Bohemia for the Centennial
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The people sang and danced… and above all enjoyed an exquisite evening in celebration of the second Bohemia. The event was organized by The University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez's (UPRM) Centennial Celebration Committee, in collaboration with the Alumni Office. It took place last Friday, September 5, 2008, in the Bobby Cruz Convention Center in Hormigueros and was carried out with the intention of celebrating the UPRM's first one hundred years of existence. The night began with musical participation from Dr. Jaime Martell, director of the Hispanic Studies Department, an enthusiast of tangos and boleros, who, accompanied by the *Bohemia Clásica* group, delighted all those present with an assorted selection of music from yesterday. *Los Tres Compañeros* proceeded by leading those who were present to the dance floor, and for those members of the public who were brave enough, up on stage to interpret an assortment of well-known melodies by popular Latin American artists.

The activity, which was also utilized as a fund-raiser for centennial commemorative events, was carried out as a means to strengthen ties with everyone that, in one form or another, belongs to the UPRM community, whether they are alumni, retired employees, faculty or administrative personnel, explained Dr. Antonio Gonzalez Quevedo, president of UPRM's celebration committee. He revealed that the committee plans to carry out a similar activity in the metropolitan area, next semester. The chancellor of UPRM, Dr. Jorge Iván Vélez Arocho, maintained that events like the Bohemia help to solidify relations amongst everyone in the campus community. " It is also an opportunity to celebrate the centennial for an extended period of time, because the

centennial isn't just one moment," pointed out Vélez Arocho. He added that the

committee's task is precisely, to involve everyone in the commemoration and more than

anything, "to reaffirm what UPRM means for anyone that is associated with it."