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The Puerto Rico Children's Environmental Health Conference

April 14, 2012; 9:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

University of Puerto Rico

**Principal Building Guillermo Arbona Irizarry
Medical Sciences Campus of the University of Puerto Rico
Amphitheater Ist, 3rd Floor - B-351**

- 8:30- 9:15 **Registration**
- 9:15 - 9:45 **Welcoming Remarks**
Judith Enck
Region II Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- Jose Cordero, MD, MPH
Dean of the Graduate School of Public Health
University of Puerto Rico
- 9:45-10:15 **Opening Keynote Address**
Overview on Children's Environmental Health
Philip Landrigan, MD, MSc
Chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine
Mount Sinai School of Medicine
- 10:15-10:30 **BREAK**
- 10:30-12:30 **Challenges of Children Environmental Health in Puerto Rico-Part 1**
Moderator: Jose Seguinot, Chair of Environmental Health Sciences Department, Graduate School of Public Health of University of Puerto Rico
- (10:30-11:00am)
Take Home Lead Exposure among Children with a Parent Employed at a Battery Recycling Company – Puerto Rico, 2011
Brenda Rivera Garcia, DVM, MPH
Assistant Director Field Epidemiology Training Program
Puerto Rico Department of Health
- BREAK (11:00-11:15am)**
- (11:15-11:30)
The Burden of Childhood Asthma in Puerto Rico
Jose Bartolomei-Diaz, MS, PhD
Asthma Project Epidemiologist
Puerto Rico Department of Health
- (11:30-11:45)
Water Drinking Issues in Puerto Rico
Graciela Ramirez Toro, PhD
Director of Center for Education, Conservation and Environmental Interpretation
Inter American University

(11:45-12:00)

Preterm birth and Environmental Risk factors

Jose Cordero, MD, MPH
Dean of the Graduate School of Public Health
University of Puerto Rico

(12:00-12:30)

Ask The Experts: Questions and Answers

12:30-1:30

LUNCH

1:30-3:00

Challenges of Children Environmental Health in Puerto Rico-Part II

(1:30-1:40)

**Pediatric Environmental Health Online Education Course
Prenatal and Environmental Exposures**

Moderator: Luz Claudio, PhD
Chief of the Division of International Health
Mount Sinai School of Medicine

(1:40-2:00)

Assessing Environmental Exposure in Pregnancy: Practical Clinical Challenges

Jose Cordero, MD, MPH
Dean of the Graduate School of Public Health
University of Puerto Rico

(2:00-2:30)

Survey of Pesticides in Homes Across Puerto Rico

Ginger Chew, PhD
Epidemiologist
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(2:30-3:00)

Ask The Experts: Questions and Answers

Expert Panel:

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3:00-3:30

Closing Remarks

Children's Environmental Health in Puerto Rico and the Future

Johnny Rullan, MD, MPH
State Epidemiologist
Puerto Rico Department of Health