

# 1<sup>st</sup> PAEPI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND 4<sup>th</sup> PAEPI BIENNIAL CONVENTION AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This report documents the activities that transpired during the First PAEPI International Conference and 4<sup>th</sup> PAEPI Biennial Convention and General Assembly at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP) on December 1-3, 2014. The conference's theme of ***“Implementation of Research-Based Extension Program Towards Attainment of ASEAN 2015 Integration cum Sharing of PAEPI Best Practices”*** was rightly achieved with the paper presentations and theme of discussions by the foreign and local guest speakers as well as the paper presenters from various colleges and universities.

## DAY 1. December 1, 2014 (Monday)

The registration started at 7:30 AM with the Secretariat composed of PAEPI Treasurer Dr. Elizabeth Joson (Bataan Peninsula State University (BPSU)), PAEPI Coordinator Dr. Reneliza Ferrer (University of Makati (UM)), Ms. Monaliza Rodriguez (BPSU), and Janice Vergara (Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP)). The group was assisted by PLP students who helped with the registration and ushering the participants and guests to the venue.



Arrival of guests/ and participants



PLP President Dr. Alcazar tours the guests around their facilities

The conference started at 10:00 am with the acknowledgement of the presence of the international guest speakers. This was immediately followed by the first Plenary Session moderated by Dr. James Loreto C. Piscos (PAEPI Vice President from San Beda College Manila) and judged by the foreign guest speakers. Two papers were presented: (1) Awareness among Soon-to-be-Married Couples on Vital Component Pregnancy: A Basis for the Development of a Teaching Package [Socio-Welfare Development Area] by Prof. Iluminada T. Vierende of PLP, and; (2) Leaving the Ivory Tower and Theorizing from Below: Lessons from Adopting a Participatory Grass-roots Approach in Empowering Communities [Socio-economic Development Area] by Maria Isabel L. de la Hostria, Aurora E. Araojo, and Marilyn B. Panti of Catanduanes State University. After each presentation, the audience and judges were given a chance to ask questions for clarification or give comments or feedback.



*Prof. Iluminada Vierende (PLP), the first speaker*

*Dr. Piscos, the moderator, briefing the about criteria and guidelines in the paper presentations*



*Dr. Rajesh Arora*



*Dr. Wannier providing his questions and feedback*



*Ms. de la Hostria of CSU*



Lunch time ...



The Opening Ceremony was started with a doxology and rendition of national anthems of the Philippines and USA by the PLP Himig Chorale. This was followed by the welcome remarks of the Conference Chairperson and PLP President Dr. Amihan April M. Alcazar and subsequently followed by the introductory remarks of outgoing PAEPI President Dr. Angelica M. Baylon. After which, a video about PAEPI was presented and then the participants were acknowledged by the conference registration chairperson Prof. Philipp Lubang of PLP.

Later on, Prof. Ruel Pagatpatan, the emcee, introduced the keynote speaker – Ms. Gina Lopez, the chairperson of the ABS-CBN Foundation. This is followed by the most exciting part of the Opening Ceremony which is the inspiring presentation of Ms. Lopez on “Looking Forward: Facilitating/Promoting Models–Giving Hope” which encourages the participants to work better for their communities.

After the speech and presentation of Ms. Lopez, the participants and guests were given the opportunity to have a souvenir photo with her. The program continues with an intermission number by the PLP Cultural Development Program and then the closing remarks by PAEPI Vice President Dr. James Loreto C. Piscos.



PLP Himig Chorale



Prof. Pagatpatan acknowledging the presence of everyone



PLP President  
Dr. Alcazar



PAEPI President  
Dr. Baylon



ABS-CBN Foundation Chairperson Ms. Gina Lopez,  
Keynote Speaker



***PLP Cultural Development Program Presentation***



***Prof. James Loreto Piscos***



***Souvenir shot with Ms. Lopez***

After the healthy break, the program continues with presentation of Associate Professor Dr. Peter John Wanner of Tohoku University, Japan, who discussed about the Outreach Programs: Balsamo Outreach for Learning and Teaching (BOLT) NPO. This was followed by the speech of Executive Director Warren Nevad who introduced his institution – the Tennessee Renewable Energy and Economic Development Council (TREEDC), USA, with their advocacies and programs on renewable energy. Further, Dr. Rajesh Arora, President/CEO, TQMS Global, Mumbai, India, relayed his learning experiences with his presentation entitled ‘Journey WITHIN - Upgrading the Software of Mind through Personal Transformation’.



***Dr. Peter John Wanner (Japan)***



***Director Warren Nevad (USA)***



***Dr. Rajesh Arora (India)***

Considering that the participants were already tired having travelled from the provinces, the General Assembly and Fellowship activities were moved to the following day. However, the Major’s Night at 7:00 pm pushed through at the Astoria Plaza Hotel wherein the Pasig City Mayor, PAEPI President and PLP President met with the foreign guest speakers for dinner and to discuss about their common concerns for possible collaboration.

