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A souvenir photo of the UST Librarians during the CONSAL gathering at the Shangri-la Hotel, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City.

he 13th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) with the theme Consal at the Crossroads: **Challenges for Greater Regional Cooperation** was convened in the Philippines. This was held on March 27-30, 2006 at the EDSA Shangrila Hotel in Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City. This year's CONSAL was hosted by the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), The National Library of the Philippines (TNL), CONSAL XIII Executive Board/organizing Committee and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

The 4-day conference aimed to achieve the following objectives:

 to assess the degree of CONSAL's achievements at this stage of its existence and set standards for

- measuring CONSAL's future successes;
- to determine what measures CONSAL can and must undertake to surmount the threat of destruction of cultural heritage in the Southeast Asian countries; and
- to formulate a double plan for regional cooperation for genuine information literacy and preservation programs.

Secretary Franklin Ebdalin from the Department of Foreign Affairs gave the keynote address.

Some of the important topics discussed were the following:

- Collaboration in Resource Sharing among Academic Libraries in a Digital Environment
- 2. Resource Sharing Initiatives in

- India: with Special Reference to Library Networks and Digitization Programmes
- Local Cooperative Programs: The Example of Asian Libraries in Melbourne
- 4. Marketing Communication Strategy for Community Libraries in Indonesia
- Content-Capacity Connectivity-Copyright: "Hurdles to Equality"
- 6. Library Cooperation in the Visayas and Mindanao
- Professional Education for Librarians and Information Professionals in ASEAN Countries via Distance Education: A Proposed Regional Cooperation
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NATIONAL SUMMER CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

he Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL) held a 3-day summer Conference at Mount St. Paul Retreat House, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet Province last May 17-19, 2006.

The theme of the conference is "Library and Information Services: New Paradigms for the Digital Age." By focusing on this theme, PAARL aims to:

 redefine the library agenda for the future taking into consideration the challenges of innovation and

technology;

- create a training environment focused on innovative approaches in library services; and
- strengthen current awareness in information access, library security and safety, and other immediate concerns.

Well known person-

ages in the field of librarianship were invited to share their views on the different topics. The topics as well as their respective discussants were the following:

- Bibliotherapy, tackled by Fr. Teodulo
 P. Gonzales, S.J. (ADMU)
- Innovative Services & Future Challenges for Libraries, by Perla T. Garcia (DLSU)
- Information Brokering, by Marian S. Ramos (UP)

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Photo shows Ms. Angie Timbangcaya (2nd from left) with some of the participants in the PAARL seminar in Baguio.

MAHLAP @ 18

n celebration of its 18th year anniversary, the Medical and Health Librarians Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP) sponsored a Forum with the theme: "MAHLAP @ 18: Rising above Challenges through Teamwork and Partnership." This was held on February 23, 2006 at Hotel Kimberly, Manila.

The Forum had the following objectives:

- To update of the participants on the current initiatives being done by other organizations/ institutions to enhance health information management, access/delivery.
- 2. To present unique learning opportunities to broaden one's perspective of the profession and discover the social aspects and significance of meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

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"REACH OUT AND TOUCH THE LIVES OF OTHERS"

he UST Library exists primarily to provide library materials for the intellectual development of UST students and faculty members, but it vigorously pursues a commitment to serve outside the confines of the University. True to its commitment to reach out and touch the lives of others for more than four years now, the Library has adopted an outreach program with the main trust of the activities directed towards education. We take pride in realizing that we help educate people who otherwise, would be deprived of basic education through books and other learning materials.

To know more about the proper

implementation of outreach program, the Committee on Extension Services spearheaded a Forum entitled "Reach Out and Touch the Lives of Others" which was held on June 8, 2006 at the UST Library Conference Hall. Mr. Jose Cruz III, Director of the Office for Community Development, was the guest speaker. The activity was participated in by all the members of the Library staff.

In his lecture, Mr. Cruz discussed the fundamentals of organizing outreach programs which include the proper selection of prospective communities and the proper steps in conducting one. He emphasized that there should be a continuous followup on the activities done on the adopted *sitios*, rather than just mere donation of books, distributing food stuff and conducting storytelling in order to fully attain its ultimate goal to help the underprivileged in alleviating poverty through education.

