

Advisory for Thursday, August 7

CENSIDA's Dr. Jorge Saavedra and UC Irvine Chancellor Dr. Michael Drake to be honored for HIV/AIDS work

Nine border clinicians will also be honored

- WHAT:** *An Evening of Binational Cooperation*, an information sharing and awards dinner that will highlight successful United States and Mexican HIV/AIDS collaborative projects and programs serving migrants.
- WHO:**
- Dr. Jorge Saavedra, Director of Mexico's National HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Center (CENSIDA), will receive the Border/Binational HIV Leadership Award from the US/Mexico Border AIDS Education and Training Centers Steering Team (UMBAST).
 - Dr. Michael Drake, chancellor of the University of California, Irvine, will receive the Binational Health Pioneer Award from UMBAST.
 - Additionally, nine HIV clinicians from the United States and Mexico border region will be recognized as *Border Heroes* by UMBAST for their exemplary HIV work.
- WHEN:** 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2008
- WHERE:** University of California's *Casa California*
Carmen #1, Chimalistac Col. Álvaro Obregón
México, DF. 01070
- BACKGROUND:** This event will highlight successful migrant and binational HIV programs and will honor clinicians and policy makers who have helped make such achievements possible. The United States/Mexico border is the most crossed border in the world and approximately 11 million migrants live or work in the U.S. The two nations have a vested interest in improving migrant health outcomes, especially for infectious diseases like HIV. Mexico has greatly expanded HIV treatment services and developed innovative, federally-funded programs to help fight stigma and discrimination. The U.S. has numerous HIV programs serving migrant populations and both nations have worked together on research programs. But many HIV clinicians, program coordinators and policy makers are still unfamiliar with how HIV prevention and treatment services are provided on the other side of the border.
- RESERVATIONS:** **RSVP required to participate in dinner.** To RSVP as media, please contact Veronica Garcia. UC's Health Initiative of the Americas
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