2nd International Conference
Vaccinology in The Tropics: Vaccines in a Globalized World

Course Description
This second international vaccine conference will highlight the importance of vaccine research and international development.

During the last decade, vaccine research in Asia, Africa, Australia, and Latin America has increased, creating an impact on global epidemiology of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

This conference is clinical, epidemiological and research driven.

Further Information
Email: Vaccinology.Tropics@gmail.com
Telephone: (507) 317-1822
Register Online: www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/events.html
Select "March 2012" (Start Month)
Download the program: http://goo.gl/Hkxr9

Target Audience
- Physicians (general practitioners, infectious diseases, pediatrics, gynecologists, internists, family doctors, allergologists, immunologists, etc.)
- Medical Residents and Interns
- Researchers and Lab Techs
- Public Health Professionals
- Nurses
- Students

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Call for Abstracts

2nd International Conference on Vaccinology in the Tropics:
Vaccines in a Globalized World.
Intercontinental Playa Bonita Resort, Panama

Abstract Submission Deadline: January 31, 2012

Response Date: February 15, 2012

Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese.

The Scientific and Advisory Committee invites you to submit an Abstract to the 2nd International Conference Vaccinology in the Tropics: Vaccines in a Globalized World, which will be held in Panama City, Republic of Panama, March 15-17, 2012.

The 2nd International Conference Vaccinology in the Tropics is one of the most important meetings that take place in Latin America on Vaccine Research and Development, organized by the University of South Florida. Partners in the conference include the Gorgas Memorial Institute, United Nations Children’s Funds (UNICEF), the City of Knowledge, the National Secretariat of Science, Technology and Innovation of Panama, the Center for Development of Advanced Projects of Argentina (CEDEPAP), and the USF Health and Education International Foundation. Representatives from nearly 30 countries provide a unique global networking and educational opportunity.

This year’s program will once again attract physicians (infectious disease, general practitioners, pediatricians, gynecologists, internists, family doctors, etc.), clinical microbiologists, researchers, pharmacists, trainees, nurses, and other health care professionals and graduate students from around the globe. The conference faculty is composed of international experts that will discuss updated epidemiological data, vaccine research and development and future trends on infectious and chronic diseases. Topics include, but are not limited to: dengue fever, malaria, HPV and other STIs, influenza, pneumococcal diseases, national and international immunization programs, myths associated with vaccination, travel medicine vaccines, meningococcal diseases, leishmaniasis, etc.

Instructions. You are invited to submit a 250 word, or less, abstract on any of the following vaccine-related topics:

1. Disease specific vaccines (transmissible or non-transmissible)
2. Vaccine research and development
3. Vaccination programs or innovative processes
4. Public Health and Outreach
5. Special and vulnerable populations and innovations in vaccination

The abstracts can be submitted in English, Spanish or Portuguese. Abstracts should include Learning Objectives. The poster sessions and exhibits will remain open through the inaugural ceremony and during the course of the conference. Schedules for authors to participate in poster sessions will not conflict with lectures.

Please send all abstract submissions to: Vaccinology.Tropics@gmail.com

Abstract Deadline: January 31, 2012
Vaccinology in the Tropics: Vaccines in a Globalized World
Vacunología en los Trópicos

Second International Conference, Panama

Simultaneous Translation – English/Spanish/Portuguese
Traducción simultánea – Inglés/Español/Portugués

Dates: March 15-17, 2012
Location: Playa Bonita Hotel, Kobbe Beach, Panama
Course Directors: Xavier Saez-Llorens, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease, Panama
Ricardo Izurieta, MD, Tropical Medicine, Florida
Arlene Calvo, PhD, MPH, Public Health Research, Panama

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Please visit www.cme.hsc.usf.edu.
FURTHER INFORMATION

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Register Online: http://www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/events Select “March 2012” (Start Month)

Registration in Panama: http://goo.gl/UHUsX

Download the program: http://goo.gl/Hkxr9

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Course Description: This second international vaccine conference is a three-day conference that will highlight the importance of vaccine research in tropical countries. During the last decade, vaccine research in Asia, Africa, Australia, and Latin America has increased, creating an impact on global disease epidemiology. From a public health perspective, this innovation has caused a substantial decrease in the incidence of various infectious diseases and even the world eradication of smallpox. From a scientific standpoint, smaller countries, such as Panama, Zambia, and Israel have stepped into leadership positions to influence vaccine research and development in the world. This conference is clinical and research-driven. Participation from vaccine experts will attract international health care professionals.

