



## CaRA INAUGURAL SESSION and GENERAL ASSEMBLY

December 4, 2007, Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, PR

### AGENDA

#### AM - CaRA INAUGURAL SESSION

- 8:00 – 8:40 Breakfast and Registration
- 8:40 – 8:50 Welcoming words and presentation of agenda – Alexis Molinares
- 8:50 – 9:15 Report from the CaRA Project investigators: “ Past, Present and Future of the CaRA/CarlCOOS Initiative” -Prof Julio M. Morell, CaRA Principal Investigator
- 9:15 - 9:20 Presentation of Speakers and Principal Signatories- Alexis Molinares
- 9:20 -10:30 Invited Speakers
- Dr. Jorge Iván Vélez- Arocho – Chancellor UPRM
- Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster - President, University of the Virgin Islands
- Hon. Javier Vélez- Arocho – Secretary – PR Department of Natural Resources and the Environment
- Hon. Barbara Petersen – Administrator St. Thomas Island Government of the US Virgin Islands
- 10:30 -11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 Invited Speakers
- Mary Altalo – Director, Ocean.US, the National Office for Integrated and Sustained Ocean Observations
- “Coordination of ICOOS Activities within the Federal Government ”*
- Mary Culver – NOAA Coastal Services Center

*"NOAA Coastal Services Center: Fostering the Regional Component of IOOS"*

Gabrielle Canonico – Regional Coordinator, NOAA's Integrated Ocean Observing System Program

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11:30- 12:00 Submission of Accession documents by signatory charter members

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

**PM CaRA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1:30- 1:35 Opening of General Assembly- Alexis Molinares

1:35 -1:50 Memorandum of Agreement – Francis Torres

1:50 – 2:30 Questions and Answers

2:30 – 2:40 Report by Membership and Nominations Committee - Prof Roy Watlington

2:40- 3:00 Nominations and election of Stakeholder Council – Alexis Molinares

3:00 - 3:20 Coffee Break

3:20- 5:00 Council Meeting – Dr. Jorge Corredor