Brazil Meet and Greet
March 5, 2014

Approximately 30 University of Michigan investigators and some of their Brazilian colleagues were in attendance at the First Annual Meet and Greet for the Brazil Platform held in Ann Arbor in early March. The evening was a mix of formal and informal engagement and included a dinner of Brazilian cuisine and live music provided by a UM trio. The event was jointly funded by Global REACH and the Brazil Initiative at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Brief presentations of some of the current collaborative research between UM and partner institutions in Brazil included:

- Overview of the partnership between the University of Michigan (UM) and the Rio de Janeiro’s Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ), a growing collaboration of 17 UM researchers and 12 investigators from FIOCRUZ; presented by Dr. Alexandra Stern (UMMS)

- Funding opportunities and best practices for collaboration; presented by Drs. Joseph Kolars and Alexandra Stern (UMMS)

- Planning the development and testing standard methods to evaluate driving by older individuals with and without functional impairments; presented by Dr. Denise Tate (UMMS). Partners: UMMS and the University of São Paulo Medical School (FMUSP)

- Bahia-Michigan kidney disease collaboration; presented by Dr. Akinlolu Ojo (UMMS)
  Partners: UMMS and the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA)

- Neuropathogenesis of Oropouche Virus; presented by Dr. Katherine Spindler (UMMS)
  Partners: UMMS and the University of São Paulo Medical School at Ribeirão Preto (FMRP)

- The Milk Bank project; presented by Dr. Kate Stanley (UMMS)
  Partners: UMMS and Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ)

Locations and Institutions in Brazil with partnership collaborations in the UM Brazil Platform