

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
and the CENTER FOR HUMAN GENETICS**

Present:

28th Annual Conference on Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology and the Law

January 2-6, 2012

and

12th 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 **28th Annual** Conference on Obstetrics, Gynecology, Perinatal Medicine, Neonatology and the Law and the **12th 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 discounted room rates are reserved for BU attendees:

	2012 Meeting Rates	2012 Public Rates
Deluxe Garden View	\$275	\$819
Deluxe Ocean View	\$315	\$869
Deluxe Ocean Front	\$345	\$919

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. 3rd 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.

A deposit equal to 1 night's stay is required to book reservations. If a credit card is provided, TPI will provide this to the hotel approximately 45 days prior to the group arrival and charges will apply at that time. If providing deposit by check, TPI will forward all payments to the hotel at approximately 45 days prior to the group arrival and payments will then be posted to individual records. The hotel charges for early departures. Departure date should be reconfirmed upon check in.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Activities below have been scheduled on an exclusive basis, private for BU attendees, their families and guests and do not conflict with the meeting agenda. Prices are 2010 costs and subject to change. TPI reserves the right to cancel or revise a tour to a public tour should the minimum requirements not be met.

JANUARY 1-10, 2012

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

\$85 per person each way (\$170 round trip)

The JW Marriott is located approximately an hour's drive from the Liberia airport. TPI has arranged for private transfer services. Cost includes personal greeting outside of customs, assistance with luggage, English speaking guide and gratuities. Transfers are available for arrivals as early as January 1, 2012 and departures as late as January 9, 2012. If your plans are to arrive earlier or depart later, the hotel offers a service that charges \$140 per person each way (\$280 round trip). The estimated taxi cost is \$120 each way (\$240 round trip). Taxis are not always reliable and fares are not regulated. For those who choose to rent cars, both valet and self-parking at the hotel is complimentary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

HORSEBACK RIDING AT HACIENDA PINILLA

2:00pm-4:30pm

\$75 per adult/\$70 per child (7-12 years)

Nature and Beach: This one and a half hour ride leaves from the Hacienda Pinilla stables and heads out on to picturesque trails, where you may observe a variety of plants and animals. The trail ride stops at the water tank landmark, which is the ideal lookout point from which to enjoy the natural beauty of the Hacienda's grounds. This ride is appropriate for riders of all skill levels. Wear long pants, closed toe shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. Bring your camera! Includes: round trip air-conditioned transportation, English speaking guide, taxes and gratuities. **Minimum 10 persons**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012

CARTAGENA CANOPY TOUR

2:00pm-6:00pm

\$99 per adult/\$93 per child (7-12 years)

Located about 45 minutes drive from the resort is this thrilling adventure! Glide through the Costa Rican forest on cables at treetop levels! Begin the tour with a safety lecture and instructions as you gear up. What better way to start your canopy tour than at the top of a Guanacaste tree, the national tree of Costa Rica! Ascend the tree via a winding staircase to the platform 20 meters up. Zip from one platform to another with the use of cables and pulleys, above one of the last unique and impressive dry forests in the area. At these heights you can see and listen to many animals, for example, monkeys, iguanas, raccoons, armadillos, and a great variety of migratory birds and butterflies, as well as a biodiversity of plants, trees, and lianas. The final cable brings you into a rustic typical ranch where you can purchase a cool drink and/or a souvenir from the gift shop. The system contains cables between 50 and 200 meters in length, with 10 cables (11 platforms) in total. Wear long shorts or pants, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Be sure that anything on you can be secured in pockets or on a belt. If it falls in the forest, it stays in the forest! Includes: round trip air-conditioned transportation, English speaking guide, safety equipment, taxes and gratuities. **Minimum 16 persons**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

SUNSET SNORKEL CRUISE

1:30pm-6:30pm(approximate)

\$140 per person

Board a chartered catamaran for a private, delightful sail on Tamarindo Bay. Cruise north past Playa Grande, Bahia De Los Pirates, Playa Conchal and Flamingo. Drop anchor and snorkel in a calm bay with clear waters. Search the rock reefs for eels, octopus, puffer fish, rays or any of the other hundreds of fish species found off the coast of Costa Rica. Paddle through the offshore caves and then to shore on one do the two, two man kayaks. Back aboard the Marlin del Ray, the crew will prepare you a drink of choice and a selection of appetizers that were prepared aboard as you snorkeled. Pull anchor and set sail for Tamarindo. Enjoy a picturesque sunset with the wind blowing through your hair and fellow attendees at your side. Wear swimsuit, rubber soled shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. Bring a towel and camera. Includes: round trip air-conditioned transportation, English speaking guide, snorkeling equipment, open bar and snacks, tax and gratuities. **Minimum 40 persons**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012

