

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by and between the National Speleological Society (NSS) and the Geology Department of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (UPRM), and has been executed by Scott Fee, Operations Vice President of the NSS. It shall become effective upon return to the Geology Department of UPR (Mayagüez Campus) of a signed copy of this document executed by any authorized representative of the NSS.

1. The NSS shall make a donation of books related to speleology ("*the collection*") to the UPRM. These books shall have a retail value of \$2,000.00-- at its discretion the NSS may continue to make further donations throughout the duration of the library. The books shall be used exclusively to create a permanent satellite library of the library of the NSS, to be housed at the Geology Department of UPRM, at Mayagüez, in order to further the study and understanding of cave and karst resources in Puerto Rico, and the books are accepted by the UPRM for that purpose.

2. A designated faculty or staff member of the UPRM, chosen to manage these items, will oversee administration and circulation of the collection and advise the NSS regarding the titles of the books to be donated.

3. It is understood that the collection will be managed in accordance with the conservation policy of the NSS, which provides, in part, that:

Where there is reason to believe that publication of cave locations will lead to vandalism before adequate protection can be established, the Society will oppose such publication, and

it is understood that the UPRM will adhere to this policy of protecting cave resources and that discretion must be exercised in the use of materials containing sensitive subjects such as cave locations when dissemination of the information would be in violation of the quoted language from the conservation policy. Subject to restrictions arising from the implementation of the conservation policy, it is understood that the collection will be available to students of UPRM, to members of the NSS, and to qualified researchers.

4. The UPRM will make known to the local cave and karst community of Puerto Rico the existence of the satellite library, shall publicize the details and conditions of its use, and shall encourage its use by qualified researchers and students.

5. Depending upon staffing and budget, the UPRM may make the donated books available on inter-library loan on the same basis as any other books in the collection of the Library of the UPRM.

6. Contacts:

The NSS Operations Vice President shall be the contact person for all matters relating to this MOU and the satellite library established by the NSS's donation. The NSS OVP may be contacted through the:

NSS Office
2813 Cave Ave., Huntsville, AL 35810
Phone: (256) 852-1300; E-mail: *nss@caves.org*.

The Geology Department of UPRM shall appoint a member of the faculty or staff of the UPRM as the contact person for all matters relating to this MOU and to the satellite library, and shall inform the NSS of that appointment and of any change in the appointment. In the absence of such appointment, the Director of the Department of Geology, UPRM, Mayagüez Campus, shall be the contact person.

7. The donation of these books has been made possible by the efforts of Dr. Thomas Miller, Department of Geology of the UPRM, and it is understood that the books will be used, among other uses, in conjunction with his classes and research efforts. The books, however, shall remain the property of the UPRM, and shall remain on the campus of the UPRM, other than when in normal circulation.

8. This MOU shall continue in effect during the useful life of the donated books, and may be extended or modified by the mutual written consent of the parties.

The Following signed representing the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez and the National Speleological Society:

University of Puerto Rico
By: *Wilson Ramirez*, on 3 / 7 /2001
Dr. Wilson Ramirez
Associate Director
Department of Geology
UPRM
Authorized Representative

By: *Pablo Rodriguez*, on 8 / 15 /2001
Vo.Bo. Prof. Pablo Rodriguez
Rector Interino

National Speleological Society

By: _____, on ____/____/2001
Scott Fee
NSS Operations Vice-President,
Authorized Representative