Chapter News

January 2011

Monthly Meeting:

No chapter meeting was held due to the amended UPRM 2010-2011 academic calendar. The fall semester ended in January instead of December. We will start having chapter meetings regularly after the spring semester begins in late January.

91st AMS Annual Meeting:

This year’s AMS Meeting was marked by quite a few first-time events for the chapter. From January 22-23, the chapter formally attended the Student Conference for the first time ever. Eleven members presented their respective research projects at the 10th Student Conference poster session. The chapter poster also became available for viewing. We were well represented at every activity, including the talks, the Career Fair, and the Weather Fest.

All the attendees stayed for the main conference, which lasted until January 27. For the first time, four freshmen received funding to attend the meeting, and another member covered the costs by himself. In addition, two members were selected to work at the conference as part of the Student Assistant Program. Regarding the presentations, one member gave a talk, while another presented a poster at the 24th Conference on Weather and Forecasting/20th Conference on Numerical Weather Prediction.

We were also well represented at the Chapter Breakfast, which was held on January 25. Our chapter received the 1st place in the Student Chapter Poster Competition for the first time ever (Figure 1). We proudly received the award ribbon from Andrea J. Bleistein, the 2010 president of the AMS Local Chapter Affairs Committee (See: http://91photos.ametsoc.net/tuesday/chapter-breakfast-2/ams1125.jpg27521.jpg.php).

This great news was quickly announced the same day through some Puerto Rico local TV stations. Also, the chapter officers were invited to give an interview to the UPRM media station (Prensa RUM), as well as to Univisión PR, within the next month.
In total, 21 members attended, 11 of which were first-time attendees (Figure 2). Three alumni joined us to share their experience after graduating from UPRM, and presented at the meeting as well. Puerto Rican professionals, such as Ada Monzón, broadcast meteorologist at Univisión PR, and Dr. Yasmín Detrés, Dr. Héctor Jiménez and Dr. Luis F. Bejarano, faculty members of UPRM, accompanied us during the meeting.

On behalf of all the members who attended the meeting, the chapter would like to thank all the individuals and/or programs that supported their attendance.