Chapter News

March 2014

Special Meeting

On March 4th, we had a special meeting to discuss, and set the final touches for our Weather Fest on March 7th. The flow of the activity was explained to everybody, and ushers were selected. Last-minute information was given, and the time for the general rehearsal was set.

Weather Fest 2014

On Friday, March 7th, our annual Weather Fest was held at the Mezzanine Room in the Campus Tennis Courts. The Room was divided into two main areas: Demonstrations and Exhibitions. For the first time, a theme was chosen, and since we are in the tropics, Hurricanes was our choice for this year. Demonstrations were divided into three categories: Before, during and after the hurricane. In each category, the demonstrators would show the students and the public that attended, the effects a hurricane could have on Puerto Rico. Particular emphasize was given on how people should prepare if an event like this were to come.

![Figure 1. Beautiful painting made by one of our members the night before the Weather Fest.](image-url)
On the other side of the room, each of our Chapter Committees showcased their work with in several booths, which included trivias, a small broadcast meteorology studio, and an interactive hurricane-tracking map. Other UPRM student associations were present at the Fest, including the Geological Student Society (SGE), and the Society of Physics Students (SPS). Both societies had booths with information about them, and also gave demonstrations related to their fields.

Figure 2. The Weather Briefings Committee giving their presentation to the attending students.

Figure 3. The Society of Physics Student also gave demonstrations for the public.
Univision Puerto Rico’s Chief Meteorologist Ada Monzón, and former NWS San Juan WFO Meteorologist-in-Charge Israel Matos were also in attendance and shared their knowledge and expertise with the public. A team from Puerto Rico’s Emergency Management Agency, headed by its Director, Mr. Miguel A. Ríos also attended the activity. They gave a short lecture to the students and general public; on what they do to keep the citizens safe during a hurricane.

![Image](image1.jpg)

**Figure 4.** Chapter Officers along with the activity’s Special Guests.

UPRM Professors, including our Advisor, Dr. Carlos U. Pabón-Ortiz, and the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. María Barbot, also accompanied us during the activity. Nearly 500 students from different schools in the Island attended this year’s Weather Fest, and we are proud of the activity’s success. UPRM’s Press Office made a News article about the activity; we attach the link (in Spanish): [http://www.uprm.edu/portada/article.php?id=2839](http://www.uprm.edu/portada/article.php?id=2839).

**Monthly Meeting**

On Thursday, March 20th, we had our third monthly meeting of the semester. We discussed future activities, including, the upcoming fieldtrip to Arecibo’s Observatory, our visit to an elderly home and we set dates for the upcoming Nominations of Chapter Officers for the 2014-2015 Academic Year, and their Elections.