Target Audience: General practice physicians, pediatricians, researchers, clinical researchers, laboratory personnel, and nursing and public health professionals interested in innovative vaccines.

Overall Objective: To conduct a global vaccine conference where the importance of vaccine research in tropical countries is highlighted, especially the importance of Panama in global vaccine research.

Background Information: During the last decade, vaccine research in tropical countries in Asia, Australia, Africa and Latin America has incremented and created an impact on global disease epidemiology. More recently, the research and development of vaccines such as HPV, Rotavirus and influenza, among others, in tropical countries have created innovations in public health including the implementation of these vaccines into national immunization programs for the first time in history before developed nations. From a public health perspective, this innovation caused real equity in access to health delivery among children in developing countries. From a scientific standpoint, smaller countries, such as Panama, Zambia, and Israel, to name a few, have stepped into a leadership position to influence vaccine development in the world.

Scientific Process: The conference will follow strict scientific processes to develop academic content. The conference is research and academia driven. Participation from international vaccine research leaders in its local and international committees will guarantee innovative content and objective information.

Thursday March 15, 2012:

- 19:00 (7:00PM) - Opening Reception/Cocktail- Conference Kickoff
  Keynote Speaker- Inaugural Address
  Why Panama? – Xavier Sáez-Llorens
  Panamanian National Folkloric Dance
Local authorities:
- President of Panama, Ricardo Martinelli
- Minister of Health, Dr. Franklin Vergara
- Director General, Caja de Seguro Social, Ing. Guillermo Sáez-Llorens
- National Secretary of Science and Technology, Dr. Ruben Berrocal
- Director Gorgas Memorial Institute, Dr. Néstor Sosa
- Director National Institute of Scientific Research and Advanced Technologies (INDICASAT), Dr. Jaganantha Rao

Distinguished Guests:
- USF Health CEO and Dean, College of Medicine, Dr. Stephen Klasko
- USF Dean of College of Public Health, Dr. Donna Petersen
- Coordinator of the Panamanian National Immunization Program, Itzel de Hewitt, RN
- Director of the Regional Section on Health, Nutrition and Water for UNICEF, Dr. Enrique Paz

The conference will also serve as a venue for the historical encounter of the U.S. Alabama-based and Panama-based Gorgas Memorial Institutes (GMI). Since the turnover of the GMI from the US to the Panamanian government in 1990, an international meeting of this significance has yet to occur. During the conference the signing of an agreement and a satellite symposium that highlights the Gorgas historical vaccine research (malaria, dengue, yellow fever) and current vaccine research (pandemic influenza). The legacy of the GMI in vaccine research and training will be presented and discussed.

Gorgas Memorial Institutes: Two Research Institutions Make History Facilitator: Ricardo Izurieta, MD, Latin American Liaison, Gorgas Memorial Institute

a. Historical Perspective of the Gorgas Memorial Institute.
   i. Speaker: Néstor Sosa, General Director, Gorgas Memorial Institute, Panama.

b. Contributing Researchers through Time
   ii. Speaker: Jorge Motta, Previous General Director, Gorgas Memorial Institute, Panama.

   iii. Speaker: David Freedman, President, US, Gorgas Memorial Institute at the University of Alabama.

