

ONTA 2017 ANNUAL MEETING & 50th ANNIVERSARY



The Organization of Nematologists of Tropical America will be hosting its annual meeting during the week of 10-14 July 2017. The Local Arrangements Committee and the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (www.uprm.edu) is planning a special conference in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, fitting for the “50th Anniversary of the ONTA Foundation”. The meeting program will include: a welcome cocktail at the MUSA Museum on 10 July, three symposia, two days of technical presentations, an anniversary banquet on 13 July, and a one day tour.

Local Arrangements Committee

The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is chaired by Roberto Vargas-Ayala, UPR-Mayaguez (roberto.vargas1@upr.edu) and the Office of International Program at the College of Agricultural Sciences-UPRM (fatima.ortiz@upr.edu).



Mayagüez Downtown

The conference event will be held at the Business Administration Amphitheater at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez.

Participants must arrange lodging reservation directly with the hotel. To obtain the special price for the meeting, you must identify as ONTA Annual Meeting participants. The main lodging is at the **Mayaguez Resort & Casino** (\$110-\$120+Tax)(Tel.: 1-787-832-3030; http://www.mayaguezresort.com/res_rooms.html). Other lodging options: **Holiday-Inn Mayaguez** (\$140+Tax) (Tel.: 1-787-833-1100; <http://holidayinn.com/mayaguezpr>) and **Howard Johnson Downtown Mayaguez** (\$99.50+Tax) (Tel.: 1-787-832-9191; reservaciones@ihphospitality.com).

Mayaguez is considered the “capital” of the West Coast; it is the third largest city of Puerto Rico. Mayaguez has its’ own distinct look with European charm and it’s known for its’ port, the UPR, the Teatro Yagüez (theatre of arts) and it houses the only zoo on the island.

Technical Program Committee

The Scientific Program is being handled by Deborah Neher (Deborah.Neher@uvm.edu) and Roberto Vargas-Ayala. The preliminary technical program includes: 6 Oral Paper Sessions, 3 Symposia, 1 Master Lecture, 1 International Forum on Banana & Plantain, and a Poster Session.

Registration Rates:

2017 ONTA Annual Meeting
Members = \$300* or \$350**
Students = \$175* or \$225**
*Early Bird by May 10
** May 10 – Onsite

Travel: (Airports)

Mayaguez, Puerto Rico (MAZ)
Borinquen, Aguadilla (BQN)
San Juan, PR (SJU)
(Airport Transportation to Hotel should be coordinated with LAC)