

PREFACE

The 27th Scientific Meetings of the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean were held 3-6 June, 1995 at the MacLean Marine Science Center of the University of the Virgin Islands. We were proud to be able to introduce the 50 visiting scientists to our new facility, opened in 1992. After four days of scientific presentations and afternoon field trips to local reefs and cays, some of the visiting scientists participated in a two day trip to the Virgin Islands Ecological Resource Station on St. John. It's a good thing that we hosted the meeting in the summer of 1995 as the fall's Hurricane Marilyn carried away our dock, dive boat and destroyed some of the facilities on St. John! We are slowly but consistently rebuilding. What we rebuild is stronger.

One of the decisions at the last meeting of AMLC laboratory directors was to establish an AMLC home page on the World-Wide Web. The AMLC home page is up and running! Visit it at:

<http://macserv1.uvi.edu/amlc/amlhomepage.html>

The home page was constructed and is managed by Kevin Brown, MacLean Marine Science Center Research Specialist. You can contact him at kbrown@uvi.edu. How about establishing a home page for your laboratory and have it linked to the AMLC home page?. I would be surprised if we don't have the newsletter on-line before long.

I hope we can all continue to devote time to helping the AMLC meet the changing needs of Caribbean scientists and governments. With our efforts, the AMLC can be a valuable resource for the region.

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