

# ITME becomes member of AMLC

The Institute for Tropical Marine Ecology (ITME) was inducted into the Association of Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean (AMLC) at the recent AMLC Directors meeting in Grenada. ITME is Dominica's first tertiary education institution in marine sciences, and also serves as a research station for scientists. The Institute's internationally accredited university programs have attracted graduate and undergraduate students from 11 nations so far. Similar success can be reported for the research projects carried out by the faculty, students, and by visiting re-

search teams. In addition to its academic operations, ITME is continuously engaged in environmental community outreach projects and consultancies. The spectacular track record of this young Dominican institution (established in 2000), has caught the attention of AMLC executives and ultimately lead to the induction of ITME into the AMLC. The AMLC is an international scientific organization founded in 1956 to enhance and coordinate research initiatives as well as data exchange in the greater Caribbean region. The strength of the AMLC lies in the diversity of its

**prestigious member institutions and laboratories.**

ITME has put Dominica "on the map" with regards to tertiary marine science education and research. Further international recognition has now come with ITME being a key AMLC member in the eastern Caribbean. In order to provide the general public with more insights into this event, careers in marine science and the status of Dominica's marine resources, ITME is giving a public lecture, to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 26th August, at the UWI Centre for Continuing Education, Elmshall Road. The lecture marks the beginning of a series of activities celebrating the Institute's 5th anniversary.