ATV TOUR

2:00pm-5:30pm

\$145 first rider/\$45 passenger

Enjoy one of the best sunsets on the Pacific Coast from a lookout point in the mountains of Tamarindo as well as an incredible view of Playa Langosta, Tamarindo and all the way to Playa Grande. This tour is considered one of the most exciting trips across the dry forest of the Guanacaste region. Incredible views from the top of the mountains and of the wild life will make this tour unforgettable. Recommended for all ages! Wear long pants, closed toe shoes, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. Includes: round trip air-conditioned transportation, English speaking guide, taxes and gratuities.

Minimum 10 persons

Staff will be on site to assist with booking additional activities (such as hiking, deep sea fishing, Palo Verde National Park, other National Parks, golf, tennis, shopping, outrigger canoeing, etc), dining suggest and questions about the Costa Rica and/or the Guanacaste area.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS... Save travel dollars on economy class service to Liberia, Costa Rica, on **American and Continental Airlines**. TPI discounted fares are NOT available by calling the airlines or through a retail travel agent. TPI will be please to book your travel on another airline, if you prefer. Seats are limited and early bookings are recommended. An air itinerary, fare (including a \$35 per ticket service fee) and booking policies will be faxed for approval prior to ticketing. Benefits include: frequent flyer enrollment processed at no charge; advance seat assignments; no surcharge for weekend travel; stopovers in Costa Rica arranged for no additional service charge. Call 800-531-7201 and ask for a BU air representative to make reservations.

RENTAL CARS: Car rental reservations can be made through all major agencies in conjunction with your air reservations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT: OCTOBER 25, 2011

Cancellation Charges - \$50 per room at any time.

Hotel: After October 25, 2011 cancellation fee plus two nights' room charge. Early checkout prior to confirmed departure date will result in a charge for full stay.

Optional Activities: After November 15, 2011, no refund unless resold.

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AIRLINES: Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passenger contract (ticket) in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of those tours and/or passenger.

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OCTOBER 25, 2011

BOOK ON LINE AT:
<https://tpires.com/bumx/form.htm>

IMPORTANT: Name(s) as shown below must match photo ID (Passport) or the airlines will deny boarding.

Last Name _____ First _____
Spouse/Guest _____
Child _____ Age _____ Child _____ Age _____
Mailing Address []Home []Office _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone() _____ - _____ Office Phone() _____ - _____ Fax() _____ - _____
Email _____

1. Conference Hotel Reservations – JW MARRIOTT RESORT -- (Place a 1, 2, and 3 to indicate your room preference.)

_____ Deluxe Garden View @ \$275 _____ Deluxe Ocean View @ \$315 _____ Deluxe Ocean Front @ \$345
Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ # in room _____
Comments _____

Note: Arrivals prior to January 2, 2012 are on a request basis, subject to availability and at the full public holiday rate for 2011/12.

2. Airline Reservations:

Depart (city) _____ to arrive Liberia, Costa Rica on (date) _____
Return from Liberia, Costa Rica on (date) _____ to (city) _____
Airline Preference (if any) _____ Frequent Flyer # _____
Seating Preference: _____ Window _____ Aisle _____

Note: for those who wish to extend your stay in Costa Rica, segment will be incorporated into your airline schedule.
Please call 800-531-7201 to discuss options.

3. Summary/Method of Payment

HOTEL: The JW Marriott (if not providing a credit card)

Hotel Deposit # rooms _____ @ 1 night \$ _____

OPTIONAL TOURS/SERVICES:

Arrival Transfer Date: _____ # _____ @ \$85 per person \$ _____

Horseback Riding, Wednesday, January 4 # _____ @ \$75 per adult \$ _____

_____ @ \$70 per child (3-12) \$ _____

Canopy Tour, Thursday, January 5 # _____ @ \$99 per adult \$ _____

_____ @ \$93 per child (7-12) \$ _____

Sunset Snorkel Cruise, Friday, January 6 # _____ @ \$140 per person \$ _____

ATV Tour, Saturday, January 7 # _____ @ \$145 first rider \$ _____

_____ @ \$45 passenger \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

[] Check is enclosed. (Made payable to Boston University/TPI)

[] Credit Card (Circle One): Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

_____ Guarantee hotel(s)* _____ Charge for Optional Tours _____ Airline Tickets

Account Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Billing Name (Please Print) _____

I have read and understand the cancellation policies and penalties.

Signature _____

*The hotel(s) will charge the required deposit to the credit card above approximately 45 days prior to arrival.

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