Chapter News

September 2012

Activity: Meteorologists as Divers

The UPRM AMS Chapter began September with a splash! On September 3, 2012, Chapter members had the opportunity to go scuba diving in Villa Lamela Beach in Cabo Rojo, where they got to see the beauty that lies under our Caribbean waters. After this gratifying experience, the members moved on to Buyé Beach where they relaxed as they soaked up the sun and waves! This Beach outing served as a well-deserved break from a hectic first month of classes and also brought some of our members closer.

Figure 1. Some of the chapter members while scuba-diving

Meeting: UPRM AMS – ISU AMS Officers Meeting

As part of a new initiative to cooperate with other Student Chapters across the nation, officers from Iowa State University’s AMS Chapter and our Chapter partook in the first of many Skype meetings. The purpose of this first meeting was to get a glance at how the two chapters work, what types of activities they do, and plan fun events together. At the end of the Skype Meeting, it was agreed that the
two chapters would host a Weather photography contest and would meet up at the AMS Meeting in Austin, Texas in January 2013.

**Monthly Meeting**

The second monthly meeting of this semester was held on September 13, 2012. A total of 31 members were present. This was the first meeting for many of the new members to the Chapter, and as so it served as an introduction of the inner workings of the Chapter. During the meeting, topics like the Initiation, the AMS Meeting, some Special Projects and future activities were discussed.

**Activity: Beach Cleanup**

As a part of our commitment to help the community, our Chapter, together with four other student organizations from UPRM, participated in the 2012 International Beach Cleaning effort hosted by the Scuba Dogs Society. On September 15, a total of 55 students from all five organizations lent a hand and cleaned a strip of beach in the Mani neighborhood in Mayaguez. By the end of the day, a total of 107 trash-bags were collected, for a grand total of almost 2,000 pounds of garbage! We found everything from bottles and cans, eating utensils, shoes, clothing, car parts, broken tv’s, children’s toys, and most surprisingly, more than a 100 IV bags! Our members were very happy to have helped the environment and we hope that this activity positively impacted our island.

![Figure 2. Members cleaning up in the beach.](image)

**Weather Today: Planetarium**

The first Weather Event of the semester was held on September, 25, 2012 in the Physics Department Planetarium. A total of 16 members were present for the activity, where they had fun while
learning about our Planet, the Universe, and the many constellations out there! It was an educational experience as well as a fun event, and our members greatly enjoyed it!

**Member of the Month Initiative**

During the month of September, our Chapter unveiled one of our new projects: naming a Member of the Month! Members are nominated according to their overall participation in the Chapter activities, and for their commitment with the policies and ideals that the Chapter espouses. With this project, we hope to encourage our members to be more active and be an example to others.

**Hot-dog sales**

During September, we had a total of three Hot-Dog sales. They were very successful, and hope to have many more during the semester.