## DAY 2. December 2, 2014 (Tuesday)

The day started with the General Assembly and subsequently followed by presentations of nine (9) research-based extension services practices judged by the foreign guests and moderated by Dr. Julio O. Castillo, Jr. of San Beda College Manila.



PAEPI General Assembly



Moderator Mr. Albert Oasan of San Beda College

	TITLE OF PAPER	AUTHOR/PRESENTER	INSTITUTION
1	Awareness among Soon-to-be-Married Couples on Vital Component of Pregnancy: A Basis for the Development of a Teaching Package	Illuminada T. Vierne, MAN	Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig
2	Leaving the Ivory Tower and Theorizing from Below: Lessons from Adopting a Participatory Grassroots Approach In Empowering Communities	Aurora E. Arajo** Marilyn B. Panti** <u>Maria Isabel L. de la Hostria*</u>	Catanduanes State University
3	Preliminary Study on the Business Opportunities of Development of Appropriate Vegetable Processed Products (VPPA) in Sitio Pactil, Mt. Province	Zernan de Ramos	San Beda College Manila
4	Implementation of Batangas State University – Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BATSTATEU-BIDANI) Strategy in the Municipality of Rosario Batangas: Making Development Happens	Prof. Romeo C. De Castro ** <u>Asst. Professor Armando V. Mendoza Jr.*</u> Asst. Professor Aquino M. De La Peña**	Batangas State University
5	Downsizing Extension Intervention: from Barangay to Sitio	Prof. Eliseo T. Co	University of Makati
6	Lecture on Proper Wastes Management in the Adopted Barangays of Bataan Peninsula State University, Dinalupihan Campus: An Extension Project (Phase 1)	Dr. Maria Fe. V. Roman Dr. Glenda C. Magno <u>Ms. Glenda D. Abad*</u>	Bataan Peninsula State University
7	Benchmarking Opportunities Through Teaching Home Economics	Dr. Romeo Guillo, Jr.	Batangas State University
8	Impact of Nutritional Intervention Among Preschoolers in Barangay Binanuahan, Bato, Catanduanes	Mary Elaine T. Tapel	Catanduanes State University
9	Environmental Reforms: An Eco-friendly Zone for Barangay 640	Julio O. Castillo, Jr	San Beda College Manila
10	Skills Development, Advocacy, Volunteerism and Empowerment (SAVE) Program on Health	<u>Jennifer P. Benliro*</u> Marcela C. Buenvenida Evelyn D. Borgonia	Capiz State University
11	Initial Impact Assessment of SEED Program	Pilipino Ramos	San Beda College Manila

**PLENARY PAPER PRESENTATIONS**



*Asst. Prof. Mendoza with Prof. De Castro of Batangas State University*



*Mr. Zernan Ramos of San Beda College*



*Tasting of the food product*



*Dir. Doug Jackson speaking about the extension presentation*



*Dir. Warren Nevad expressing his feedback*



*Dr. Rajesh Arora sharing his thoughts*



*Prof. Eliseo Co of Univ. of Makati*



*Dr. Bharat Soni providing feedback*



*Dir. Doug Jackson*



*Ms. May Elaine Tapel of Catanduanes State University*



**PLENARY PAPER PRESENTATIONS**



*Dr. Baylon announcing about PAEPI publication*

*Dr. Julio Castillo, Jr. of San Beda College*

*Ms. Glenda Abad of Bataan Peninsula State University*



*More feedback from Dir. Doug Jackson*

*Mr. Pilipino Ramos of San Beda College*

*Mr. Romeo Guillo Jr. of Batangas State University*



*More feedback from Dr. Bharat Soni*



*Dir. Warren Nevad*



*Ms. Jennifer Benliro of Capiz State University*



*Dr. Baylon making some announcements*



*Dr. Piscos more announcements*

**MORE LESSONS FROM PLENARY SPEAKERS**



*Dr. Adora Pili, President of Technological University of the Philippines*



*Prof. Steven Ray Gershon of Oberlin University, Japan*



*Dr. Bharat Soni of Tennessee Technological University, USA*

After lunch, the participants were again well-informed with the presentations of Dr. Adora Pili, President of the Technological University of the Philippines, Prof. Steven Ray Gershon, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Oberlin University, Tokyo, Japan and Dr. Bharat Soni, Vice President for Research and Development, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee, USA.

After the break, the participants convened for the election of new sets of PAEPI officers. This was followed by a fellowship dinner with a sumptuous meal and videoke singing.



