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Puerto Rico Convention Center
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Children’s Environmental Health Track
March 20th, 2013

Session 1 – 10:45AM – 12:15PM (Room 202C)
Prenatal and Postnatal Environmental Risks to Infants and Children

Moderator: Akram Alshawabkeh, Snell Professor of Engineering, Northeastern University and Principal Investigator, PROTECT SRP Center

The Challenge of Preterm Births: From Puerto Rico to the World
José F. Cordero, Dean, School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico and co-Principal Investigator, PROTECT SRP Center

Environmental Exposures and Risk of Preterm Birth
John Meeker, Associate Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Michigan School of Public Health and co-Principal Investigator, PROTECT SRP Center

Biological Impacts of Toxic Substances on Preterm Birth
Rita Loch-Caruso, Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Michigan School of Public Health and co-Principal Investigator, PROTECT SRP Center

Contemporary Classification of Preterm Birth
Thomas F. McElrath, Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School and Associate Obstetrician and Gynecologist, Brigham and Women’s Hospital

Community Partners Meeting & Lunch – 12:30PM – 1:30PM (Room 103B)

Session 2 – 1:30PM – 3:00PM (Room 202C)
Translating Science to Action: What We Need to Know about Environmental Exposures in Babies, Toddlers, & Teens

Moderators: José F Cordero & José Seguinot

Children’s Health and the Environment, an Overview
Phil Landrigan, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Challenges in Communicating Health Risk
Joel Forman, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Hot Topic: Endocrine Disruptors
Maida Galvez, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Hot Topic: Lead in Arecibo
Grenda Huerta, School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico

Hot Topic: Mercury in Fish
Cappy Collins, Mount Sinai School of Medicine