An open forum followed to further clarify some points that were cited during the two-hour talk. Mrs. Ma. Luz C. David, Chairman of the Committee on Extension Services formally closed the Forum. ■

Ma. Luz C. David

USTLA CULTURAL TOUR

he University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association (USTLA) had a 2-day cultural tour last May 12-13, 2006. This was held in Vigan, Ilocos Sur. It was attended by 16 librarians and 3 support staff.

The members of USTLA decided to have their cultural tour in Vigan because of its unique ambiance having retained its ancient urban plan. It took almost nine hours for the group to reach the 408 km. stretch from Manila to Vigan. Nevertheless, the long drive was worth it all. Vigan is a 'living heritage', being the only surviving Spanish colonial city in the entire



Members of USTLA while having a grand tour in Vigan.

Philippines. It is a manifestation of the country's rich cultural heritage.

The town has the most extensive number of surviving religious, civic and traditional buildings that date back to the 18th century. Over the centuries, Vigan has maintained its unique architectural design which expresses the fusion and continuing adaptation of various cultural influences (Ilocano, Filipino, Chinese, Spanish, Mexican and more recently American) into a homogenous urban landscape that is truly Filipino. It is likewise historically important to the nation as the scene of major historical events in the nation's struggle for independence from foreign

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UST LIBRARY TEAM BUILDING

he Committee on Human Values headed by Mrs. Thelma P. Trinidad organized the team building activity of the library staff on April 26 and 27, 2006. This was held at Club Morocco in Subic Zambales.

To ensure continuity of the team building activity, the Committee decided to get again the services of



The Holy Mass, the culminating activity of the team building, was officiated by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.

Ms. Ramona C. Cruz from the Guidance & Counseling department. Ms. Cruz talked about "Enhancing Personal Integrity Towards Group Unity."

The first day was the 'lecture proper'. This was followed by activities prepared by the speaker where everybody participated actively. Towards the end of the

day, an open forum ensued. Everyone shared his/her insights and sentiments and his relationship with the other members of the staff. The second day was purely for recreation. The group enjoyed the facilities of the place such as swimming pool, billiard, bowling and videoke.

On the way back to Manila, the group was invited by one of the librarians, Ms. Nora Matawaran, to drop by her hometown in Bataan which is along

the way. The group was delighted and really enjoyed the sumptuous food



Photo shows the UST Library group in one of the activities during the team building.

prepared by Ate Lai's family.

The Committee on Human Values and the entire library staff wish to express their sincere gratitude to the Library Administration for making this event possible. ■

Thelma P. Trinidad

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- Opportunities for Regional Cooperation
- Preservation Needs in Southeast Asia and the IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Asia
- Preservation, Conservation and Access Project at the National Library Board, Singapore
- 11. Sarawak Heritage: Digital Preservation of Sarawak's Memory
- 12. Preserving Filipino Heritage
- 13. Development and Evolution of a 3-credit Graduate Level Course on Digital Librarianship
- 14. Professionalization of Filipino Librarians
- 15. Transformation of Library Policy and Librarianship in Japan
- 16. IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Guidelines for Development
- 17. Indigenous Health Information and Knowledge Systems in the Philippines
- 18. Developing an Online Journal Collection: Prospects and problems at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Library

The conference which was attended by more than 1,000 participants was a big success. According to the CONSAL Committee, this has been the biggest attendance so far in the history of CONSAL. Aside from Asian countries (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand), there were also delegates who came all the way from New Zealand and the United States.

The participants learned new techniques and updates on new application of technology. They also had the chance to meet new acquaintances.

It was indeed an enriching experience for the UST Librarians who attended this year's CONSAL. ■

Narcelita Lane T. Olamit.

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- *Weblog*, presented by Vernon R. Totanes ((UP)
- Marketing Approaches in the Library Context, discussed by Salvacion M. Arlante (UP)
- Digital discovery: Access to Information Across the World, by Shizuko Miyahara
- Library Security and Safety, by Fe Angela M. Verzosa (DLSU)
 About one hundred fifty three

(153) participants from different colleges, universities and institutions all over the country attended the seminar. Ms. Angie P. Timbangcaya, treasurer of PAARL, represented UST in her capacity as Assistant Chief Librarian.

