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PEMS 24th Annual Convention

PEMS held its 24th Annual Convention last November 20, 2004 at the College of Science Auditorium of the University of the Philippines at Diliman, Quezon City. The theme of the convention was "Mining and Minding our Biodiversity". Inspiring talks from well-known researchers working in the field of biodiversity from the Institute of Biology, University of the Philippines, Diliman highlighted the event. Dr. Perry Ong hopefully convinced the audience to change their mindset amidst the Philippine biodiversity crisis. Dr. Daniel Lagunzad illustrated plant biodiversity and Mr. Leonard Co shared lessons to be gained from the forest.

The convention was attended by 82 participants from various schools and industries, namely: UP Diliman (UPD), UP Baguio (UPB), UP Manila (UPM), University of Santo Tomas (UST), Tarlac State University (TSU), Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP), Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM), Pampanga Agricultural College (PAC), Holy Angel University (HAU), San Roque National High School (SRNHS),

La Paz National High School (LPNHS), Francisco G. Nepomuceno Memorial High School (FGNMHS), Dee Hwa Liong College Foundation (DHLCF), Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI), and Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Cash prizes amounting to four thousand pesos (P 4,000.00) were given away to lucky participants who were able to answer the questions based on the plenary lectures and poster presentations in the quiz portion of the convention. T-shirts were also given to participants who came from the farthest location.

PEMS welcomes its new members

PEMS new life members:

1. May M. Abonal (PLM)
2. Aldwin T. Almo (UPB)
3. Rhea Ann R. Barbona (UPD)
4. Evelyn M. Labastilla (TSU)
5. Lilibeth Salvador (UPD)

PEMS new members:

1. Nilda W. Balsicas (PLP)
2. Kimberly S. Beltran (UPD)
3. Bernadette Joy R. Cachuela (HAU)
4. Jake Rom D. Cadag (UPD)
5. Angela Clarissa Cantalejo (UPD)
6. Marilou R. Cortez (PAC)
7. Albert V. Datu (HAU)
8. Ronaldo Y. de Leon (HAU)
9. Lorna B. de los Reyes (LPNHS)
10. Madel T. Durens (UPD)
11. Alberto G. Gamboa (DHLCF)
12. Reiza R. Irinco (UPD)
13. Marjorie D. Lacson (FGNMHS)
14. Jhun T. Melo (PAC)
15. Monaliza T. Molina (PAC)
16. Leonora P. Nudo (UPD)
17. Louella F. Ona (TSU)
18. Alvin John G. Ortiz (UST)
19. Eufronio A. Ortiz Jr. (UPD)
20. Angelna A. Pascual (PAC)
21. Gloria C. Pigao (HAU)
22. Ma. Rosario N. Pongasi (SRNHS)
23. Crisfel Y. Sese (PAC)
24. Danilo B. Tiglao Jr. (PAC)

Official Website of PEMS

During the 24th Annual Convention, Dr. Ramon R. Miranda launched the official website of the Philippine Environmental Mutagen Society. Please visit the website for more information about the society and its activities at this web address:

<http://www.logicscript.com/pems/index.htm>.

Founding Members graced the holding of the 24th Annual Convention

The presence of Florencio Isagani S. Medina III, Pilar G. Anglo and Angelita Reyes, founding members of PEMS, during the 24th PEMS Annual Convention was noteworthy. They were given plaques of appreciation and a T-shirt as a token of appreciation for their continued support to the society.

Erratum

The name of Florencio Isagani S. Medina III was inadvertently missed in the list of Board of Directors of PEMS in the first issue of the newsletter in the article entitled "PEMS at 25... Remembering When". Prof. Dr. Medina was actually a life-founding member and served as Auditor until 1997. The editorial staff apologizes for this omission.

25th PEMS Annual Convention

You are cordially invited to participate in the 25th PEMS Annual Convention with the theme "**Detecting Mutations**" which will be held on **November 26, 2005** at the Institute of Chemistry, College of Science, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City 1101. This will be a whole day affair with plenary lectures in the morning and workshops in the afternoon.

Registration will start at 8:30 AM. Convention fee is P 500 for members, P 600 for non-members, and P 300 for students with ID. This fee is inclusive of AM/PM snacks, lunch, and workshop materials.

Invited speakers are Dr. Cynthia Saloma of the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Dr. Ruben Umali of the Angeles University Foundation.

Call for Papers

PEMS members and other interested researchers are invited to submit abstracts of their papers for poster presentation. Poster papers should be original researches related to biodiversity, mutagenesis / antimutagenesis and related topics. Instructions for the submission of abstracts include the following:

1. Title of abstract should be written in 10 pt Bold Arial or Times New Roman
2. Names of authors and affiliations should be written in 10-pt Italic Arial or Times New Roman. Underline the name of the presenting author. Include email address of the presenting author.
3. Title, authors' names, affiliations are centered.
4. Text of the abstract should be not more than 300 words in length and written in 10 pt Regular Arial or Times New Roman. Should be single-spaced and justified.

5. Submit the abstract as an attachment of MS Word document via email to: pems_25th_2005@yahoo.com
6. Please indicate in the subject line of the email: "PEMS05_ *your name*"
Deadline for submission of abstracts is on **31 October 2005**.

25th Annual Convention Workshop Topics:

After the plenary lectures in the morning, workshops will be conducted in the afternoon. Participants may choose from any of the following:

- 1) The Institute of Biology will facilitate **Anticancer Assays** to be conducted by Dr. Sonia Jacinto.
- 2) The Institute of Chemistry will facilitate **Mutation Assays** such as the **Micronucleus Test, Rec Assay** and the **Ames Test** to be conducted by Dr. James Villanueva.
- 3) The National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry will facilitate a "pen and paper" activity on **DNA analysis** to be conducted by Dr. Virginia Monje and Dr. Amuerfina Santos.