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MED TECH SPECIALIZATION: A Leap to Higher Grounds

PAMET Forms "Pool of Experts" in Major Disciplines

In response to the global call for higher competencies and credentials and the clamor of Medical Technologists for opportunities to further advance their skills and knowledge through Specialization, PAMET took the challenge in order to bring its members to higher grounds. Through the leadership of Pres. Ronaldo E. Puno, together with Dr. Leila M. Florento and Dr. Frieda Z. Hapan, Chairs of the Committee on Continuing Professional Development and Education, respectively, the core group immediately brainstormed and drew the initial plans on how to go about the ambitious but long-awaited project.



The respected names and luminaries in the profession who were identified by PAMET, answered the call of the association to bring forward their expertise and share their knowledge to their colleagues. A tall order it may seem, but PAMET leadership brought it to reality.

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New CPD Law Takes Effect PRC Releases Implementing Rules and Regulations



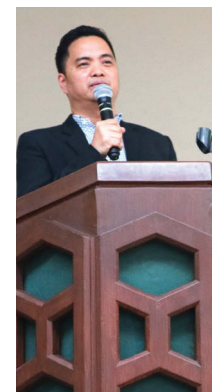
Republic Act 10912 or the Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016, lapsed into law last July 21, 2016 and was implemented in January 2017. Said law mandates every registered professional under the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to acquire specific number of CPD units in order to renew the professional identification cards.



Last January 7, the PRC Board of Med Tech conducted a consultative meeting with the different stakeholders to discuss the final version of the Operational Protocol. Among those who joined were representatives from the PAMET Board, PASMETH Board, Advisory Council, Regional Directors, Chief Medical Technologists, CHED Technical Committee for Med Tech Education, Diagnostic Industry, PAMET Institutional Review Board and PAMET Committee Chairs.

Likewise, the various CPD Councils were tasked to draft the Operational Protocols for their respective professions that will serve as guide in smooth and

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PRES' ZONE



RONALDO E. PUNO, RMT, MBA-H

Starting the Year with a Bang, Sustaining it with a Blast

As 2017 opens, there's a clear indication that a brighter year awaits the members of PAMET, if only because of the inspiring beginning and collaborative efforts of everyone.

After the new national Board took their oath of office during the closing ceremonies of the 52nd Annual Convention at Marriott Hotel for a fresh two-year term, the team did not waste time to start the ball rolling, so to speak and to kick-off the year's activities with a bang!

January commenced with full-packed projects and several significant activities.

First, was the Consultative Meeting on CPD Law and Operational Protocol on January 7, at Medical City, wherein key stakeholders were invited to participate. It was jointly called by PAMET and PRC Board of Medical Technology.

Second, PAMET was invited on January 11, to be part of the task force to look into the Precarious Working Conditions of Healthcare Professionals, through former Cong. Leah Paquiz, who was deputized by the Department of Labor and Employment.

Third, the formation of Pool of Experts for the Specialty Group was initiated on January 13 and had the first organizational meeting at UST Botanical Garden on January 19.

Fourth, PAMET Board and Advisory Council met with the Board of Philippine Society of Pathologists (PSP) on January 24, wherein the proposed Med Tech Bill was discussed.

Fifth, the strategic planning was held on January 27-29, at Timberland Nature Resort to draw the direction of the organization for 2017-2018.

Sixth, PAMET became an official partner of Duterte Cabinet Spouses Association on January 30, in conducting the nationwide blood typing and blood donation program. This is in partnership with the Department of Health.

The months of February and March were highlighted by the formation of three new chapters namely North Cotabato, Aurora and Antique. Some chapters were reorganized such as Davao Del Norte and Capiz. Likewise, the month of March saw the successful staging of 14th South Luzon Regional Conference in Tagaytay on March 23-24, and the 8th Visayas Regional Conference in Boracay, Aklan on March 30-31.

It was also in February where monthly CPD activities started in NCR and complemented by several similar activities in different chapters nationwide.

The first quarter of the year may be over and several milestones and initiatives have been accomplished, but the line-up of programs and activities for the year continue to pile up- all for the good of our members.

It only goes to show that PAMET is indeed on the right track.

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United we stand

"United we stand, divided we fall" is a phrase used in many different kinds of mottos, most often to inspire unity and collaboration. Its core concept lies in the notion that if individual member of a certain group with binding ideals work on their own instead of as a team, they are each doomed to fail and will all be defeated. Thus, divided we fall.

Now that we are in the age of cellular phone and internet, communication is so powerful even the quietest person on earth can express her or his emotion through social media, be it good or bad. We are becoming professional haters, or worse, a nation of haters.

United we stand, divided we fall, and we are on the verge of falling if we don't work together.

Everyone has an opinion and everyone wants to get it out there. Being opinionated is a remarkable quality. Opinions spark discussion, debate and allow humans to expand their consciousness and knowledge. However, if not expressed for the right reason, opinions can cause more destruction than the issues at hand. When sharing our thoughts with fellow medical technologists especially those who are not members of PAMET, it is my belief that we are getting the dialogue wrong. Rather than sharing to discuss and listen, we seem to be sharing to convert others to our own opinion, call out those who think differently than us, or to tell others that they are wrong for not being like us. Argument will not lead to change.