PAARL's next conference will be on October 23-25, 2006. It will be held at Ateneo de Naga University with the theme "National Seminar-Workshop on Empowering Information Professionals to Make a Difference." ■

Angie P. Timbangcaya

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domination. This is also the birthplace of heroes, heroines and illustrious personages who helped shape our national destiny.

Among the places that the group visited were the stretch of Calle Crisologo (a street lined with ancestral houses), Burnay or Vigan Jar Factory, Vigan Cathedral, Bantay Church and Bell Tower, Burgos National Museum and Bingbong Crisologo Museum, Baluarte and Hidden Garden. A trip to the market place gave way to enjoy Vigan's delicacies and other handicrafts.

At the end of the tour, the participants were proud and happy for having reached Vigan and even prouder to know more about the country's rich cultural heritage.

Angelica Frances M. Cruz

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3. To invite past presidents of MAHLAP and recognize their significant contributions to the Association. ■

The topics discussed were: Global Health Library: an Overview, by Mr. Julius Dizon (WHO); HerdinNeON Briefing (online database of local health publications), by Wilfred Villaruz (PCHRD); and Knowledge Management in Health, by Director Serafin Talisayon (DOH).

The afternoon session was business meeting where the following were presented:

- Financial Report of the Association
- Report of the outgoing President
- Introduction of new MAHLAP members
- Presentation and induction of new MAHLAP Board
- Inaugural Address of yours truly as the new President

The Board recognized the 17 past presidents of MAHLAP by awarding each of them a Plaque of Recognition for their invaluable contribution to the success of the Association.

There was also a video presentation of the activities and accomplishments of MAHLAP during its 18 years of existence and this was entitled "MAHLAP thru the Years."

Thelma P. Trinidad



UST LIBRARY ONWARDS TO 2011

o be able to serve better the Thomasian community, the UST Library has added to its array of important activities, a very significant contribution when it started a year-long monthly exhibit. This started this June, 2006.

The exhibit aims to highlight certain Filipino traditions, festivities, events and some fundamental information about the UST Library.

The first in the series of expositions displayed the history of the UST Library from its humble begin-nings up to the latest innovations and trends that it has adapted through the years. One of the items displayed in this exhibit is

the mission-vision statement of the library which explains its objectives and goals of its existence which magnifies its intention to help bring up a nation of progressive citizens under the guidance of God.

The exhibits are displayed in the library exhibit area. As planned, each month different exhibits under a theme will be presented.

The said activity, the year-long exhibit is the brain-child of Father Angel Aparicio, O.P. with the cooperation of the entire library staff.

The Thomasian community is invited to view the exhibits.

Ma. Luz C. David

Trivia

- Did you know that the term LOReNZo (which stands for Library Online Research Network Zone) was coined by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. after San Lorenzo Ruiz whose statue formerly stood along with the other martyrs in front of the Library?
- Did you know that Fr. Fidel Villarroel, O.P., present Archivist of the University of Santo Tomas, was the Prefect of Libraries of the University of Santo Tomas from 1979-1991?

Ma. Arleen M. Abad (Contributor)

SPORTSFEST 2006

he opening of the 'Non-academic Employees Sportsfest 2006' was held last January 20, 2006 at the UST sports complex. It was highlighted by the parade of the different departments and individual participants for the various sports events.

The Library department showed its support by joining three events: Women's Volleyball (White Team), Bowling and Badminton.

Members of the library staff who participated in this year's Sportsfest were: Rica Aleio. Lucy Bermudez, Noli Magtaan, Jasmine Mangona, Joel Palangan, Editha Polinag and Bernadette de la Vega.

The "White Team" bagged the 'First Place' in the Women's Volleyball. Lucy M. Bermudez was named "Most Valuable Player" having made it also in



Some of the Library staff and other members of the White Team Women's Volleyball during the awarding ceremony. Inset is Mr. Nemesio Magtaan.

the Bowling and Badminton events. Noli Magtaan's team got second place in the Bowling event.

