Chapter News

August 2012

Freshmen Orientation

On August 2, 2012, members of the UPRM AMS Student Chapter participated in the Freshmen Orientation Week. As participants to this week, our members introduced the Society to the students, explained the Chapter workings and the Curricular Sequence in Atmospheric Sciences offered by the University, and invited prospective Atmospheric Science students to join in. This first successful encounter with new students set the stage, so to speak, for the rest of the semester. We are very grateful for those who helped!

Chapter Officers Meetings

The school year started with the officer’s first meeting on campus, which took place in the Chapter’s office on August 8. This meeting served to organize the calendar of activities, meetings and important events for the first semester and to reaffirm everyone’s commitment and involvement with the Chapter. During the rest of the month, the officers held three other meetings.

“Huracanes y Casa Segura” (Home Safety and Hurricanes)

The members of our Student Chapter have the honor to work every year with meteorologist Ada Monzón and architect Astrid Díaz on their yearly week-long expo, “Huracanes y Casas Segura (Hurricanes and Home Safety)”. This year, the activity took place during the week of July 30 – August 4th at Plaza las Américas, Puerto Rico’s biggest shopping mall. Our members got to work hand in hand with meteorologists, scientists, emergency managers, reporters, and many others during August 3-4. During those days they presented demonstrations and experiments and they gave a talk regarding studying meteorology in Puerto Rico.
Ninth Atmospheric Sciences Symposium

On August 7th, we welcomed back the eighteen students who interned during this summer in the Ninth Atmospheric Sciences Symposium. During this activity, the students got the opportunity to present their projects and findings to their fellow students and the faculty. In the end the students received certificates congratulating them for their successes during the summer and thanking them for their participation. We are very proud of our members and their accomplishments, and we hope that their success continues to shine during the semester and year to come!

First monthly meeting
Our chapter held its first monthly meeting of the academic year was held on August 16th, 2012. A total of 23 members attended. The meeting served to present the Work Plan for the rest of the year, as well as to talk about the upcoming activities, like a beach field trip, and the General Assembly.

**Promotion for the General Assembly**

The days leading up to our General Assembly were busy days, as Chapter officers and members spread the word about the Assembly throughout the campus. Chalk writing in the streets and sidewalks, a small “Weather Riot” accompanied by chants and experiments, and an aggressive poster campaign...we got the UPRM campus ready for what was coming!

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**Seventh General Assembly**

The chapter’s General Assembly was held on August 30th, 2012 at the UPRM Planetarium. A total of 14 regular members and 27 prospective members attended the meeting. The activity included a Weather Briefing that detailed the conditions of several tropical systems that were currently in the Atlantic Ocean, a brief overview of the National AMS and our Chapter and activities, and a brief talk from the Department’s professors. The Assembly finished with weather-related demonstrations and an impromptu musical performance to the rhythm of some “pleneros”, native Puerto Rican instruments. The prospective members showed a lot of enthusiasm in joining the Chapter, and we hope to see them in the future meetings and activities!
Hot dog sales

This month we brought back our famous Hot Dog Sales in the lobby of the Physics Department. Manned by our Treasurer and some very helpful chapter members, we’ve been selling hot-dogs, sodas and water bottles every Monday, and we’ve raised some good money that will go towards buying supplies for our new Chapter office and other activities throughout the semester.