

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
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**Present:**

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology and the Law**

**January 2-6, 2012**

**and**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Multispecialty Conference on Medical Negligence and Risk Management in Medicine, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Radiology, & Family Medicine**

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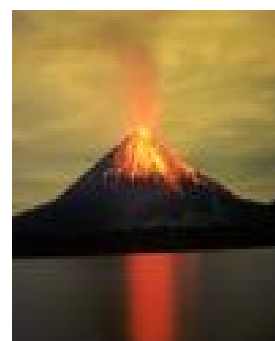
**JW MARRIOTT GUANACASTE RESORT & SPA • PAPAGAYO PENINSULA, COSTA RICA**



**Pura vida!!**...Boston University School of Medicine and the Center for Human Genetics is proud to present the **28<sup>th</sup> Annual** Conference on Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology and the Law and the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual** Conference on Medical Negligence and Risk Management in Medicine, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Radiology and Family Medicine at the JW Marriott, Papagayo Peninsula, Costa Rica.



**COSTA RICA:** Costa Rica is one of the most incredibly diverse and beautiful countries on the planet. Despite its diminutive size, this Central American nation is a tiny world unto itself, where mountain cloud forests and dormant volcanoes are only a few hours' drive from tropical beaches and lowland rainforest. Costa Rica has more ecological preservation, sightseeing and recreational activities per square mile than any other country in the world. A quarter of the country is dedicated to national parks and wildlife preserves, while tropical rain forests, active volcanoes, miles of unspoiled beaches, and climatic zones provide visitors with an incredible travel experience. Costa Rica is a land of sun and beaches, volcanoes and valleys, rainforests and rivers, relaxation and thrills!



Consider extending your time in Costa Rica to some of the other unique areas the country has to offer. The capital of San Jose abounds with history and local culture. Nearby, find the beautiful Poas Volcano, wonderful hiking trails, and coffee plantations. Further south, visit the beautiful Manuel Antonio National Park or surf at Jaco. In the North Plains of Costa Rica, experience the relaxing geothermal pools at Arenal Volcano, nature/bird/butterfly watching, spelunking, hanging bridges and tree top adventures, or the thrills of whitewater rafting, from easy to extreme! Travel Planners is available to assist in booking pre or post extensions.

**JW MARRIOTT GUANACASTE RESORT & SPA...** Enjoy this new, stunning, ocean front resort, near Tamarindo, located in one of the most exclusive beaches in Costa Rica with world class SPA and Golf Course. At JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & SPA discover traditional Costa Rican warmth with world class luxury. Fast being recognized as one of the most magnificent in Latin America, the resort is located on the country's northwestern coast and offers the comforts and luxuries associated with JW Marriott in an environment that is richly and authentically Costa Rican. Luxuriously appointed guest rooms provide a private haven of comfort with rich woods and fine linens. The resort is peacefully surrounded by the splendors of Costa Rican nature. With a choice of 3 beaches, Championship Golf, Equestrian Center, World Class Spa and more, your experience will be unforgettable. The 18-hole championship course is a masterpiece of golf architect Mike Young. Be sure to pause at the 15th hole overlooking the serene and blue Pacific.

The following special room rates are reserved:

	<b>2012 Meeting Rates</b>	<b>2011 Public Rates</b>
Deluxe Garden View	\$275	\$419
Deluxe Ocean View	\$315	\$460
Deluxe Ocean Front	\$345	\$492

Rates are based on single or double occupancy, Monday, January 2 to Sunday, January 8, 2012 plus 13% tax, \$8 per person portorage and \$6 per room, per day housekeeping gratuity. Children under 12, no charge when sharing room using existing bedding. 3<sup>rd</sup> person 13 and older, an additional charge of \$45 per night plus tax will apply. Maximum of 3 persons in a room. **Arrivals prior to January 2, 2012 are on a request basis, subject to availability and at the full public rate in effect at that time. Departures after January 8, 2012 are subject to availability at the group rate.** Suite rates are on request and subject to availability.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS...**Travel Planners, Inc. (TPI) offers discounted fares to Costa Rica. Seats are limited and early bookings are recommended to insure the best fares. An air itinerary and fare including \$35 service fee, will be sent for approval prior to ticketing. TPI will begin booking flights in March, 2011. We also offer assistance with booking pre or post extensions in Costa Rica.



**AIRPORT/HOTEL TRANSFERS:**

The International Airport at Liberia is located approximately an hour drive from the JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort. TPI will offer optional round trip transfers for purchase as well as assistance with booking rental cars. Taxis are also available at the airport.

**PRELIMINARY OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

The activities below are examples of some that may be arranged by TPI on an exclusive basis for Boston University attendees so as not to conflict with the meeting agenda. An activities list, dates and times of operation as well as costs will be provided when the program details are finalized.

**Corobici River Float**

Located approximately 1½ hours from the resort is the Corobici River. Spend two and half hours floating safely on river rafts, while viewing exotic birds and wildlife.



**Horseback Riding**

Enjoy the beauty of the surrounding countryside during an approximately hour drive to El Aromal Hacienda. Feel like a Guanacaste cowboy as you experience a real working ranch. Explore the rain forest on horseback. Keep an eye out for toucans, wild parrots, monkeys, sloths and other mammals that are common to the area. Appreciate the great biodiversity of the flora and fauna of the forest. At the end of the ride, return to the hacienda to enjoy a cool drink and a snack.

**Sunset Sail**

Explore the shores on a beautiful 85 foot Catamaran. Board the boat and embark on an adventure around the Gulf of Papagayo. This may be an opportunity to see ocean wildlife in the fresh air! As the sun sets, watch the silent growth of the sea and rising of the stars.

**Half Day Deep Sea Fishing Tour**

Try your luck at catching that big one! The boat is equipped with tower outriggers, fighting chair, VHS Radio, GPS, fish finder and Penn International reels. The captain and mate have at least 10 years experience in success deep sea fishing.

**Palo Verde National Park Tour**

Located about a 1½ hour drive from the resort is Palo Verde National Park. Upon arrival, set out on the forest road amidst hidden trails and enticing rivers. Board well equipped canopy-covered boats, expertly steered by river captains, and enjoy an incredible number of tropical species such as rose spoon-billed or the mythical Jabirú stork. The trip might bring unique opportunities to observe reptiles such as crocodiles or the always expected white-throated capuchin monkeys. During the 1½ hour trip on the river, experience how the adventure photographers might feel when they approach and capture many of those unforgettable natural scenes in the wild.

**Mega Combo Tour**

The perfect combination of adventure and relaxing! A full day of magic awaits you in the surrounding areas of Rincon de la Vieja Volcano. Approximately two hours from the resort, enjoy the rain forest, horseback riding, canopy tour, water slide, and natural hot springs!



**Congo Trail Canopy Tour at Artola**

Located a little over an hour from the resort, this is an unforgettable experience and a "must do" in Costa Rica! Be amazed by the scenic views as you zip among the tree tops on cables. Observe a great variety of flora, fauna and many animals in their natural environment in a way that you can't from the ground! Professional guides provide instruction before beginning and accompany throughout.

In addition to the above, many more activities such as Africa Mia Safari Park, Hiking, Snorkeling, Scuba Diving, and Golf are also available in the area surrounding the JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort.

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**IF INTERESTED IN RECEIVING MORE INFORMATION ON TRAVEL/HOUSING RESERVATIONS...**Complete below and fax to Travel Planners, Inc. at 210-341-5252. **NOTE: Completion of this form does not reserve accommodations for this meeting, but only provides TPI with a method of contact in order to forward reservation information to you as it becomes available.**

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