

## NSU Oceanographic Center's National Coral Reef Institute sponsors Coral Genomics Workshop



Attendees at the Coral Genomics Workshop

The National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI) at NSU's Oceanographic Center (OC) sponsored the first Coral Genomics for Non-genomics Scientists workshop in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The workshop took place at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

OC Associate Professor Joe Lopez, Ph.D., served as one of the instructors, and OC doctoral student, Vince Richards, was one of the 20 invited attendees. Attendees represented numerous countries ranging from Tanzania, Mauritius, Malaysia, and Columbia as well as the U.S. from Maryland to Hawaii.

The purpose of the workshop was to convey the tools and discuss the benefits surrounding the new field of genomics and its technologies in the context of coral reef biology. Further information can be found at the NCRI website and at [www.musc.edu/mbes/genomics/](http://www.musc.edu/mbes/genomics/).

This was the first joint-venture workshop of this type to be held, and other similar workshops are scheduled for late 2009 and 2010.

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