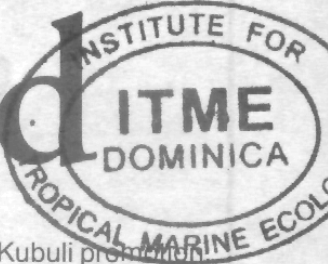


Weekend



Symes Bar tonight. The Conquerors group of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme will be hosting a Fundraising Party featuring DJ Alfie and a Date Auction! Also tomorrow night Bush Town will be performing at Krazy's Terrace on the Bay

Front in a Kubuli promotion. As if that wasn't enough, Divefest activities culminates this weekend with Kon E Kon-La in Soufriere. IE wishes all readers a fun-filled and exciting weekend. Enjoy it!!

ITME represented at Scientific Conference in Puerto Rico

The Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean (AMLC) held its 30th meeting last week in Puerto Rico. Participants from 18 countries from the Caribbean region attended this scientific conference. Among the main research topics addressed was the status of coral reefs. The Institute for Tropical Marine Ecology (ITME) from Dominica was represented by Dr. Sascha Steiner and Jill Borger who presented research reports on Dominica's coral communities and coral diseases.

The presentations were well received and generated a lot of interest. Dominica is now part of a collaboration between various Caribbean

Universities and Laboratories. New cooperations between ITME and other AMLC members were initiated in an effort to promote the creation of regional environmental databases. Researchers at the Institute for Tropical Marine Ecology are committed to establishing detailed records of Dominica's marine life and biodiversity which will allow for long term monitoring of environmental change or degradation in coastal waters.

Through this endeavour Dominica is becoming an integral part of marine research in the Caribbean and has the opportunity to engage in scientifically based resource conservation.