Dear students and research fellows:

We invite you to participate in the **XVIII Undergraduate Research Symposium 2007**. This symposium was initiated eighteen years ago 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 Model Institutions for Excellence (MIE) and other institutions in the nation with minority participation in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) areas. This opportunity will not only serve as a forum to learn about research experiences at MIE institutions, 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.

**This conference features:**

0. Pre-conference professional workshops
0. Graduate School Orientation
0. Undergraduate Research Internship Opportunities
0. Exhibitors

**Papers in all SEM areas, as well as in Computer Science are welcome.** We look forward to seeing you in San Juan.

**Meeting Information**

0. **Deadline for submission of abstracts:** September 1, 2007
0. **Notification of acceptance:** September 7, 2007
0. **Symposium date:** September 14-15, 2007
0. A welcome reception for all participants will take place on Friday, September 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
0. **Place:** Normandy Hotel, San Juan Puerto Rico.
0. **Symposium Registration Fees:**
   0. Student Presenter (Free)
   0. Student Attendant ($60)
   0. Faculty and Visitors ($100)
0. Make checks or money orders payable to **Sistema Universitario Ana G. Méndez**.
0. **Scientific Program:** The symposium will include oral presentations and poster sessions divided by areas.
General Information

0. **Travel:** All major airlines have flights to the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Please make your own reservations.

0. **Hotels:** The Normandie Hotel [(787) 729-2929)] has a special rate for Undergraduate Research Symposium participants. Please mention that you will attend this activity to get the special rate. Please make your own reservations.

0. **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.

0. **Weather:** During the month of September, Puerto Rico’s weather is mild; it’s the perfect weather to enjoy our beautiful Island.

0. **Dress code:** Semiformal, business attire.

Registration and Submission of Abstracts

0. You have to register and submit your abstract by e-mail with: **Ms. Ivette Miranda** at: **symposium@suagm.edu** or go to **Registration Form**. You should include the following information:

   • Last Name (Apellidos) and First Name (Nombre)
   • Mailing Address: Street and number, City, State, Zip Code
   • Contact Numbers and e-mail: Phone, Fax, e-mail
   • Type of presentation: Poster, oral

   Please attach your abstract in Microsoft Word format. Abstract 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 for abstract will be accepted. A sample of the abstract format is shown [here](#). **Please underline the main author or presenter and specify your preference for an oral or poster presentation.** Board will be available for posters not larger that 4 x 6 feel in portrait format.

Registration for Exhibitors

You have to register with Ms. Ivette Miranda at: **symposium@suagm.edu** or visit our website at **http://umet_mie.suagm.edu**.

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