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**PAEPI MEETING...**



*Dr. Baylon presented her report for the last 2 years as PAEPI President*





**PAEPI MEETING...**



**DAY 3. December 3, 2014 (Wednesday)**

The Closing Ceremony includes signing of memorandum of understanding (MOU) and awarding of certificates for participants and winners. Ms. Maria Isabel dela Hostria (Catanduanes State University) served as the master of ceremonies.

The program started with an invocation led by Dr. Elizabeth Josen, outgoing PAEPI Treasurer from BPSU.

MOU was then signed between Tennessee Technological University (TTU), U.S.A. care of Dr. Bharat Soni and PAEPI thru Dr. Angelica Baylon, and PLP thru Dr. Amihan April Alcazar.

After this, certificates were distributed. The six (6) foreign speakers were given Certificate of Recognition for their significant contributions as plenary speakers and judges in the Search for Best Research-Based Paper Presentations. Certificates of commendation were also presented to the paper presenters for their efforts in sharing their research-based extension initiatives, to the moderators, to the 10 local organizing committee chairs from PLP, and PAEPI Officers for their efforts in making the conference a success as well as supporting other PAEPI activities. Also, each of the delegates received Certificate of Participation.



**MOU SIGNING**



*MOU Between PAEPI and Tennessee Technological University (Dr. Bharat Soni)*

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## Oathtaking of new PAEPI Officers



Then the new set of officers has their oath taking with Dr. Bharat Soni: **Dr. Amihan April Alcazar (PLP)** as President, **Dr. James Loreto Piscos (San Beda College Manila)** as Vice President, **Dr. Aurora Araojo (Catanduanes State University)** as Secretary, and **Dr. Reneliza Ferrer (University of Makati)** as Treasurer. Dr. Baylon, the outgoing President would be serving as ex-officio.

After this, Dr. Angelica M. Baylon provided her final message to the incoming President and officers. The challenge of being the new president was then accepted by Dr. Alcazar. She also provided some future plans for the organization.



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### Awarding of Certificate of Recognition to Foreign Speakers



*Dr. Baylon and Dr. Alcazar award certificate of recognition to Dr. Rajesh Arora and Dr. Bharat Soni.*

The following were recognized and were given Certificate of Recognition for winning:

AWARD	INSTITUTION/PRESENTER	TITLE OF PAPER
Overall Champion And 1 <sup>st</sup> Placer, Socio-Economic Development Category	San Beda College Manila/ Zernan de Ramos	Preliminary Study on the Business Opportunities of Development of Appropriate Vegetable Processed Products (VPPA) in Sitio Pactil, Mt. Province
Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Placer and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Placer, Socio-Economic Development Category	University of Makati Prof. Eliseo T. Co	Downsizing Extension Intervention: from Barangay to Sitio
3 <sup>rd</sup> Placer, Socio-Economic Development Category	Bataan Peninsula State University Ms. Glenda D. Abad	Lecture on Proper Wastes Management in the Adopted Barangays of Bataan Peninsula State University, Dinalupihan Campus: An Extension Project (Phase 1)
Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Placer and 1 <sup>st</sup> Placer, Socio-Welfare Development Category	Batangas State University / <u>Asst. Prof. Armando Mendoza Jr.*</u> , Prof. Romeo De Castro** Asst. Prof. Aquino De La Peña**	Implementation of Batangas State University – Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BATSTATEU-BIDANI) Strategy in the Municipality of Rosario Batangas: Making Development Happens
2 <sup>nd</sup> Placer, Socio-Welfare Development Category	Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig Illuminada T. Vierne, MAN	Awareness among Soon-to-be-Married Couples on Vital Component of Pregnancy: A Basis for the Development of a Teaching Package
3 <sup>rd</sup> Placer, Socio-Welfare Development Category	Catanduanes State University Mary Elaine T. Tapel	Impact of Nutritional Intervention Among Preschoolers in Barangay Binanuahan, Bato, Catanduanes
Best in Power Point Presentation	Capiz State University Jennifer P. Benliror* Marcela C. Buenvenida Evelyn D. Borgonia	Skills Development, Advocacy, Volunteerism and Empowerment (SAVE) Program on Health
Best in Extension Poster	Central Bicol State University of Agriculture	Mt. Asog Rainforestation Program: An Agrosilvi-pasture Model in Iriga City

## Awarding of Certificate of Commendation to Paper Presenters



## Awarding of Certificate of Commendation to PAEPI Officers



## Awarding of Certificate of Commendation to LOC



Certificate of appreciation for Mr. Albert Oasan for serving as moderator



## Awarding of Certificate of Participation



## Awarding of Certificate of Recognition for Winners



After the awarding of certificates, Dr. Bharat Soni, on behalf of the other foreign speakers, gave his thoughts or response on the three-day PAEPI conference.

The Closing Ceremony was then concluded with a message from Dr. James Loreto Piscos, PAEPI Vice President.

This was followed by the Science and Cultural Tour around Pasig City and then departure of participants and guests.

