

UWI-SUNY Health Research Consortium
The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica
April 30-May 3, 2025

Mona Office of Research Innovation

In collaboration with

Global Infectious Diseases Research Training Program

Center for Leadership and Sustainable Development

Global Virus Network

April 30: Arrival

May 1:

General Sessions

8:30-8:40	Welcome/Moderator	Josh Anzinger
8:40 -9:00	Current Arbovirus Challenges:	Scott Weaver
9:00-10:30	Global Virus Network Center Updates	Sten Vermund/Center Directors
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45 - 11:00	Abbott Pandemic Defense Coalition Update:	Lester Perez
11:00-Noon	GID Trainee Presentations (3 trainees)	John Lindo/Gene Morse
Noon – 1pm	Lunch and Networking	Attendees

Concurrent Focus/Breakout Sessions

1-2pm	Overview/Global Impact Project- Health Informatics	Ative Ennis
2-3:30pm	GVN/GID Mentoring Workshop:	GVN Faculty
2-3:30 pm	Autism Spectrum Disorders	Michael Cummings
2-3:30 pm	Cannabinoid Research	Jeff Lombardo
2-3:30 pm	Clinical Neuroscience and Behavioral Health	Ernest Barthelemy
2-3:30 pm	Pharmacology Laboratory and Quality Assurance	Robin DiFrancesco
2-3:30 pm	Prostate Cancer	Belinda Morrison
2-3:30 pm	Health Informatics	Gunjan Mansingh
2-3:30 pm	Environment and Health	Michael Taylor

May 2: General Sessions

8:30-Noon	Global Infectious Diseases II	Tiffany Butterfield
	Field studies of mosquitos	Simone Sandiford
	Ticks as virus vectors	Saravanan Thangamani
	Environment and Health Considerations:	Helena M Solo-Gabriele
	Emerging Pediatric Viral Infectious Diseases:	Rana Chakraborty

Concurrent Focus Sessions – These groups will meet in person in conference room in FMS and include zoom participation from other UWI campuses and US sites.

1-2:30 pm	Autism Spectrum Disorders	Andrea Garbutt
1-2:30 pm	Cannabinoid Research	Jeff Lombardo
1-2:30 pm	Clinical Neuroscience and Behavioral Health	Ernest Barthelemy
1-2:30 pm	Diabetes and Metabolic Disease	Shelly McFarlane
1-2:30 pm	Pharmacology Laboratory and Quality Assurance	Robin DiFrancesco
1-2:30 pm	Prostate Cancer	Belinda Morrison
1-2:30 pm	Health Informatics	Gunjan Mansingh
1-2:30 pm	Environment and Health	Michael Taylor
2:30-3:00pm	Summary/ Global Impact Project-Health Informatics	Ative Ennis

Objectives

1. Provide an update on global infectious diseases and virus-related non-communicable diseases, discuss research priorities for the Caribbean, and ongoing research conducted by GID trainees.
2. Provide a mini workshop for UWI faculty, trainees and students to receive career mentoring and identify research opportunities.
3. Determine the status of multidisciplinary teams within the health research consortium, timelines for grant applications, and areas of overlap across groups including health informatics.
4. Create program links to SUNY-UWI Center for Leadership and Sustainable Development activities to bridge with SUNY-UWI HRC and identify individuals with an interest in graduate degrees offered in conjunction with the UWI International School for Development Justice.