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Induction of newly elected ALAP board for 2009-2010

On 06 February 2009, the set of newly elected ALAP board 2009-2010 were inducted by Dean Domingo Angeles of UP Los Baños College of Agriculture at UPLB main library. The event was witnessed by former ALAP board and a number of members. A sumptuous luncheon followed after the induction. Immediately after the luncheon, the first regular ALAP board meeting was conducted led by the president, Concepcion DL. Saul. Schedule of regular meetings were agreed upon including the respective venues. Committee heads and functions were also discussed.



ALAP Board (From L-R): Noemi G. Tolentino (UPLB), Salome C. Ledesma (UPLB), Emerald L. Lansangan (IRRI), Imelda B. Veluz (UPLB), Lina C. Capioso (UPLB), Andriette S. Valdez (UPLB), Elaine E. Joshi (PhilRice), Concepcion DL. Saul (UPLB), Leonila S. Paez (not in photo), Dean Domingo Angeles (UPLB)

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The new officers are as follows:

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PhilAgriNet's Forum on New Perspectives in Information Delivery

The Philippine Agricultural Information Network (PhilAgriNet) held a forum on *New Perspectives in Information Delivery*

at the Camarines Sur State Agricultural College, Pili, Camarines Sur on September 26, 2008. Atty. Marito T. Bernales, CSSAC President, welcomed the participants. Dr. Nicomedes P. Eleazar, Director of DA-BAR, delivered his keynote address via a video presentation, as he could not be present during the forum. The other speakers were Mila M. Ramos, Chief Librarian of IRRI, who talked about "Aiming



Concepcion DL Saul delivering her topic on "Web 2.0 Tools for Libraries"

at Library 2.0" and Concepcion DL. Saul, UPLB University Librarian, whose topic was "Web 2.0 Tools for Libraries. There were about 52 librarians and information providers from various parts of the country who attended said forum. A general assembly and election of PhilAgriNet members took place in the afternoon. The officers elected are as follows:

Honorary Chairperson: Dr. Nicomedes P. Eleazar, Director, DA-BAR

Coordinator : Ms. Julia A. Lapitan, Asst. Head, ACD-MISD, DA-BAR

Vice Chairperson: Mrs. Concepcion DL. Saul, University Librarian, UPLB

Secretary : Mrs. Elaine E. Joshi, Head Librarian, PhilRice

Treasurer : Mrs. Imelda Veluz, College Librarian, PHTRC

Auditor : Mrs. Sonia S. Isip, College Librarian, DMMMSU

PRO : Mrs. Mila M. Ramos, Chief Librarian, IRRI

Directors: Ms. Carmelita S. Austria, Assistant Chief Librarian, IRRI

Ms. Rhodora L.Vargas, College Librarian, UPLB

Mr. Rolando P. Oloteo, College Librarian, CSSAC

Source: <http://mila-ramos.blogspot.com/2008/10/philagrinet-holds-forum-on-new.html>

Open source/access journals

BMC Proceedings - a peer-reviewed open access online journal publishing proceedings from conferences, including both peer-reviewed full articles and collections of meeting abstracts. <http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcproc/>

Philippine Journals online - is a service to provide access to Philippine published research, and increase worldwide knowledge of indigenous scholarship. <http://www.philjol.info/>

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Journal of Physiology and Biochemistry publishes articles on human normal and pathological physiology, animal and comparative physiology, biochemistry and molecular biology and related fields. It includes minireviews, original peer-reviewed research papers and short communications. <http://www.unav.es/jphysiolbiochem/general.html>

Irish Journal of Agricultural and Food Research - is published twice yearly by Teagasc (Agriculture and Food Development Authority), Dublin. Papers published are on any aspect of agricultural research, including plant and animal sciences, food science, soils, engineering, buildings, economics and sociology. <http://www.teagasc.ie/research/journal/>

USEFUL WEB RESOURCES

Scitable - A free science library and personal learning tool developed by the Nature Publishing Group, the world's leading publisher of science. Scitable currently concentrates on genetics, the study of evolution, variation, and the rich complexity of living organisms. <http://www.nature.com/scitable>

Biology Image Library - The Biology Image Library is an online collec-

tion of images, movies, illustrations and animations across biology and biomedicine, for use in education and research. The subjects covered are: Development Biology, Histology & Pathology, Immunology, Microbiology & Parasitology, Molecular & Cellular Biology, Neuroscience, Plant Biology <http://www.biologyimagelibrary.com/>

Science reference guides : Podcasts.

