



SERMACS 2022 is almost here!! The Puerto Rico Section of the American Chemical Society is hosting the 73<sup>rd</sup> Southeast Regional Meeting of the ACS (SERMACS 2022). We are pleased to invite your university to present your Graduate Program offerings in the University Graduate Fair to be held during SERMACS 2022 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Southeast Regional Meeting will be held from October 19-22, 2022. Join the many universities that will be participating in the Graduate School Fair on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Be the first one to reserve space in the Graduate School Fair during SERMACS 2022. The theme of this year's conference is "Chemistry Transcending Boundaries for a Sustainable Future." The last time SERMACS was held in Puerto Rico in 2009, the conference had over 250 presentations by undergraduate students with 35 oral presentations. In 2022 we expect to have over 350 presentations by undergraduate students, both oral and in poster format.

It is our desire to show a broad base of support from various contributors within our region. The meeting will include Plenary Lectures from distinguished chemists, approximately 30 invited symposia, 30 general sessions, a meeting in miniature for undergraduate chemistry and chemical engineering students and the High School Chemistry program. Acknowledging the importance of the exhibition component in SERMACS 2022, we are herein providing the information required by the exhibitors to select the best booth location and to develop good marketing strategies for their products and service. SERMACS 2022 will be held at the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan. This Center offers all the advantages to make the Exhibition and Meeting a complete success.

SERMACS 2022 offers a unique opportunity for your institution to share information about graduate programs with a large number of students from underrepresented backgrounds in science. Many of these students are interested in pursuing post-graduate education in chemistry related fields. A direct result of the rich culture of research that permeates throughout the different university systems in Puerto Rico. Furthermore, students from the Southeast Region, including ACS student chapters are invited to participate in the meeting. It is known that students from Puerto Rico who attend graduate programs in the United States complete their degree in the required time frame.

Come and explore the beautiful island of Puerto Rico, while learning about the latest advances in chemistry; share your research in one of the many symposia that will be offered during the conference. Information on symposia will be available soon at <https://SERMACS2022.org>.

These annual meetings provide a great network for meeting and talking with colleagues and offer opportunities to recognize outstanding achievements by chemists in the local area and throughout the Southeast. SERMACS 2022 will certainly be the most important technical Meeting & Exhibition in Latin America. We invite you to be part of this event.

Our host hotel is The Sheraton Convention Center, San Juan located near the PR Convention Center.

It is time to reserve your booth space in order to market your university and graduate programs in Puerto Rico as an Exhibitor and /or Meeting Sponsor. If you have general questions, please contact Milagros Delgado [delgadam@fiu.edu](mailto:delgadam@fiu.edu) if your question is related to logistics, please contact Mr. Carlos Castaneda at [carlos@lccmanagement.com](mailto:carlos@lccmanagement.com), call (787) 529 – 4755, or email [sermacs2022@gmail.com](mailto:sermacs2022@gmail.com). We will respond in a prompt manner to your requests.

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