



# PEMS Newsletter

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## PEMS 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

PEMS held its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention last November 26, 2005 at the Institute of Chemistry, College of Science, University of the Philippines at Diliman, Quezon City. The theme of the convention was "Detecting Mutations". Inspiring talks from well-known researchers working in the field of mutation from the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology and the Institute of Biological Sciences, University of the Philippines, Diliman and Los Baños, respectively, highlighted the event. Dr. Rita P. Laude delivered a lecture on mutation at the morphological, biochemical, molecular level and Dr. Cynthia P. Saloma delved on the different animal models used in mutation research. Three different workshops in the afternoon were also conducted and these were facilitated by Dr. James A. Villanueva of the Institute of Chemistry (Mutation Assays), Dr. Sonia D. Jacinto of the Institute of Biology (Anticancer Assays), Dr. Virginia D. Monje and Dr. Ameurfina D. Santos of the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (DNA Analysis).

The convention was a success evidenced by the attendance of 165 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 locality.

## PEMS welcomes its new members

PEMS new life members:

1. Magadia, Nelia V.
2. Paras, Marie Ann L.
3. Villanueva, James A.

PEMS new members:

1. Allam, Evangeline L.
2. Balatbat, Rosemarie L.
3. Barro, Vanessa Joy
4. Basangan, Sony Lyn
5. Bordallo, Ma. Cristina
6. Bundalian, Reynaldo DL Jr.
7. Cachuela, Bernadette Joy
8. Cordero, Christine L.
9. Dagbay, Kevin B.
10. Dapat, Elsie G.
11. David, Janet
12. de Ausen, Rommel S.
13. Guanzon, Aiza L.
14. Ladrangan, Wayne Ann M.
15. Libag, Ruth T.
16. Lusung Romel
17. Malison, Marilyn T.
18. Maniaul, Kharen B.
19. Mazon, Julie N.
20. Mercado, Riza M.
21. Mojica, Jean Chloe
22. Montajes, John John
23. Nuylan, Michelle L.
24. Pacia, Ginny Flores
25. Pilank, Jocelyn P.

26. Santos, Gerard Mark C.
27. Ventura, Michelle A.
28. Yanco, Joseph L.
29. Yumul, Raquel D.

## Founding Members once more graced the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

The presence of no other than Prof. Clara Y. Lim-Sylianco, the founding president of PEMS, Angelita Reyes, Ruben Umaly, Luz Revita, Nora Cordero, Adoracion Alejandrino undoubtedly contributed to the success of the 25<sup>th</sup> PEMS Annual Convention.

## Call for Nominations

The term of office of the current PEMS Board of Directors will expire this year. In connection with this, the Secretary of the Society, Dr. Irene M. Villaseñor, is making a call for nominations. There are ten seats in the Board of Directors. All regular and life members of the Society who are in good standing may be nominated. The list of life members and regular members are posted at the PEMS website:

<http://www.logicscript.net/pems>.

Please make your nominations by e-mail or by mail.

### Through e-mail:

Secretary: [ivillase@chem.upd.edu.ph](mailto:ivillase@chem.upd.edu.ph)  
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# 26<sup>th</sup> PEMS Annual Convention

You are cordially invited to participate in the first out-of-town convention of the Society with the theme **“Ethnobotanical Treasures of the Cordilleras”** which will be held on **23 - 24 October 2006** at the University of the Philippines Baguio, Baguio City, Benguet Province. This will be a two-day activity with plenary lectures and workshops.

The following have agreed to give lectures during the convention: Prof. Celia Austria of UP Baguio on ‘Biodiversity in the Cordilleras’, Prof. Irene M. Villaseñor of UP Diliman on ‘Bioflavonoids as Phytoestrogens’ and Prof. Titos A.O. Quibuyen, also of UP Diliman, on ‘Other Interesting Uses of Plants’. Workshops will include the following:

‘Teratogenicity Assays’ by Dr. Annabelle A. Herrera, ‘Plant DNA Fingerprinting’ by Dr. Ameurfin D. Santos & Dr. Virginia D. Monje, and ‘Mutagenicity Assays’ by Dr. Evangeline C. Amor.

Registration will start at 8:00 AM on 23 October 2006. Convention fee is P 800 for members, P 1000 for non-members, and P 600 for students with ID. This fee is inclusive of AM/PM snacks, two lunches, and workshop materials.

## 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 the Scientific Papers Committee headed by:

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Please indicate in the subject line of the email: *“PEMS06\_your name”*

Deadline for submission of abstracts is on **4 October 2006**.

## Call for Membership

You are invited to join the Philippine Environmental Mutagen Society.

Membership fees are:  
New Member: P 200  
Life Member: P 1000

Please visit the website at <http://www.logicscript.net/pems> for more information.