

Dengue, zika and chikungunya to be discussed at event in Havana



Havana, August 7 (RHC)-- An international event will be held in the Cuban capital from August 12th to the 23rd to assess most advanced approaches to combat the so-called emerging arboviruses, such as dengue, zika and chikungunya.

The event is sponsored by the renowned Havana-based Pedro Kouri International Institute of Tropical Medicine.

Doctor of Science Manuel Romero Placeres, director of the Scientific institution , emphasized that this course has been held for more than 30 years, and noted the specialist that these are diseases that most frequently strike the countries of the so-called Third EWorld; today with a notable increase in cases of dengue in the region of the Americas.

According to PAHO, some 560,586 cases of dengue were reported in the Region of the Americas last year, including 3535 severe cases of dengue and 336 deaths. During the first six weeks of 2019, almost 100,000 cases of dengue were reported, including 632 cases of severe dengue and 28 deaths.

The diagnosis of dengue has become more complex with the arrival of the Chikungunya virus in 2013 and the Zika virus in 2015, which present similar symptomatology. However, despite the introduction of these new arboviruses, dengue is the one that presents the highest number of diseases.

Dengue is also a more lethal arbovirus than chikungunya and Zika, but its treatment is relatively simple, inexpensive and very effective in saving lives.

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