It was an exciting experience for the players. Once again, they had the

chance to display their athletic prowess and at the same time bring pride and honor to the Library department.

Lucy M. Bermudez

Friends of the Library

A PUFF ON MA'AM ESPI'S SELF

ho would have forgotten a lady in blouse and skirts with no make up at all roaming outside the university campus puffing her sticks while releasing the tension and stress of the day's work? Ma'am Espi, as we fondly call her is also known for her frank, straightforward yet sweet and funny remarks. What impresses me most is the way she speaks English with such familiarity and candor. Her simplicity is her trademark and her aptitude her weapon.

I've come to know Ms. Cecilia H. Espinosa for a short time, yet we had the chance for a long chitchat during lunch breaks, as I sweep over a plateful of food while she puffs her stick of cigarette or goes over her notebook that contains everything of great importance to her. Yes, it's true, that she is not fond of eating, yet she would always treat us to Chowking or her favorite, a box of pizza. This led to a series of storytelling of professional and mostly personal experiences in nature.

This lady from Bacolod City, Negros Occidental is a licensed Chemical Engineer who graduated from the University of Santo Tomas. Ms. Espinosa



earned her Master in Engineering (Ch.E.) from the University of the Philippines. A Mathematics genius, she has also an M.S. Electrical and Computer Engineering

from Portland State University in Oregon, USA. In addition, she continuously upgrades her knowledge and skills through local and international special trainings and that included her enrollment in a course on Spanish language.

Ms. Espinosa pioneered the University Library Automation Project (ULAP) resulting in the acquisition of a library software known as the T-Series. She joyfully mentioned the almost sleepless nights they spent in the library in order to monitor the computer systems. As the Information Technology Administrator of the Library from June 2001 to March 2002, she made a study of the entire library automation system including the assessment and evaluation of the computer literacy of the library staff.

Her contributions to the Library are immeasurable not to mention her contributions to the University as a whole. A hardworking faculty member, Ms. Espinosa once assumed the position of Director of The UST Computer Center. She also joins library activities and requests books for her department in the Faculty of Engineering. Her legacy to the library will be inscribed and will remain in its history forever. Ma'am Espi, as I personally know her, will stay as a remarkable worker, a great mentor, a doting aunt and an exceptional friend.

Ma. Arleen M. Abad

Library Profile

"Exploring Serenity in Her Dancing Feet"



a. Serena A. Alejo or Rica as she is fondly called by her colleagues and friends was born on the 25th of April. She is the fifth among the ten

children of Nancy Narabal and the late Jaime Adonis.

Rica obtained her elementary and secondary education at St. Rita College. She pursued her college degree at the University of Santo Tomas where she took up Bachelor of Science in Education major in Library Science.

A library assistant since 1984, Rica was first assigned in the Social Sciences section. A year after, she was transferred to the Filipiniana section where she has stayed up to the present. She has served the library for more than twenty years now.

Rica is a type of person who is always ready to help and advice library

users whenever it is necessary. She is flexible and easy-to-get along with. Despite her busy schedule, she still finds time to relax by joining her friends in their videoke escapades.

Rica is happily married to Sammy R. Alejo and they are blessed with five beautiful children, namely: Nadine Ysabelle, 15; Veanecca Sherine, 13; Frances Gabrielle, 11; Kayle Patrice, 10; and Andrene Myrthl Agatha, 5. She is a loving and caring mother to her children.

To everyone's information, this fulfilled mother of 5 is also a graceful dancer! ■

Marilou G. Palermo

MASTERS IN LIBRARY SCIENCE

wo librarians from the UST Library finished their Master in Library Science last March, 2006. They are Ms. Olivia C. Castillo, Head Librarian of the Science and Technology section and Mrs. Arlene P. Matias, UST Grade School Librarian. They took their Master in Library and Information Science from Baliuag University in Baliuag, Bulacan.







Arlene P. Matias



Mrs. Thelma P. Trinidad, Head Librarian of the Health Sciences

Likewise,

Library, will Thelma P. Trinidad be finishing

her MA in Library Science from the UST Graduate School. She is due to defend her thesis entitled An Annotated Bibliography of Books and Articles on Bioethics Available in the UST Library (2004-2005) this coming July.

