

2011 Zone 9 Meeting

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Friday November 18th

The 2011 Zone 9 meeting was held at the University of Wisconsin Platteville, on November 18th and 19th. The attendees included 13 students from Michigan tech and roughly 10 students from Platteville for the first evenings events. We had introductions followed by chapter reports where we discussed different outreach



Figure 1. Gathering for introductions

programs and activities each chapter held or is planning for the year. Pizza and other snacks were provided during the reports in order to keep the complaining down.

Following the reports, we had presentations of various projects and research that different students had

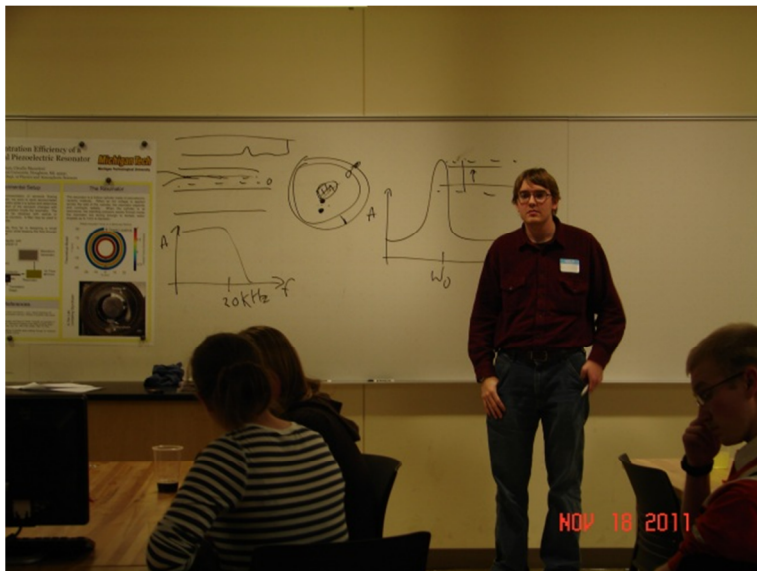


Figure 2. One of our many student presentations

done or where in the process of doing. The topics varied from cosmic ray research to diagnosing illness through breath analysis, to mention two of the six different student presentations.

To round off the evening a group of 8-10 of us along with a professor headed out to the world's largest M for a campfire and some stargazing. This concluded the activities for Friday night.

Saturday November 19th

Saturday morning started out with a continental breakfast accompanied by a tour of Platteville's optics lab, clean room, and atomic force microscope. Next on the bill was our guest lecturer.

Massimo Marengo, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Iowa State University, was kind enough to come up and speak to us. He spoke about "Astronomy in the age of space telescopes" which included the difficulty of putting telescopes into space and the benefits of having space telescopes. There were a good selection of astounding pictures taken by these telescopes.

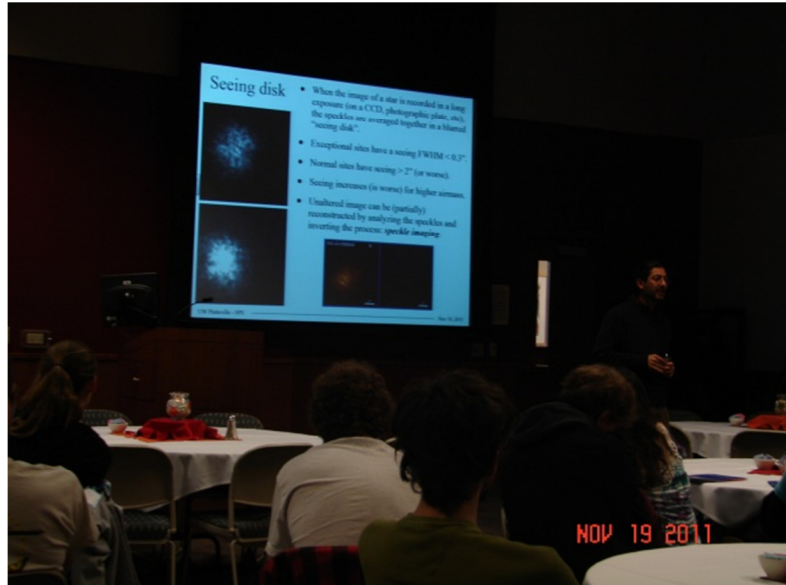


Figure 3. Our guest speaker Massimo Marengo



Figure 4. A group of students patiently awaiting dinner

Following the speaker roughly 50 people, including Michigan Tech, Platteville, Professors, Engineering Physics Alumni, guest lecturer, and the Zone 9 advisor enjoyed a thanksgiving banquet to close off the event.

Over all it was a very good zone meeting enjoyable for all who attended; fun, informative, and enjoyable.

Funds

The following table is a summary of the funds spent on the event as well as money raised and collected for its purpose.

Fund Allocation		
Reason	Debits	Credits
Breakfast Items	\$73.97	
Dominoes Lunch	\$85.88	
Extra Breakfast Items	\$36.22	
Catering	\$603.00	
Nationals Funds received		\$250.00
Reimburse Speaker	???	
Duane Assistance		\$300.00
Total Costs	\$799.07	
Total Intake		\$550.00
Total Overall Cost Remaining	\$249.07	