipment, laptops or tables will be allowed with no EXCEPTIONS

## Registration for Exhibitors

Please visit the following link: <http://srdc.suagm.edu/Registration/AGMUS11/Exhibitor.asp>

## Symposium Advertising

Please send all ad material in JPEG format to: [teraniela@suagm.edu](mailto:teraniela@suagm.edu), no later than August 31, 2011. Each ad must have the desired ad dimensions. For more information about Symposium Advertising, visit our web page <http://srdc.suagm.edu>.

**Cancellation Policy:** cancellation of Symposium registration can be made. All cancellations must be submitted through e-mail to [imiranda@suagm.edu](mailto:imiranda@suagm.edu) or by fax to: (787) 751-5386 by the following registration deadline dates:

- **On or before September 5, 2011-** no cancellation fee
- **After September 5, 2011** – any Student Registration cancellation received after this date will be assessed with a \$50.00 cancellation processing fee.
- **Pre-Paid Exhibitor Registrations** – no refund will be issued on any exhibitor registration

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### ***This conference features:***

- Pre-Conference professional Workshops in STEM fields
- Graduate School and scholarships Orientation
- Research presentations by pre-college, undergraduates and graduates students
- Summer Research Opportunities
- Exhibitors

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