FRIDAY MARCH 16, 2012: INTRODUCTION TO VACCINOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL TRENDS

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<td>New and Innovative Strategies in Vaccination Programs: The Case of Varicella and IPV Implementation in Costa Rica</td>
<td>Speaker: María Luisa Ávila, ExMinistra de Salud, Costa Rica.</td>
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| 9:30-10:00  | Can vaccines really cause autism, Guillain-Barre and other diseases? Myths and Realities of Vaccines: An Open Debate | Facilitator: Patricia Emanuelle  
Speaker: David Prado, Guatemala |
| 10:00-10:30 | Q & A Session | Previous Speakers |
| 10:30-11:00 | COFFEE BREAK/RECESO | SPONSORED EVENT |
| 11:00-11:30 | Travel Medicine Immunization Practices in the Tropics | Facilitator: Ricardo Izurieta, USF, Florida  
Speaker: Raul Isturiz, Venezuela |
| 11:30-12:00 | Bacterial Vaccines against resistant or problematic pathogens: *S. aureus*, *C. difficile*, Gram-negative bacteria | Facilitator: Silvio Vega, Panama  
Speakers: Leslie Shaw, United Kingdom |
| 12:00-13:30 | LUNCH/ALMUERZO | SPONSOR SCIENTIFIC SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM |

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| 13:30-14:00 | Vaccine Innovations in Adults | Facilitator: Néstor Sosa, Panama  
Speaker: Raúl Isturiz, Venezuela |
| 14:00-14:40 | New Innovative Vaccines in the Tropics: Yellow Fever, Dengue, West Nile Virus, Hantavirus, Leishmaniasis. Helicobacter pylori | Facilitator: José Eduardo Calzada  
Speaker: Ricardo Izurieta, USF, Florida  
Miguel O’Ryan, Chile |
| 14:40-15:00 | Q & A Session | Previous Speakers |
| 15:00-15:30 | COFFEE BREAK/RECESO | SPONSORED EVENT |
| 15:30-16:00 | Diseases Affecting our Populations: Meningococcal Diseases and Vaccines | Facilitator: Marisol Troitiño  
Speaker: Maria Elena Santolaya, Chile |
| 16:00-16:15 | Summary and Closing Remarks for the First Day | Xavier Sáez-Llorens |

**SATURDAY MARCH 17, 2012: DISEASE SPECIFIC VACCINE INNOVATIONS**

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| 8:30-9:00   | Preparing for a Second Round: Pandemic Influenza Response and Vaccines | Facilitator: Alberto Van Olphen, VM, USF, Florida  
Speaker: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-CAP Representative |
| 9:00-9:30   | Respiratory Viruses: Syncytial Respiratory Virus | Facilitator: Dora Estripeaut  
Speaker: Octavio Ramilo, Columbus Ohio |
| 9:30-10:00  | Diseases Affecting our Populations: Pneumococcal Vaccines | Facilitator: Xavier Sáez-Llorens, Panama  
Speakers: Keith Klugman (CDC) |
| 10:00-10:30 | Q & A Session | Previous Speakers |
| 10:30-11:00 | COFFEE BREAK/RECESO | SPONSORED EVENT |
| 11:00-12:00 | Malaria Research in the Tropics: A Continuing Evolution | Facilitator: Carmenza Spadafora, INDICASAT  
Speakers: John Adams, Univ. of South Florida (USF) (10 min)  
Nicanor Obaldia, Harvard University (10 min)  
Wilbur Milhous, Univ. of South Florida (USF) (10 min) |
12:00-12:40 Tropical Medicine

The Fever That Never Ends: Dengue
Facilitator: Ricardo Izurieta, USF, Florida
Speakers: Scott Halstead, US

12:40-14:00 LUNCH/ALMUERZO
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<td>Sexually-Transmitted Diseases: gonorrhea, herpes, chlamydia, HIV/AIDS</td>
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Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be requested in writing via fax to 813-974-3217 or e-mail to smakar@health.usf.edu and received by February 29, 2012 in order to receive a refund. A $35 cancellation fee will be assessed to cover administrative costs. There are no refunds for no-shows or for cancellations received after February 29, 2012; however, substitutions are welcome without penalty.

