Chapter News

August 2014

Freshman Orientation Week

The academic year 2014-2015 kicked off with the Freshman Orientation Week which was held on August 4-6, 2014. Each year, the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez organizes a full week of interactive activities where freshman students can engage with one another, and learn more about the campus’ history, programs, opportunities, and associations. For consecutive years, academic associations attend this week and inform the new student body about the opportunities they have to offer, and the AMS UPRM Student Chapter was not an exception. Our local chapter offered two activities to the freshmen students. The first activity was a Chapter’s booth in the Student Center Building (August 5), where the Chapter offered information about the association in a colloquial way. It was also an opportunity to offer meteorological demonstrations and to present the local chapter poster. The second activity was a presentation to the students of the Physics Department. During the presentation, the association offered information about the National AMS and of course, our Chapter, and the benefits and opportunities they could have if they become active members. UPRM’s Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology Curricular Sequence was also discussed during the presentation. Afterwards, meteorological demonstrations were offered to the students.
Monthly Meeting/Fundraising

The first Chapter meeting was held on August 14\textsuperscript{th}, 2014. Summer activities, as well as the activities outlined for the upcoming semesters were discussed. Finally, committee leaders and co-leaders were introduced. Later that day, the Chapter had a get together at the local \textit{Yogen Früz}. The first fundraising activity was a hotdog sale held on August 18\textsuperscript{th}, 2014 at the Physics’ building.

Weather Today

On August 21\textsuperscript{st}, 2014, the Weather Today Committee --which is in charge of organizing workshops and innovative activities that educate the student body, community and active members about atmospheric sciences-- held their first activity. Part of the members went to a local movie theater to watch the movie \textit{Into the Storm}. 

Community Service- Blood Donation

As a society, is more than a belief, it is a commitment to always give back to our community. Therefore, a blood donation was held on August 27th, 2014, with "Banco de Sangre de Servicios Mutuos, Inc". This activity was a very special and successful one. Normally, around forty people attend previous blood donations held at the university, yet, for this activity over three hundred people, including students and university community participated. It was most definitely encouraging to see how individuals got together for a common cause.

General Assembly

Finally, the First General Assembly was held on August 28th, 2014. This assembly was open to all the students that were interested in meteorology and becoming a part of the Chapter. It was mostly guided to freshman students, but there was participation from students in different years of study. The Assembly ran adequately and around sixteen new students were interested in becoming active members.