

CALL FOR ABSTRACT 2012

2012 AGMUS Research Symposium

Ana G. Méndez University System
Student Research Development Center

September 21-22, 2012
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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A Word from the Organizers

Dear students and research fellows:

We invite you to participate in the AGMUS 2012 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 other institutions in the nation with minority participation in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) areas. Now, in 2012, the symposium is implemented under 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, 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:** September 1, 2012.
- **Notification of acceptance:** September 12, 2012. **Symposium date:** September 21-22, 2012. The symposium will take place at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- **Scientific Program:** The symposium will include oral presentations and poster sessions divided by areas.
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Symposium Registration Fees:

	Early Registration	After August 24, 2011 and On site Registration
Faculty and Visitors	\$100	\$150
Student Presenters	Free	Free
Student Attendees	\$ 80	\$100
Academic Exhibitors Table 6' x 3' (Fee includes one person)	\$ 360	\$425
Ad in Proceedings (Please contact Ms. Thelma Graniela at tgraniela@suagm.edu)	-	-

- 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:** The Caribe Hilton Hotel (787) 721-0303 (<http://www.hilton.com>). 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 to: **Ms. Ivette Miranda at: <http://www.suagm.edu/umet/im/aspexe/presenter.aspx>**. You should include the following information: Last Name (Apellido), First Name (Nombre), Mailing Address: Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code, Fax, Phone, E-mail, presentation area and type of presentation (poster, oral).

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. They must include the title, authors and their affiliation and mentor(s). **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 Undergraduate and Graduate Abstracts to be considered for Symposium Awards is September 1, 2012.

Abstracts received after September 1, 2012 will NOT be considered for any cash prizes presented by the AGMUS 2012 Research Symposium, but will be tagged as **Late Submission Abstract** in the Symposium Proceedings. **The abstract submission site will be closed at midnight, September 1, 2012 and will NOT ACCEPT ADDITIONAL ABSTRACTS.**

****IMPORTANT FOR POSTER PRESENTERS:**

- **Boards will be available for posters not larger than 3x5 feet in portrait format.**
- No audiovisual equipment, laptops or tables will be allowed with no EXCEPTIONS

Registration for Exhibitors

You have to register with Ms. Ivette Miranda at: <http://srdc.suagm.edu>.

Symposium Advertising

Please send all ad material in JPEG format to: tgraniela@suagm.edu, no later than **August 24, 2012**. 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 or by fax to: (787) 751-5386 by the following registration deadline dates:

- **On or before September 19, 2012-** no cancellation fee
- **After September 19, 2012** – any Student Registration cancellation received after this date will be assessed with a \$100.00 cancellation processing fee.
- **Pre-Paid Exhibitor Registrations** – no refund will be issued on any exhibitor registration.
- **Payment must be in by September 20, 2012.**

Rules for the Symposium:

- 1) **Acceptance of the abstracts is equivalent to receiving an award in the AGMUS Research Symposium with the commitment from the student to attend all symposium activities.**
- 2) **Presentations are in English.**
- 3) **To receive an award, the student must be present at the closing ceremonies.**

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For more information: <http://srdc.suagm.edu>

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- Pre-Conference professional workshops
- Graduate School Orientation
- Undergraduate Research Internship Opportunities
- Exhibitors