USF Health reserves the right to cancel this activity due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of such cancellation, only the registration fee will be returned to the registrant. USF Health will not be responsible for travel expenses incurred by the participant in case of cancellation.

Equal Opportunity: Events, activities and facilities of the University of South Florida are available without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, or Vietnam veteran status as provided by law and in accordance with the University's respect for personal dignity.

Accommodations for Disabilities: Please notify the USF CPD Office, 12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., MDC 46, Tampa, FL 33612, call 813-974-4296, or e-mail smakar@health.usf.edu by February 29, 2012 if a reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed.
LOCATION INFORMATION

HOTEL

InterContinental Playa Bonita Resort & Spa Location:
Kobbe Beach, Punta Bruja
Panama City, 00000 Panama
Phone (USA): 1-877-800-1690 or 507-206-8880; Phone (Panama): +507-2118600; Fax (Panama): +507-3161463

InterContinental Playa Bonita Resort & Spa offers tropical resort seclusion just minutes from Panama City and the wonders of the Panama Canal, where the Miraflores Visitors Center is a must. The colonial and shopping districts, Amador Causeway, Punta Bruja Nature Reserve and the Gamboa Rainforest Resort aerial tram are all less than an hour away.

A special group rate of USD $236.50 for Deluxe Room Single Accommodation and USD $247.50 for Deluxe Room Double Accommodation in addition to any applicable taxes are offered for our meeting dates. The group rate cut off date is February 15, 2012. Call the InterContinental Playa Bonita Resort & Spa at 1-877-800-1690 or 507-206-8880 for reservations. Please mention that you will be attending Vaccinology in the Tropics to receive the special group rate.

You may also book your room by completing the form on the last page of this brochure and e-mailing it to groups@bernshotelspanama.com or faxing it to 507-214-1002 (and then send e-mail to groups@bernshotelspanama.com to confirm receipt of the fax). The rooms will fill quickly, so book early!

Rate Inclusions:

• Deluxe lodging
• Daily breakfast and dinner buffet at the Plantation Café
• Wi-Fi Internet
• Portage fee
• Maid Gratuity
• One Welcome drink at the lobby bar
• Complimentary pass for the gym, pools and volleyball court
Directions to InterContinental Playa Bonita Resort & Spa:

From the Tocumen International Airport take the highway (Corredor Sur) to Avenida Balboa and Cinta Costera, stay in the left lane; at the end of the Avenida Balboa take the overpass to your left, which will take you to Avenida de Los Martires, (4th of July Avenue), continue straight for about 2 km, then you will cross the Puente de Las Americas (Bridge of the America’s); as you come down from the bridge take the first exit to your right. You will see signs for Veracruz and the InterContinental Playa Bonita Resort. Continue straight for 7 kilometers, approximately 10 minutes. You will then see the hotel entrance on the left side of the road (1 kilometer after the Westin Hotel).

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Tocumen International Airport (PTY)
Distance 30 KM / 18.64 MI WEST to Hotel
Taxi Charge (one way): $50.00 (USD)
Time by taxi: 30 minutes
Take Corredor Sur to Balboa Avenue. Follow the signs to the Bridge of the Americas over the Panama Canal. After passing the Bridge of the Americas, take first exit to the right, follow for 4 miles until reaching the Resort entrance.

AIRLINE INFORMATION

Tocumen International Airport:
The commercial airport in Panama City, Panama is Tocumen International Airport. Please click on the link listed below to explore the website for this airport: [http://www.tocumenpanama.aero/index.php?cccpage=index&set_language=en](http://www.tocumenpanama.aero/index.php?cccpage=index&set_language=en)

Airlines served:

- Aeroperlas
- Air Transat
- American Airlines
- Avianca
- CanJet
- Condor Flugdienst
- Copa Airlines
- Copa Airlines Colombia
- Delta Air Lines
- Iberia
- KLM
- Laca
- SBA Airlines
- Spirit Airlines
- Sunwig Airlines
- TACA Airlines
- TAME
- United Airlines
- Venezolana
**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**Public Transport:** While Panama City's public bus system is extensive, getting around can present quite a few problems if you don't speak Spanish. However, if you are up to the challenge, look for destinations displayed in the front windshield of the buses. Fares are cheap (US$.25). Buses usually operate between 05:00 hrs and 22:00 hrs. In the interest of safety, tourists are advised to hire taxis for early morning or late night rides. Do not miss the opportunity of seeing and riding one of the diablo rojo buses, the colorfully painted buses that are common throughout Panama. Typically, a diablo rojo sports a customized exterior, featuring politicians, celebrities or artists.

