

young people into careers in science. With a world leader like SAMS on the doorstep, more than 130 people went along to the open evening.

The William Speirs Bruce Conference room hosted short talks throughout the evening: sounds under the sea; climate change; and Arctic research.

Other displays include work on Europe's largest experimental artificial reef of Lismore; invertebrate aquaculture and alien species; climate change and pollution in polar regions and the power of marine microbes.

SAMS also invited Ottakar's bookshop to have a stand at the open evening and there was a display featuring University of Highlands and Islands activities in the foyer.

The Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) is a Scottish charity established in 1884 for high-quality independent research and education in marine science. It is one of the oldest oceanographic organisations in the world.



Zoology graduates like Andrew Kyle, left, found the SAMS open night a fascinating experience. He is seen here with Dr Lois Nickell and one of the SAMS landers. These large frames designed to carry various pieces of equipment, powered by batteries are lowered to the seabed and send back information to the surface and back to the scientists via satellite. t12sam05



Left: Marine geologist Dr John Howe, right, had a fascinating selection of samples on show to help explain illustrate his work to visitors like Tim Weir of North Connel. t12sam04

SAMS

SAMS is home to science staff from all the marine science disciplines and at its heart is a research programme on Northern Seas.

SAMS is an internationally renowned marine research establishment.

It is an academic partner in UHI Millennium Institute under whose auspices SAMS delivers the BSc (Hons) Marine Science, and trains PhD students.

Since the late 1960s SAMS has had its headquarters at the renowned Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory.

The original building was demolished and SAMS moved into its new laboratory building in 2004.

SAMS also owns a subsidiary company. SAMS Research Services Limited (SRSL) conducts most of the Association's commercial research activities.