This workshop will focus on the process of initiating, funding, conducting, and managing inter-institutional and cross-border research and sponsored projects. Session participants have been chosen on the basis of their experience in Mexico-U.S. collaboration and they will focus on all aspects of the collaborative process (including lessons learned the hard way).

8:00 a.m.– 8:45 a.m. = Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. = Introduction and Welcome

Introduction and welcome by Dr. Everett Eggington, Vice Provost, Office of the Vice Provost for International and U.S.-Mexico Border Programs, NMSU

MORNING SESSIONS

The two morning sessions will concentrate on how bi-national collaborative projects are initiated and sustained. Participants will speak about the benefits and problems of such projects and will share the main lessons they learned from doing bi-national work.

9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. = Session I—Science, Engineering and Math

Moderator:

Dr. Francisco Llera, Director General de Investigación Científica, UACJ

Presenters:

1. Dr. Luis Cervera Gómez, Profesor Investigador, COLEF
2. Dr. Robert Foster, Program Manager, Southwest Technology Development Institute, NMSU
3. Dr. Alberto Correa, Executive Director, U.S. Materials Corridor Council (MCC)
4. Dr. Alfredo Granados, Profesor Investigador, IIT, UACJ
10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. = Coffee Break

10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. = Session II—Social Sciences and Humanities
Moderator:
Dr. Neil Harvey, Director, Center for Latin American and Border Studies, NMSU

Presenters:
1. Dr. Christopher Brown, Department of Geography, NMSU
2. Dr. Elaine Hampton, Environmental Education, UTEP
3. Dr. Hector Padilla, Profesor Investigador, ICSA, UACJ
4. Dra. María Socorro Tabuenca Córdoba, Directora General Regional del Noroeste (Dean of the Northwest Region), COLEF

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. = Lunch and Keynote Address
Introduction by Dr. Jon Amastae, Director, Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, UTEP

Keynote address by Francisco Marmolejo, Executive Director, CONAHEC

1:45 p.m.-3 p.m. = Session III—Institutional Processes for Managing Collaborative Projects

This session will examine institutional administrative requirements for grants including such topics as timelines, ethics committees, and administrative approval. Institutional problems faced by bi-national teams will be discussed as will the importance of formal frameworks such as “Memoranda of Understanding” or “Convenios-Inter-institucionales”.

Moderator:
Dra. María Socorro Tabuenca Córdoba, Directora General Regional del Noroeste (Dean of the Northwest Region), COLEF

Presenters:
1. Dr. José Luis Castro, Director General de Vinculación (Dean for External Affairs), COLEF
2. Dr. Wynn Egginton, Special Assistant to the Vice Provost for Research, NMSU
3. Dr. John Irvine, Chair, Institutional Review Board, and Director, Counseling Center, NMSU
4. Dr. Francisco Llera, Director General de Investigación Científica, UACJ
5. Claudine Riccillo, Associate Director, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, UTEP

3:00-3:15 = Coffee Break

3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. = Session IV—Funding Sources

Government agencies and foundations that support U.S.-México collaborative projects will talk about the main criteria they use to fund a project. They will also offer their perspectives on current and future collaborative research teams and will discuss trends that are receiving support.

Moderator:

Greg Bloom, Outreach Coordinator, Center for Latin American and Border Studies, NMSU

Presenters:

Bob Curry, UTEP, Southwest Consortium for Environmental Research and Policy (SCERP)

Border Environment Cooperation Commission/North American Development Bank

Diana Chavarri, Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT)

Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration (CONAHEC)

Fundación del Empresariado Chihuahuense A.C. (FECHAC)

Michael Acosta, Fundación México-Estados Unidos para la Ciencia (FUMEC)

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. = UPDATE Reception at NMSU’s Club House in the Golf Course hosted by the Office of the Provost

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