**Taxi:** Taxis are usually waved down on the city streets. Fares usually do not amount to more than a few dollars and follow newly applied tariff zones. So, if you are unsure about the rate you are asked, request your taxi driver to show you in which zone you are. In time of heavy traffic, taxi drivers are unwilling to accept passengers if it deviates them from their normal route. Be prepared! We advise you to ask the drivers cab how much it is before getting in the cab. That way you will not be surprised!

**Car:** You can find car rental companies at your arrival at the international or domestic airports or at El Cangrejo. Most of the car renta agencies have an office in Via Veneto.

**Car rental companies:**

- Avis
- Budget
- Hertz
- Alamo etc

**ATTRACTIONS**

**#1 Bridge of the Americas**
Panama City
The Bridge of the Americas (Spanish: Puente de las Américas; originally known as the Thatcher Ferry Bridge) is a road bridge in Panama, which spans the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal. Completed in 1962, at a cost of US$20 million, it was the only non-swinging bridge (there are two other bridges, one at the Miraflores locks and one at the Gatun locks) connecting the north and south American land masses until the opening of the Centennial Bridge in 2004. The bridge was designed by Sverdrup & Parcel.

**#2 Interoceanic Canal Museum**
Panama City
Opened in 1997, this history museum chronicles the planning, construction and present-day operation of Panama's landmark canal. Attraction type: History museum [http://www.panamatravel.com/pcmuseum/pcmuseum@sinfo.net](http://www.panamatravel.com/pcmuseum/pcmuseum@sinfo.net) Address: Av Central -Plaza de la independencia P.O. Box 1904, Zone 1 Panama City Panama Tel: (507) 262-0966, [www.museodelcanal.com](http://www.museodelcanal.com)
#3 Panama Cathedral
Panama City
Traveler Description: Built between 1688 and 1796, this is a magnificent example of the religious colonial architecture of Panama. Attraction type: Architectural building, Religious site Address: Av Central 7-30 E Panama City Panama

#4 Independence Square
Panama City

#5 Heron’s Palace (Palacio de las Garzas)
Panama City

#6 National Theater (Nacional Teatro)
Panama City

#7 Taboga Beach
Panama
There are great beaches in Taboga to either side of the ferry dock. Went to the better one to the right. It is a beach with a sand bar. On one side there are a lot of waves. On the other, it’s more calm. You decide. Directions: A 5 minute walk to the right of the boat dock.

#8 Metropolitan Nature Park
Panama City
Metropolitan Natural Park, managed by a foundation, is a natural area within Panama City that helps to maintain an equilibrium between the natural environment and the urban habitat, in particular by preventing the spread of pollution and promoting a healthy environment. It’s a site with facilities for recreation directed at nature interpretation, environmental education, ecological research and other related scientific and cultural activities.

Principal attractions and assets:
- Los Trinos Lookout: At 45 meters above sea level, one can observe the different forest strata from here.
- Los Caobos Lookout: It’s 72 meters above sea level, with a marvelous panoramic view of view of Panama City.
- Cerro Cedro Lookout: This is the second-highest point within the city and has two platforms, from which one may see the Miraflores Locks, the Centennial Bridge and the old Clayton Hospital, the old and modern Panama City, the Bridge of the Americas, the Amador Causeway, Taboga Island, the port of Balboa and the Marcos A. Gelabert Airport in Albrook.
- Along the Mono Titi Road one will find the world's first forest research crane that was installed in 1990 by the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute to study the forest canopy and the different species that interact there.
- Facilities: Parking, bathrooms, library, multi-use hall, souvenir store