Webcasts and Other Digital Media Files - Library of Congress guide with links to science, technology, and medicine podcasts and webcasts. <http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/SciRefGuides/podcasting.html>

100 Awesome YouTube Vids for Librarians: <http://www.accrediteddegrees.com/2008/10/0-awesome-youtube-vids-for-librarians/>

Rice Database receives 2009 ACRL STS Oberly Award

The International Rice Research Institute's Rice Database has been selected as the 2009 recipient of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Science and Technology Section (STS) Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural or Natural Sciences. The cash award and plaque will be presented at the 2009 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Chicago.

Formerly known as the Rice Bibliography, the Rice Database is a comprehensive bibliography of technical rice literature covering all aspects of rice research, produced

by scientists from around the world. It is available online at <http://ricelib.irri.cgiar.org:81/screens/opacmenu.html>.

"The Rice Database is a highly unique, but desperately needed resource for both developing and developed countries," said award committee co-chairs Marianne Stowell Bracke and Martin Kesselman.

The Oberly Award was established in 1923 in memory of Eunice Rockwood Oberly, librarian of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture,

from 1908 to 1921. Oberly was the Bureau of Plant Industry's representative to the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Government Employees and was instrumental in gaining a fairer recognition of library activities.

This biennial award is given in odd-numbered years for the best English-language bibliography in the field of agriculture or a related science.

Source: <http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/february2009/acrloberly.cfm>

Trivia about plants and biology

84% of a raw apple is water.

A notch in a tree will remain the same distance from the ground as the tree grows.

Almonds are the oldest, most widely cultivated and extensively used nuts in the world.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

Bananas are actually herbs. Bananas die after fruiting, like all herbs do.

Ginger has been clinically demonstrated to work twice as well as Dramamine for fighting motion sickness, with no side effects.

No species of wild plant produces a flower or blossom that is absolutely black, and so far, none has been developed artificially.

An average ear of corn has 800 kernels, arranged in 16 rows.

The world's tallest grass, which has sometimes grown 130 feet or more, is bamboo.

The plant life in the oceans make up about 85 percent of all the greenery on the Earth

Source: <http://corsinet.com/trivia/p-triv.html>

ALAP Membership renewal

For directory update, members are requested to update their membership and pay their annual fees (P100/year). Fill up the information below and send together with your payment in postal money order payable to: Agricultural Librarians Association of the Philippines (ALAP).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Position: _____

Address your renewals to:

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Members who have been inactive for the last 5 years will be dropped from the directory.

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PRAYER REQUEST

Let us offer prayers for the eternal repose of the souls of former

ALAP members:

Vilma Gendrano-Anday (May 8, 1950 - January 10, 2009),

UPLB

Juliet R. Rillon (July 14, 1952 - December 29, 2008), CLSU

Dina D.C. Aquino (October 11, 1964 - October 3, 2008),

CLSU

Quotable quotes:

By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.

Confucius

Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time.

Theodore Roosevelt

There is a wisdom of the head, and a wisdom of the heart.

Charles Dickens

Forthcoming conferences:

Local:

1.) Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL) Summer Seminar-Workshop on the theme "*Librarians at their Best: Envisioning and Realizing Multilevel and Progressive Reader's Services*" on April 29 – May 1, 2009 at the Lyceum of Aparri, Cagayan Valley.

Fee: Php 4,000.00 (Live-in);
Php 3,500.00 (Live-out)

2.) *Collection Management: Current Trends, Practices, & Future Directions*

Hosted by ASLP
Sampaguita Gardens Resort and Spa
506 Rizal St., Poblacion New Washington, Aklan
6-8 May 2009

Fees: Php 5,800.00 (Live-in);
Php 4,000.00 (Live-out)

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3.) *Pagkakaisa sa Pagtataguyod ng SLIS*

59th Alumni Homecoming and General Assembly hosted by the UPLSAA
UP Balay Kalinaw
UP Diliman, Quezon City
09 May 2009, 9AM-12NN
Fee: Php 250.00

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International:

1.) *Towards Dynamic Libraries and Information Services in Southeast Asian Countries*

Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) XIV
Hanoi, Vietnam
20-23 April 2009

<http://www.consals.org/>