

INVITATION

Puerto Rico shares a tradition of healthfulness which over the centuries has moved from the spontaneous to the formal endeavors throughout our history. The practice of hygiene in the indigenous society, the Health Boards of the colonial period, the Superior Health Board of 1898, the establishment of the School of Tropical Medicine in 1926 and the Faculty of Biosocial Sciences and Graduate School of Public Health in 1970, contribute to a wealth of knowledge and practices that serves as the foundation of the health concepts which we are now called to spread out.

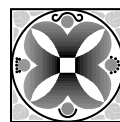
The First Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health provides the opportunity to critically assess the experience gathered along the seventy-six years of existence of the School of Tropical Medicine and during the thirty-two years of existence of the Graduate School of Public Health. The entrance into a new millenium demands the need to return over the legacy of this history in a reflective and detailed manner. It calls for the reconsideration of our successes as well as our failures, and which accomplishments have contributed to the general health and welfare of our population as well as the areas in which we have been less than successful. By the same token, we are called to attend to the new themes that emerge as a result of the evolution of the populations, the development of science and the accumulation of knowledge.

We extend this invitation to those who have been part of this history in the island of Puerto Rico, as well as to professionals of compatible and collaborative disciplines. Those professionals who are inquisitive of the responses and the alternatives that have been generated in a tropical country with its own peculiarities. A Commonwealth that establishes the right to health as part of its constitutional guarantees, which has evolved through models of health service delivery such as the regionalization of services in the 1960s to the privatization in the 1990s and public policy and administration adjustments which have been changing in their effort for finding a fair, effective and qualitative formula of attending the health needs of our population.

The Graduate School of Public Health, the Medical Sciences Campus and the University of Puerto Rico are proud to host an activity of this importance and extend their enthusiasm to all those interested in the reflection and in the analysis of public health as a task of paramount importance for society. This is an occasion for the encounter of ideas and the data which have formed us and facilitate the answers that we propose at the present and shall generate in the future, based on the most clear ideas and the most valid and reliable evidence.

Dr. Hiram V. Arroyo
President
Organizing Committee

Dr. Antonio Silva Iglecia
Dean
Graduate School of Public Health



CONFERENCE THEMES AND OBJECTIVES

Central Theme

Public Health Challenges for the New Century

Objectives

- 1 To provide a forum for the critical analysis of Public Health issues at the national and international level.
- 2 To evaluate the contributions of Public Health to society and its influence in policymaking.
- 3 To showcase the Public Health advancements, challenges and possibilities from the conceptual, training, research and service perspectives.
- 4 To promote networking, integration, collaboration and partnership among professional and social sectors concerned with Public Health related efforts.
- 5 To promote the exchange of information on effective Public Health proposals and intervention modalities.
- 6 To impact the strategic direction of policymakers and the health-related service delivery system in the determination of priorities and key action plans to address the most important public health issues in Puerto Rico.
- 7 To examine the academy-society relationship to face the Public Health challenges ahead.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

I. Conference Program

The Conference program will include: Plenary Sessions, Special Sessions, Oral Presentation Sessions, Poster Sessions and Resolution Sessions.

Plenary Forum Sessions

These are highly interactive discussion sessions specifically linked to the Plenary Session topic and will be held immediately following the Plenary Sessions. Four Plenary Sessions will be developed on the following general Public Health topics:

- Plenary Session I** - Public Health New Conceptualization : Critical Evaluation
- Plenary Session II** - Health Reforms
- Plenary Session III** - Social Participation, Professional Activism and Advocacy in the Health Sector
- Plenary Session IV** - The Agenda and Challenges of Public Health

Special Sessions

These sessions will approach current issues of paramount importance and impact for public health. The use of varied educational methodologies have been encouraged to develop these sessions. Some of the topics that will be addressed at the Special Sessions are:

- **Violence from a Public Health Perspective**
- **Contamination, Environmental Degradation and Health**
- **Drug Addiction from a Public Health Perspective**
- **Economic Development, Health Systems and Public Health**
- **The Vieques Case and Public Health**
- **Mental Health**
- **Social Inequity, Human Rights and Public Health**
- **Ethics in Public Health**
- **Public Health Issues Related to Hispanics in the USA**
- **Health and Population**
- **Social and Community Participation in Health Issues**
- **Public Health in Latin America and the Caribbean**
- **The Academy–Society Relationship in Public Health**

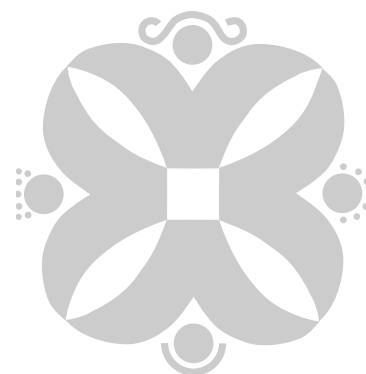


Oral Presentation Sessions and Poster Sessions

These sessions will address different topics related to health, public health and health promotion. Presentations will emphasize conceptual, methodological, research, program and service issues. Individuals and institutions interested in submitting presentation proposals must complete and send the Conference Abstract Form. Accepted works will be grouped by subject and presented at Concurrent Sessions.

