

Upcoming Events and News

- **Workshop on Analysis of Longitudinal Data on Aging at Costa Rica**



From June 29th to July 11th, the Workshop on Analysis of Longitudinal Data on Aging (Taller Sobre Análisis Longitudinal de Encuestas de Envejecimiento 2008) at San Jose, Costa Rica, was held in the Centro Centroamericano de Población. Soham Al-Snih, MD, PhD, Kyriakos Markides, PhD, and Laura A. Ray, MA, from UTMB, and Fernando Riosmena, PhD, from the University of Colorado represented UTMB's WHO/PAHO Collaborating Center at the workshop.

Dr. Markides is professor and director of the Division of Sociomedical Sciences in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health; currently Principal Investigator of the Hispanic Established Population for the Epidemiological Study of the Elderly (EPESE). Laura A. Ray is instructor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health and Project Director and Data Manager for the Hispanic EPESE. Dr. Markides and Laura A. Ray presented at the workshop the longitudinal study HEPSE, and provided feedback on participant's research projects.

Dr. Al-Snih is currently Assistant Professor in the Rehabilitation Science Division at the School of Allied Health Sciences and a fellow at the Sealy Center on Aging. At the workshop, she provided technical support on the topic of health of the elderly, participated in the discussion with participants from Latin America, and gave them feedback regarding their data analysis.

Fernando Riosmena, PhD, currently Assistant Professor from the Institute of Behavioral Science at University of Colorado, Boulder, gave a lecture on methods and techniques for analysis of longitudinal data, experience with the MHAS data. After the workshop, Dr. Riosmena visited the WHO/PAHO center at UTMB. During his visit, part of the network activities the center promotes, he worked on research he is conducting with Dr. Wong from UTMB.