To our colleagues, our heartfelt congratulations and more power! ■



NEW USTLA OFFICERS ELECTED

rs. Leonila Manuel, chairwoman of the NOMELEC and the former auditor of USTLA, announced the results of the election of the 2006-2007 set of USTLA officers that was conducted last May 23, 2006. The following were elected:

Mrs. Antonia Garcia - President Mrs. Ma. Luz David - Vice-President Ms. Chona Manguilin – Secretary Mrs. Juliet Palisoc - Treasurer Mrs. Madonna Alonzo - Auditor Ms. Cecilia Lobo - Public Relations Officer

The new set of officers is planning to undertake the following activities for this coming school year: a forum and library visit abroad. ■

Floriza A. Pablo

New Books

College of Rehabilitation Sciences Books with 2005-2006 Copyright

Christiansen, Charles H., ed. Occupational therapy: performance, participation, and well-being. Thorofare, NJ: Slack.

Cole, Marilyn B. (2005). Group dynamics in occupational therapy: the theoretical basis and practice application of group intervention. Thorofare. NJ: Slack.

Connolly, Barbara H., ed. (2005). Therapeutic exercise in developmental disabilities. Thorofare, NJ: SLACK.

Emes, Claudia. (2005). Practicum in adapted physical activity. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Harrelson, Gary L. (2005). Joint mobilization [electronic resource]: techniques for managing restricted range of motion. Thorofare, NJ: Slack.

Herbert, Rob. (2005). Practical evidence-based physiotherapy. Edinburgh: Elsevier Butterworth Heinemann

Hersch, Gayle Ilene. (2005). Activity analysis: application to occupation. Thorofare, NJ: Slack.

Hoeger, Werner W. K. (2005). Fitness and wellness. Australia: Thomson/ Wadsworth.

Kronenberg, Frank. (2005). Occupational therapy without borders: learning from the spirit of survivors. Edinburgh: Elsevier/Churchill Livingstone.

Lane, Kenneth A. (2005). Developing ocular motor and visual perceptual skills : an activity workbook. Thorofare, NJ: Slack.

New Books

- Levangie, Pamela K. (2005). *Joint* structure and function: a comprehensive analysis. Philadelphia, PA: F.A. Davis Co.
- McArdle, William D. (2006).

 Essentials of exercise physiology.
 Baltimore, Md.: Lippincott
 Williams & Wilkins.
- Michlovitz, Susan L, ed. (2005). *Modalities for therapeutic intervention.* Philadelphia, PA:
 F.A. Davis Co.
- Nagayda, Janet. (2005). The professional portfolio in occupational therapy: career development and continuing competence. Thorofare, NJ: SLACK.
- Refshauge, Kathryn, ed. (2005).

 Science-based rehabilitation:
 theories into practice.
 Edinburgh; New York:
 Butterworth-Heinemann.

- Riley, Richard. (2005). Living with a below-knee amputation: a unique insight from an prosthetist/amputee. Thorofare, N.J.: SLACK.
- Rothstein, Jules M. (2005). *The* rehabilitation specialist's handbook. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.
- Shacklock, Michael. (2005).

 Clinical neurodynamics: a new system of musculoskeletal treatment. Edinburgh; New York: Butterworth-Heinemann.
- Sladyl, Karen. *OT exam review manual*. Thorofare, NJ: SLACK Inc.
- Stone, Robert J. (2006). *Atlas of skeletal muscles*. Boston: McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

- Supovitz, Frank. (2005). *The sports* event management and marketing playbook. Hoboken, N.J.: J. Wiley & Sons.
- Whiteford, Gail. (2005). *Occupation* and practice in context. Sydney: Elsevier Churchill Livingstone.

Quotes:

"A great library contains the diary of the human race."

- George Mercer Dawson

"Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy, neither warm nor cold, light nor dark. The pleasure they give is steady, unorgastic, reliable, deep and long-lasting."

- Germaine Greer

Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. Prefect of Libraries

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