Resolution Sessions

These are moments during the Conference program when participants will have the opportunity to present proposals, resolutions or formal statements on public health issues.



II. Themes

The Conference reflects the wide scope of thought and research conducted on public health relevant issues. Some of the contemporary themes to be included in the Scientific Program are:

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| 1. Mental Health | 28. Safeness of Medical Products | 53. Epidemiology |
| 2. Violence | 29. Health Services Administration | 54. Biostatistics |
| 3. Drug Addiction | 30. Health Reform | 55. Health Research |
| 4. Alcoholism | 31. Privatization and Health | 56. Health Qualitative Methodology |
| 5. Tobacco Addiction | 32. Primary Care Models | 57. Development of Human Resources |
| 6. Wellness and Quality of Life | 33. Health Planning | 58. Health and Demography |
| 7. Lifestyles | 34. Program Evaluation | 59. Health and Social Sciences |
| 8. Accidents | 35. Health Information Systems | 60. School Health |
| 9. Oral Health | 36. Health Technology | 61. Environmental Health |
| 10. Recreation and Physical Activity | 37. Health Public Policies | 62. Environmental Justice |
| 11. Chronic Diseases | 38. Health Legislation | 63. Occupational Health |
| 12. Infectious Diseases | 39. Health Economy | 64. Nursing |
| 13. Immunization | 40. Health Intersectoriality | 65. Primary Medicine |
| 14. Re-emerging Diseases | 41. Health Multidisciplinarity | 66. Alternative Medicine |
| 15. Respiratory Diseases | 42. Professional Partnerships in the Health Sector | 67. Health Psychology |
| 16. Human Sexuality | 43. International Health | 68. Social Work |
| 17. Sexually Transmitted Diseases | 44. Health Policies at the International Level | 69. Health Equity |
| 18. HIV – AIDS | 45. Health and Globalization | 70. Politics and Health |
| 19. Family Health | 46. Health and Education | 71. Health and Human Rights |
| 20. Maternal and Child Health | 47. Patients Education | 72. Health Investments |
| 21. Family Planning | 48. Social Participation and Empowerment | 73. Fraud and Health Commercialization |
| 22. Breast Feeding | 49. Community Health | 74. University, Government and Health Relationship |
| 23. Woman's Health | 50. Healthy Municipalities | 75. Health and Spirituality |
| 24. Gerontology | 51. Health Promotion | 76. Health and the Arts |
| 25. Developmental Disabilities | 52. Health and Communication | |
| 26. Nutrition | | |
| 27. Food Protection | | |

Program

FIRST PUERTO RICAN CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

APRIL 10-12, 2002, CARIBE HILTON HOTEL, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO



am	WEDNESDAY April 10, 2002	THURSDAY April 11, 2002	FRIDAY April 12, 2002
8:00- 9:00	Registration	Registration	Registration
9:00- 9:30			Plenary Session III
9:30-10:00	Opening		
10:00-10:30	Ceremony and	Plenary Session II	Puerto Rican
10:30-11:00	Plenary		Association on Public
11:00-11:30	Session I		Health Constituent
11:30-12:00			Assembly
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12:00-1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30-2:00	Concurrent	Concurrent	
2:00-2:30	Special	Special	Plenary Session IV
2:30-3:00	Sessions	Sessions	and Closing
3:00-3:30	Break	Break	Ceremony
3:30-4:00	Presentations	Presentations	
4:00-4:30	Concurrent	Concurrent	
4:30-5:00	Sessions	Sessions	Closing Reception
7:00	Opening Reception	Banquet	

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

All proposals for presentation must be completed following the guidelines provided below. All proposals that do not follow the guidelines, that are incomplete, or that are received after the deadline date will not be considered for review by the Scientific Committee.

