



College of Sciences & Mathematics Newsletter
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CoSM Faculty Spotlight
Medina-Bolivar
Presents Lectures
in Puerto Rico

Dr. Fabricio Medina-Bolivar, professor of plant metabolic engineering and new director of the Ph.D. programs in environmental sciences and molecular biosciences, gave lectures and led laboratory activities on plant metabolomics to K-14 teachers at the USDA-sponsored workshop on agricultural biotechnology hosted by the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, Barranquitas campus. Medina-Bolivar was also an invited speaker at the annual Conference of the American Council for Medicinal Plants, hosted by the same institution. Three of his students also presented.





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Sweet is Co-Organizer for Conference

Dr. Andrew C. Sweet, assistant professor of evolutionary biology, was one of the co-organizers of a symposium at the Congress of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology in Prague, Czech Republic. The symposium, which attracted approximately 1,800 attendees, highlighted some of the latest research on host-symbiont co-evolution, including work from genetics, evolutionary biology, experimental biology and mathematical theory. The featured researchers represented 11 different countries.

CoSM Student Spotlight

Molecular Biosciences Ph.D. Students Win Research Awards

Karla Mendez (left) and **Cherryl Quiñones**, MBS Ph.D. program students, [recently received awards](#) in recognition of their research related to the effects of high nighttime temperatures on the growth of rice.





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Neuman-Lee's Students Research Turtles at Zoo

Research conducted by students who work under the guidance of **Dr. Lori Neuman-Lee**, assistant professor of physiology, was [featured online by the Memphis Zoo](#). **Jen Terry**, an environmental sciences Ph.D. candidate, took interest in the freshwater turtles that live at the zoo but are not part of the official collection. She conducted research under the guidance of Neuman-Lee and with assistance from technician **Alexia Vanoven**, an undergraduate wildlife, fisheries and conservation major.



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