Chapter News

November 2010

Monthly Meeting:

The monthly meeting was held on November 11 at 10:45 am. A total of 34 students, including active and prospective members, attended. The meeting was especially meant to take care of the final details for the upcoming 5th Student Chapter Initiation. Chapter officers also summarized past activities and stated their successful aspects as well as what could be improved. They gave the financial report and announced the dates for future activities, such as talks and social gatherings.

Activity: 5th Student Chapter Initiation

On November 13, 32 students officially joined our chapter at the fifth annual initiation ceremony. The UPRM Business Administration building served as the setting for this gathering of around 90 people, including active members, new members, friends, and family. Special guests included Dr. Héctor Jiménez, the director of the Physics Department, Dr. Carlos U. Pabón, the chapter’s faculty advisor, Denisse Ramírez, the chapter’s first honorary member, and Ada Monzón, the first female Puerto Rican meteorologist. A tornado-themed decoration, a musical performance, and a delicious lunch were just some of the treats of this eagerly awaited activity. The 2010-2011 officers (Figure 1) and the new members (Figure 2) took an oath to commit to the chapter endeavors.

![Figure 1. From Left to Right: Rosimar Ríos-Berríos (president), Ismarí Ramos (vice-president), Suheily López (secretary), Melanie Luna (treasurer), Diamilet Pérez-Betancourt (historian), Alina Nieves (Juracán magazine editor) and Juan P. Ramos (webmaster)](image-url)
This time, María del Carmen Miranda, chapter officer Alina Nieves’ mother, and Dr. Héctor Jiménez were designated as honorary members for their support and immense contribution to our accomplishments. Juracán TV, the chapter’s weather channel, transmitted this event live through their webpage, www.juracantv.webs.com. People in the other municipalities of Puerto Rico as well as people in New York, Maryland and other states could watch the whole ceremony and special interviews online thanks to the Juracán TV committee’s excellent initiative.

Activity: Ice Skating

The chapter’s social event of the month was held on November 17. Ten members enjoyed a Christmas-themed ice skating rink while sharing and releasing the stress from an intense academic semester.

Activity: Meteorology Through a Lens

On November 30, the chapter’s Weather Today committee conducted a friendly competition of weather-related pictures taken by chapter members. Denisse Ramirez, chapter honorary member, and Dr. Luis Bejarano, UPRM meteorology professor, served as judges. While the judges deliberated, Emmanuel Vazquez, the committee leader, gave an interesting talk about atmospheric phenomena. The 17 attendants participated in a prize draw and shared their opinions about the exhibited pictures over refreshments.