

The Research Park at FAU hosted the Escuela Politécnica Superior del Litoral (ESPOL) and Zonas Especiales de Desarrollo Economico del Litoral (ZEDE del Litoral) at its headquarters in Boca Raton, Florida.

The visiting delegation included Cecilia Paredes, President of ESPOL; Carlos Monsalve, Dean of Research; Guido Caicedo, Executive Director of ESPOL's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center; Claudia Marquez, International Relations Manager; and Maria Luisa Granda, Director of ZEDE del Litoral.

They were joined by Florida Atlantic University faculty and Andrew Duffell, President at the Research Park at FAU.

The meeting centered on the exchange of best practices to foster scientific research, promote economic development through technology-based entrepreneurship and provide a favorable environment to Floridian and Ecuadorian enterprises seeking to expand to international markets. The organizations committed to promote international cooperation and to follow principles of equality and mutual assistance.

The visit concluded with the signing of a collaboration agreement between ESPOL and the Research Park at FAU to identify researchers and startups in the areas of biotechnology, ocean engineering and marine sciences.