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Dr. Mildred Chaparro  
Dean of Academic Affairs  
UPRM

Report of Travel to Participate in the Feria de Talentos 2007 at INTEC,  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Dear Dr. Chaparro:

From August 22-25, 2007 I participated in the Second Annual Feria de Talentos which was organized by the Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC) to provide professional and educational opportunities to its students. The event this year, as opposed to its first year in 2006, included the participation of various universities, from both within and outside of Dominican Republic, along with the representation of many local industries. This was the first time that we, from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, were invited to participate in this fair and showcase our graduate programs. Our motive to participate, given the fact that UPRM is a major Caribbean university, was not only to showcase our graduate programs, but to also orient the prospective students on the details of the admission process, the credit requirements, the types of available assistantships and to develop a rapport by answering their queries.

I was accompanied on this trip by Ms. Yamarie Hernández from Co-Hemis, the unit which was instrumental in coordinating UPRM’s participation. During the event, I was provided with two opportunities to give presentations about UPRM and our programs on two separate days. Ms. Yamarie Hernández and I both felt that we had a very successful visit to INTEC, not only in terms of our participations, but hopefully also in making a further dent in attracting a larger number of talented students from the Dominican Republic.

For this trip, I would like to thank Ms. Yamarie Hernández for her support and to also Ms. Johanna Dávila Vélez, Dr. Fernando Gilbes - Director of CoHemis, Dr. Jorge I. Vélez Arocho - Chancellor, and you in making this participation possible.

Sincerely,

Anand D. Sharma  
Director

C: Dr. Fernando Gilbes, Director, CoHemis  
Dr. Jorge I. Vélez Arocho, Chancellor