www.parquemetropolitano.org

#9 Miraflores Locks
Panama City
Miraflores is the name of one of the three locks that form part of the Panama Canal and the name of the small lake that separates these locks from the Pedro Miguel locks upstream. In the Miraflores locks, vessels are lifted (or lowered) in three stages totalling 8 m, allowing them to transit to or from the Pacific Ocean port of Balboa (near Panama City). Ships cross below the Puente de las Américas (Bridge of the Americas) which connects North and South America. As of 2005, the following schedule was in effect for ship transit through the locks. From 06:00 to 15:15, ships travel from the Pacific towards the Atlantic. From 15:45 to 23:00 ships travel from the Atlantic towards the Pacific. At any other time, travel is permitted in both directions, A modern visitor centre allows tourists to have a full view of the Miraflores locks operation. Binoculars are recommended to also see the Pedro Miguel Locks, visible in the distance.

As of 2005, admittance to the visitors centre costs US$5 (observation terrace) or $8 (supporting exhibits and show added). Viewing a transit operation at the centre can take more than 30 minutes. A souvenir shop in the base level sells related merchandise. The centre closes at 17:00. www.pancanal.com/eng/index.html

#10 Atlapa Convention Center
Panama City
The Atlapa is a convention center in Panama and Central America. The Atlapa is an 8-acre complex, borders the Pacific Ocean and offers a maximum events capacity of 10,500 persons. It is accessible from Tocumen International Airport and very close to major hotels and the International Banking Center. www.atlapa.gob.pa

#11 Panama Old Cathedral
Panama City
Old Panama Founded by Pedrarias Davila on August 15, 1519. It became the first European establishment in the Pacific. The city was used as a passage for the gold coming from Peru to Portobelo and Nombre de Dios where it was shipped and send to Spain. In 1671, one thousand men led by Henry Morgan ascend through the Chagres River to the city, which was completely sacked. The most impressive structures remaining are the Cathedral with a massive bell tower and the Bishop’s House, San Juan de Dios Hospital and the remaining of houses and stores, as well as the view of the Bay of Panama, where the Spaniards and pirate ships once sailed.

#12 Centenario Bridge
Panama
Brand new bridge crossing the Panama Canal opened in 2003, the centennial of Panama's independence

#13 Estadio Nacional Rod Carew
Panama City
Estadio Nacional de Panama, also called Rod Carew Stadium, is a multi-purpose stadium in Panama City, Panama. The stadium has a capacity of 27,000 and was built in 1999. It is currently used mostly for baseball matches from the national league, and Panama national baseball team matches. It has also hosted many international baseball competitions as well as many concerts and different types of events. The stadium is named after Rod Carew, a Hall-of-Fame Panamanian-American baseball player. Since the year 2003, there have been many plans and talks in order to expand the capacity of the stadium reaching a capacity of nearly 45,000. Some of the artists that have performed in the Estadio Nacional de Panama include Christina Aguilera, Sting, Enrique Iglesias, Soda Stereo, and Ruben
#14 Estadio Rommel Fernandez
Tocumen

#15 Soberania National Park
Panama
Soberanía National Park (Parque Nacional Soberanía) is a national park in Panama near the banks of the Panama Canal in the provinces of Panamá and Colón, some 25 km from Panama City. The Chagres River runs through the park. Established as a national park in 1980, the park covers 55,000 acres. The park is popular with birdwatchers due to the abundance of bird species in the park, including motmots, toucans, trogons, flycatchers, antbirds, woodpeckers, tanagers and hawks. Among the rarer bird species in the park are yellow-eared toucanets, crimson-bellied woodpeckers, sirystes and rarely seen harpy eagles. Mammals in the park include white-faced capuchin monkeys, mantled howler monkeys, Geoffroy’s tamarins, two-toed sloths, three-toed sloths, anteaters, coatis and agoutis. Green iguanas are also found in the park.

