AGENDA

Wednesday, February 8

AM
Arrivals

3:00 – 6:00 PM
Registration Desk open
Karen Gottlieb (WhatsApp) 305-968-3625

6:00 - 7:30 PM
Welcome “Tico” Reception
Terraza La Castilla

Thursday, February 9 - AMSNDC Meeting I

8:00 – 8:15 AM
Welcome & Introductions
Paul Micevych, President

8:15 – 9:00
Longitudinal Mentoring Approach to increasing Diversity
Paul Mermelstein, PhD – University of Minnesota

9:00 – 10:30
Panel: URM scientists discuss their recruitment and retention experiences and perspectives
Moderator: Jack Lipton, PhD - Michigan State University
Nathan Smith, Erica Sanchez, Irving Vega

10:30 – 10:45
Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:15
Panel: NIH FIRST Updates
Moderator: Walter Royal, III, PhD - Morehouse School of Medicine

11:15 - 12:15
Research & Training with American Medical Colleges
Ross McKinney, Jr. MD - AAMC

12:30 – 5:30
Group Tour: La Paz Waterfall Gardens
Included for all registered attendees. Lunch included.
Optional add-on tour for guests.
Friday, February 10 - AMSNDC Meeting II

8:00 – 9:15  
**New Chair Bootcamp**  
Moderator: Tim Ebner, PhD - University of Minnesota  
Panelists: Gwen Childs, Cheryl Dreyfus  

9:15 - 10:15  
**Training Opportunities and Expectations at NINDS**  
Michelle Jones-London, NIH/NINDS  
Chief, Office of Programs to Enhance Neuroscience Workforce Diversity  

10:15 – 10:30  
**Coffee Break**  

10:30 – 11:15  
**Update on NIMH Priorities**  
Joshua Gordon, PhD - Director NIMH  

11:15 – 12:15  
**Advancements in Volume EM and Its Direct Benefit in Neuroscience**  
Geoff Perumal - Sr. Sales Development, Electron Microscopy, ThermoFisher Scientific  

12:30 – 5:30  
**Optional Tour:**  
**Rainforest Experience at Braulio Carrillo Park**  
(choose between Aerial Tram or Zipline option) Box lunch.  

Hotel Lobby

Saturday, Feb 11 - AMSNDC Meeting III

8:00 - 9:00  
**Alternative Careers Counselling**  
Moderator: Cheryl Dreyfus  
Panelists: Jack Lipton, Tim Ebner, Alfredo Fontanini  

9:00 – 10:00  
**Panel: Crisis Management**  
Moderator: William Guido  
Panelists: John Foxe, Paul Micevych, Jack Lipton  

10:00 – 10:15  
**Coffee Break**  

10:15 – 11:30  
**Panel: Space & Finances**  
Moderator: Lucia Notterpek  
Panelists: Gwen Childs, Paul Pfaffinger, Harald Sontheimer  

11:30 – 12:00  
**AMSNDC Business Meeting**  

12:00 PM  
**Adjourn**  

12:30 - 5:00 PM  
**Optional Tours:**  
**Poas Volcano or Doka Coffee Plantation**  
Lunch included.  

Hotel Lobby

6:30 – 9:30 PM  
**Farewell Pura Vida Dinner**  

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Sunday, Feb 12

AM  
**Departures – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**