- Deadline: Abstracts must be received by: **October 31, 2001.**
- Abstracts may be submitted by mail or E-Mail. **Do not submit abstracts by Fax.**
- Please submit abstract by E-Mail to the following address: pcprsp@rcm.upr.edu. The form to send the abstract of your presentation is at: www.rcm.upr.edu/PublicHealth/Conferencia2002.htm.
- Postal Address:
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- A presenter may submit more than one application for presentation, as long as the content of each is different. But he or she can only appear as presenting author in one of the proposals submitted.
- All papers and presentations must be original, and must have never been published or presented at previous conferences.
- All abstracts must be written in one of the official languages of the Conference (e.g. English or Spanish).
- All presenters whose abstracts are accepted for presentation are expected to attend the Conference and are required to pay the registration fee and all other expenses involved in attending the event.
- Presenters who may have difficulties attending should arrange for a substitute who will be able to register to attend the Conference and make the presentation.
- All abstracts accepted for presentation will be included in the Conference Abstract Book, photocopied directly from the copy submitted by you. Please check abstracts carefully, making sure there are no spelling errors.
- The abstracts must include all of the following elements:
 - The title (in capital letters and bold-faced)
 - List each author's name, last name and highest degree obtained, followed by his/her institutional affiliation and country. Authors with common affiliations should be grouped together and the institution listed only once. Please underline the author(s) who will be presenting the work.
- Double space between the abstract title and the author's name. Double space again between the author's section and the text of the abstract.
- Type the abstract single spaced within the box provided in the form, using a Times New Roman font and a 12 points type. A word processor running under Microsoft Windows 95 operating system or a more current version is recommended.
- All abstracts, oral presentations and posters must include the following: An introduction stating the issue or the problem, the objectives of the actions, methodology, evaluation results and a discussion or critical analysis of the results obtained and conclusions.
- All presenters must complete the form: Presentation Relationship to the Main Theme of the Conference – "Public Health Challenges For The New Century."

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Conference will take place at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan de Puerto Rico.

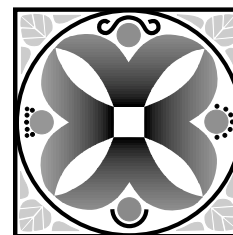
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

	Before February 1 st , 2002	Between February 1 st and March 30, 2002	Registration on Site
Delegates	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$200.00
Students*	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$75.00

- Please send payment with duly completed Registration Form.
- Personal or institutional checks will be accepted.
- Please write checks payable to the *First Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health*.
- Name and address of participant must be clearly marked on check.
- Deadline: Mail registration and payment must be received by March 30, 2002. After that date, registration must be completed on the Conference site.

- Please mail Registration Form and payment to:

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 31, 2001 – Abstracts submission deadline.

January 31, 2002 – Deadline for registration at reduced fee of:
 \$150.00 - delegates
 \$50.00 - educational institution certified students.

ACCREDITATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The Continuing Education Program of the Graduate School of Public Health will certify 12 contact hours to interested participants. Continuing Education fee is \$20.00. For further information and CE application, please call (787) 758-2525, Exts. 1410, 1411, 1474, and 1476.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUND POLICY

- All cancellations and refund requests should be notified in writing to the *First Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health* by mail, fax or E-mail.
- Individuals requesting refund on or before February 10, 2002, will receive a refund, less \$25.00 for administrative/handling fee.
- No refund requests will be honored after February 10, 2002.
- All refunds will be sent after the Conference.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is Spanish. However, presentations in English will be accepted.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS Caribe Hilton Hotel

Special Daily Room Rate for Conference participants—\$169.00 plus 9% tax—single or double. Please make reservations directly to:

Caribe Hilton Hotel
 Los Rosales St.
 San Gerónimo Grounds
 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901

Telephone:
 (787) 721-0303
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CONFERENCE POLICIES

The Conference offers equal opportunities to all participants without regard of sex, age, nationality, race, creed, or disability.

The Conference has been declared "SMOKE FREE". Therefore, smoking will not be allowed in Conference areas.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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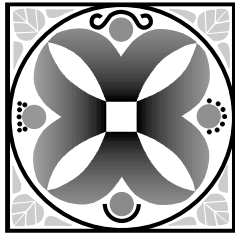
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Please check if you are interested in Continuing Education Credits: Yes No

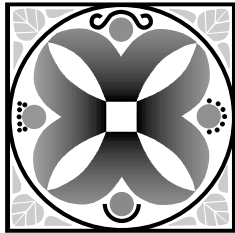
Special needs: If you require special assistance to fully participate in the Conference, please specify:

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ABSTRACT FORM

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Dr. Prof. Ms. Mrs. Mr. Position or Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

1. **Language:** Simultaneous translation will not be available. However, you would be able to give your presentation in Spanish or English. In order to help us classify the presentations, please indicate the language you would prefer to present in.

Spanish English

2. **Type of Presentation:** Please indicate in order of preference: Oral communication Poster

• Are you submitting more than one abstract? No Yes. Please list other titles: _____

• Type of audiovisual equipment needed for your presentation: Overhead projector Slide projector

3. **Theme:** Presentations are encouraged on topics that relate to the major themes of the Conference. Please indicate the most appropriate thematic heading under which your presentation would fall.

Conceptual Research Service Other: _____

4. **Thematic Regrouping:**

Please select three topics from the Themes list provided on page 3. Indicate the codes which best describe your presentation approach.
Example: Mental Health - Code (01).

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Abstract of Presentation: Title should be written in capital letters and underlined. Underline authors and co-authors. Text should be justified, single spaced and within the text box provided.

I hereby state that the work presented herein has not been presented in this form at previous conferences, national or international. If my work is accepted, I am committed to attend the *First Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health* or in the event that my personal presence is not possible, to make the necessary arrangements for a substitute and to communicate this to the Organizing Committee.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

