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**PAHO Director Dr. Mirta Roses will participate in a binational conference on
"Human Security: A new border response"**

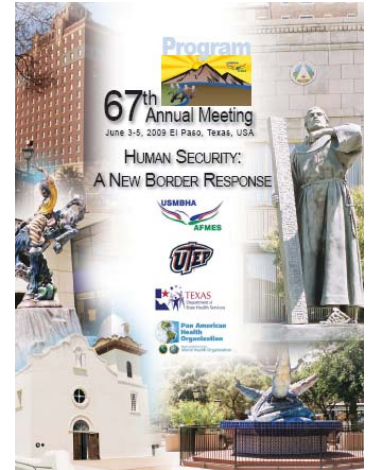
LXVII Annual Meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association

El Paso, TX., June 2, 2009 (PAHO/WHO) - This year, the 67th Annual Meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA) is being organized in collaboration with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and other international, state, local, and binational organizations.

This year's central theme "**Human Security: A New Border Response**" will address and tackle actions and responses that empower individuals, communities, and societies to develop capabilities to make informed choices and to act on their own behalf to facilitate protection from critical and pervasive threats in order to help improve their wellbeing.

The Annual Meeting of the USMBHA provides a unique opportunity for its members and other interested parties to exchange information on shared health problems, identify priorities and discuss future actions aimed to improve the health status of border communities and inner communities heavily impacted by migration.

Within the USMBHA Annual Meeting a **Panel on influenza A H1N1** will take place, its main objective is presenting an international public and binational discussion on the current influenza A (H1N1) situation and the lessons learned. Among the panelists, is **Dr. Mirta Roses Periago**, Director of PAHO/WHO in the Region of the Americas, who will also be the magisterial speaker during the international conference.



A H1N1 Influenza Panel

Thursday June 4th

11:30am – 12:15pm

**UTEP Undergraduate Learning Center / Room 116
500 W. University Ave. - El Paso, TX 79968**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: "Human Security: A New Border Response"

Friday June 5th

12:00pm - 1:00pm

**UTEP Undergraduate Learning Center / Room 128
500 W. University Ave. - El Paso, TX 79968**

Other PAHO/WHO Technical Personnel with extensive experience in public health and human security matters will be participating in other workshops that include subjects of importance for the U.S.-Mexico Border and of binational and international concern. Among them are the regional advisors for PAHO and WHO in violence prevention. **Dr. Alex Butchart**, who coordinates the area of prevention of violence in WHO headquarters office in Geneva, Switzerland, he has more than 20 years of experience in the thematic of violence from the perspective of human security.

Also, it fits to recognize the participation of **Dr. Alfonso Contreras**, who works as an advisor in Mass Communication and Education for Health in PAHO/WHO headquarters office in Washington. Dr. Contreras collaborates in subjects of preparation and community response in contrast to influenza virus A (H1N1) and surveillance of risk factors among schoolchildren. In the area of chronic diseases, nutrition, and physical activity, the regional advisors for PAHO headquarters office in Washington, the following will participate, **Dr. James Hospedales, Dr. Enrique Jacoby and Dr. Alberto Barceló.**

Other activities that PAHO/WHO coordinates during the Annual Meeting are:

- **Workshop on the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, Especially Diabetes**
Wednesday June 3rd UTEP Undergraduate Learning Center Room 128 7:30am – 7:00pm
- **Turning Scientific Knowledge into an Effective Action Plan for Human Security Workshop**
Wednesday June 3rd UTEP Undergraduate Learning Center Room 230 8:00am – 5:00pm
- **Violence and Injury Prevention Workshop**
Wednesday June 3rd UTEP Undergraduate Learning Center Room 220 9:00am – 5:00pm

To access the meeting's final program:

http://www.usmbha.org/english/annual/67th%20Annual%20Meeting%20Documents/67th%20Annual%20Meeting%20Program_English_051509.pdf

The United States-Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA) is a non-profit organization that was established in 1943. During each of the last 66 years, the Association has celebrated an Annual Meeting. In 2007, the 66th Annual Meeting was held in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico and in 2006, it was held in South Padre Island, Texas.

The Pan American Health Organization, founded in 1902, works with all the countries of the Americas to improve the health and quality of life of their peoples. It serves as the Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO). PAHO/WHO United States-Mexico Border Office was established in 1942, it continues to facilitate and promote border collaboration with public and private binational institutions and entities involved in improving the health of the population at the Border.

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