#16 Gaillard Cut
Panama
The Gaillard Cut, or Culebra Cut, is a man-made valley that cuts through the continental divide in Panama. The cut forms part of the Panama Canal, linking Lake Gatún, and thereby the Atlantic Ocean, to the Gulf of Panama and the Pacific Ocean. It is 12.6 km (7.8 mi) from the Pedro Miguel lock on the Pacific side to the Chagres River arm of Lake Gatun, with a water level 26 m (85 ft) above sea level. Construction of the cut was one of the great engineering feats of its time; the immense effort required to complete it was justified by the great significance of the canal to shipping, and in particular the strategic interests of the United States.

#17 Gamboa Rainforest Resort
Panama
In the middle of a rainforest at the Panama Canal, staying at Gamboa Resort is a great way to get close to nature. Don't miss the historic library, up the stairs in the lobby atrium, with books on Panama Canal history and the surrounding wildlife.
http://www.gamboaresort.com/

#18 Barro Colorado
Gatun Lake
Reservation Form
University of South Florida – March 15 -18, 2012
Block Code: USF

Accommodation Arrangements:
All guests attending the University of South Florida – Congreso de Vacunologia event will have preferential rates, as follows:

**Room & Breakfast:**
Deluxe Single Room USD$ 236.50 per night.
Deluxe Double Room USD$ 247.50 per night.

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Rates are inclusive of American Breakfast Buffet in Plantation Cafe for the registered adults in the rooms, and complimentary Wireless Internet access. Rates are based on Single/Double occupancy; additional person will have a surcharge of $20 USD per night. A maximum of 3 adults or 2 adults and 2 Children under the age of 12 years are permitted per room. Children under the age of 12 are free of charge.

Rates are subject to 10% government tax.

Please note that check-in is possible as of 1500 hrs and check-out is required by 1200 hrs noon. Arrange directly with the Hotel should your requirements differ.

Your host has secured accommodation on your behalf from March 15th – March 18th, 2012. These rates are available 3 days pre/post the event dates and are subject to availability upon your request.

Kindly note that accommodation is limited; rooms will be held until Tuesday, February 14th, 2012. After this date, all reservations for University of South Florida will be subject to the hotel’s availability at the moment of request.

Non-smoking hotel environment: Please be advised that every Hotel property in Panama is committed to provide a smoke-free environment to all of their guests and associates. Government policy enforces to prohibit smoking in guestrooms or hotel surroundings, failure to comply with this legislation will result in a charge of USD$200 due to deep cleansing of the premises. (Decree-Law 13 issued on January 24, 2008 for the control of tobacco and its harmful effects on health, Republic of Panama).

**How to book:**
Complete this hotel booking form from InterContinental Playa Bonita and send it by email to groups@bernhotelspanama.com. If you have any question please contact our reservations department at (507) 206-8880

**How to pay & guarantee your accommodation:**
Room and Tax equivalent to the first night will be charged at the moment the reservation is requested, must provide credit card information. Modifications and cancellation to reservations may be made without penalty up to Tuesday, February 14, 2012. After this date a penalty equivalent to the number of nights reserved will apply.

**PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION AS FOLLOWS:**

Title: ________________First name: ________________________________ Last name: ____________________________________________

Accompanying person:__________________________________________________________________________________________

Address for all correspondence:_________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: __________________________Fax: _________________________Email:__________________________________________________

Preferred room type:________________________________________________________________________________________________

Arrival date:_____________________________________  Departure date:_____________________________

My credit card details are (tick appropriate):[ ] Mastercard [ ] Visa [ ] Amex [ ] Diners

Card number: _________________________________  Expiry date:________________________________

Name shown on card:____________________________________________________________________________________________

Cardholder’s billing address:_____________________________________________________________________________________

**DECLARATION OF CONSENT:**
I understand and accept the cancellation clause explained above and authorize the Hotel to charge my credit card if I may incur in penalty.

Signed: __________________________________________ Date:__________________________