

COLEGIO DE LA FRONTERA SUR (ECOSUR) – UNIDAD CHETUMAL  
UNIVERSIDAD DE QUINTANA ROO (UQROO)  
UNIVERSITY OF BELIZE (UB) AND  
EMBAJADA DE MÉXICO EN BELICE

CALL FOR PAPERS



3<sup>RD</sup> BINATIONAL  
SEMINAR  
ON HEALTH COOPERATION  
MEXICO - BELIZE

OCTOBER 4 TO 6, 2017  
CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO

## Presentation

The Binational Seminars Mexico-Belize are one of the main activities developed to enhance Academic Cooperation between Mexico and Belize. The 1st Binational Seminar Mexico-Belize was held in March 2016 in Belize City, and the 2nd Binational Seminar Mexico-Belize was held in November 2016 in Chetumal. In order to continue promoting academic collaboration between Mexico and Belize with the long-term goal of institutionalizing education and research exchanges between academic institutions of both countries, the Embassy of Mexico in Belize (EMBAMEX), the University of Quintana Roo (UQROO), the University of Belize (UB), and El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR-Chetumal) are coming together again to organize the **3rd Binational Seminar on Health Collaboration Mexico-Belize, to be held at ECOSUR on October 4-6, 2017.**

The purpose of this event is to promote human empowerment, social cohesion and mutual binational understanding through the exchange of research and academic pursuits among institutions, by sharing knowledge about current academic projects involving students, teachers and researchers from both countries. These projects demonstrate the vitality as well as the potential of academic interactions in our common region. The expectation is that this initiative will be the foundation for continued scientific exchange between the two countries.

Due to the relevance of the topic of Health between Mexico and Belize, this 3rd Binational Seminar aims at: a) identifying past and current actions of academic cooperation, b) systematising these actions, and c) seeking strategies to promote and strengthen health cooperation between the institutions of both countries.

Representatives from ECOSUR, UQROO, EMBAMEX, UB, Ministry of Health of Mexico (Quintana Roo), Ministry of Health of Belize, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belize, PAHO-Belize, PAHO-Mexico, among other have been organising this binational seminar.

The Organising Committee of the 3rd Binational Seminar is inviting students, teachers and researchers to submit proposals of papers and posters to be presented at the seminar under the following themes:

- Maternal and prenatal health (cancer, prevention and contraception, gender violence, obstetric violence, economic and sociocultural aspects, etc.)
- Epidemiology (diseases transmitted by vectors)
- HIV and Sex Communicable Diseases (prevention, treatments, follow-up on treatments, antiretroviral medications, social & psychological assistance, nutrition, sociocultural stigma, immigration issues & migratory status of patients, etc.)
- Health and environment (pesticides & water, water access, agriculture, work, pollution, air, heavy metals, economic and sociocultural aspects, etc.)
- Health and environmental education programs (transfer of credits & programs, revalidation of programs, immigration issues, migratory status of students, recommendations from PAHO/WHO, etc.)

- Chronic-degenerative non-communicable diseases (obesity, diabetes, hypertension, economic and sociocultural aspects, etc.)
- Mental health (addictions, work hygiene, gender violence, use of technologies & addictions, alcoholism & accidents in public ways, economic and sociocultural aspects, etc.)
- Alternative and traditional medicine (herbs & medicinal plants, massage, acupuncture, etc.)

Selected papers will be organised in sessions according to the themes. Each presenter in the particular session will have 20 minutes to present his/her paper; at the end of all presentations, 15 minutes will be allocated for questions and comments.

Selected posters will be exhibited, and the author(s) will be presenting them.

Deadline to submit proposals of papers and posters:  
**Friday May 26, 2017.**

All proposals of papers and posters must be submitted to:  
**[escobedo@ecosur.mx](mailto:escobedo@ecosur.mx)**

Paper acceptance notification: **August 18, 2017**

For proposals of papers, please include the following information:

Title of article

- Name of author/s (maximum 3). Please specify is you are students, teachers, researcher, or other)
- Institutional affiliation and address
- Email of author/s
- Curriculum of author/s (200 words per author, maximum)
- Abstract of 250 words maximum written in Spanish and English (objectives, methodology, results, conclusions, bibliography, and five key words)
- Theme where you are placing your proposal

For proposals of posters, please include the following information:

- Title of poster
- Name of author/s (maximum 3). Please specify is you are students, teachers, researcher, or other)
- Institutional affiliation and address
- Email of author/s
- Curriculum of author/s (200 words per author, maximum)
- Poster proposal in Spanish and English (objectives, methodology, results, conclusions, bibliography, and five key words). All posters should be 37 inches (90cm) wide by 47 inches (120cm) high.
- Theme where you are placing your proposal

Selected proposals of papers and posters will be published electronically, as well as the summary of the seminar.

If the authors want to publish their papers, they can be submitted as articles to the following academic journals:

- *Revista Mexicana del Caribe* - Universidad de Quintana Roo (UQROO)
- *Sociedad y Ambiente* - El colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR)
- *Ecofronteras* - El colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR)
- *Revista Salud Quintana Roo*- Servicios Estatales de Salud de QROO

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Guidelines for Poster Preparation

Display Facilities

One panel is available for display of each poster. Posters should be 37 inches (90cm) wide by 47 inches (120cm) high. Panel will be numbered. Place your poster on the appropriate panel. Posters are to be displayed during the symposium on the assigned panel for evaluation with the assigned number.

Preparation of Poster

The official languages for the posters are English and Spanish. Prepare the poster on material that is lightweight. Posters should be readable from 6 feet (2 meters). Choose a **font** that is very readable, like Bookman Old Style, or Book Antigua. Make the **font size** between 24-48 points. (Capital letters should be at least 3/8 inch (1 cm) on poster). Make sure that the body text is the same **font** throughout the entire **poster**. Images should be a minimum of 5x7 inches. **Ensure that poster is saved at 300 pixels before sending for printing.**

Your poster should be self-explanatory so that you are free to supplement and discuss particular points raised by inquiry. It should have written text, including an **abstract summary, introduction, objectives and hypothesis, methods, results and conclusions, references** (minimum 3); as well as visual support such as **diagrams, charts, reaction schemes, table recordings, graphs, photographs**, etc. Avoid overcrowding figures into tables. Legends and titles should accompany all figures, tables, photographs, etc. in order to allow their immediate identification.

Some effects that may be used in a poster include colour (effective in diagrams and charts), transparent overlays, and samples of materials, models, etc. Arrange the material in sections, each without too many details but with a common thread. You may use pre-existing poster formats available in Power Point or from other sources; or create your own as long as all components are present.