Being opinionated does not excuse one as an irresponsible individual. We must be responsible to whatever we say and

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act, and face the consequence if there is.

Patrick Henry, a founding father of America who pushed for independence, said in his final speech on March 4, 1799:

“United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into factions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs.”

We have overcome so many obstacles in our organization except the one obstacle that brought us together in the first place: our differences. Our unity through separate characteristics is what made PAMET into something unique, something special. Other associations envy us because PAMET is solid since its conceptualization in 1963. The sector where we belong to, private or government, hospital or free standing, academe or industry, is merely a label. Hatred or argument over these labels is a waste of time. The only labels that truly exist in the world are right and wrong, dark and light. Rather than solely focusing on sharing hashtags and opinions online, it is my belief that we should learn to honestly love one another for our noble profession. Diversity is a strength rather than a weakness; love is the only source that can bring us together as medical technologists united rather than divided.

“Let light shine out of darkness.”
2 Corinthians 4:6

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from page1...Med Tech Specialization...

In a momentous initial meeting and presentation of plans on January 19, 2017 at the Botanical Garden of the University of Santo Tomas, the PAMET Pool of Experts was born. The overwhelming show of support received was really tremendous.

Said group was formed with the aim of bringing together the brightest minds in Medical Technology to work together towards a common goal of equipping the professionals with advance knowledge leading to the titles of Diplomate and Fellow and eventually elevate the position of Medical Technologists from level 6 to level 7 or 8, based on Philippine Qualifications Framework. This has long been the dream of the association to form a specialty group that will assure the highest level of competencies among Medical Technologists.

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efficient conduct of various CPD and other related activities. Said protocols will supplement the Implementing Rules and Regulations which was released on February 15, 2017 and took effect on March 15, through PRC Resolution 1032.

Among the salient points of the IRR and Operational Protocol are:

- Required CPD units
 - With regards to the required CPD units during the first three years of implementation, the following were recommended by Med Tech CPD Council to the Commission:
 1. January-June 2017 - no CPD units required
 2. July-December 2017 - 15 CPD units
 3. 2018 - 30 CPD units
 4. 2019 - 45 CPD units
- Distribution of CPD units in four areas of discipline
- Ways to earn CPD units

For Medical Technology, the Council is composed of Hon. Marilyn R. Atienza, member, PRC-Board of Med Tech; Mr. Ronaldo E. Puno, PAMET President; and Dean Bernard U. Ebu, PASMETH President.

This is also in response to the mandate of the CPD Law that specifically requires the Professional Regulatory Boards and Accredited Professional Organizations to develop a career progression and specialization in each profession.

On March 12, 2017, a history was made when the specialty group was officially formed during the convergence meeting at Crowne Plaza Galleria, wherein the structure of the program was launched and the appointments were released, which in return were conformed by all members of the group.

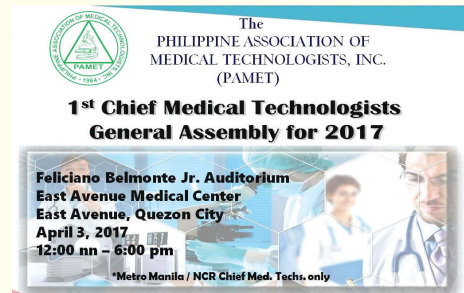
There were twelve clusters formed covering all major areas of medical technology practice. Said clusters will work on the development of modules and criteria for PAMET members who will take the professional route to level up. The group will also develop CPD programs to be offered to all members of the association.

1st Chief Med Techs General Assembly Held



by Myra Maceda

The First General Assembly of Chief Medical Technologists in National Capital Region for 2017 was held at Feliciano Belmonte Jr., Auditorium at East Avenue Medical Center, Quezon City last April 3, 2017. It was attended by almost 100 laboratory leaders from various sectors of the practice which is composed of government and private hospitals as well as free-standing laboratories.



PAMET President Ronaldo E. Puno, who gave inspirational message to the attendees, emphasized the implementation of CPD Law also known as R.A. 10912. It was followed by a lecture on procalcitonin, a biomarker that can detect or diagnose early onset of sepsis. Dr. Rontgene M. Solante, a consultant at San Lazaro Hospital, enlightened the participants about the topic.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of Former Congresswoman Leah S. Paquiz, of Ang Nars Partylist. Ms. Paquiz discussed the government initiatives on the precarious working conditions

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PAMET Works for Better Med Tech Working Conditions, Joins DOLE in Crafting Guidelines



Last January 11, 2017, some PAMET National Officers led by President Ronaldo E. Puno and committee chairs, took another brave step to address various issues affecting the Medical Technologists both in the private and government sectors.

The team from PAMET had an exploratory meeting with Party List Representative Dr. Leah Paquiz, who was deputized by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to look into the current precarious working conditions of health professionals including Medical Technologists.



Among the issues and concerns tackled were matters concerning appropriate salary, hazard pay, job order, non-Med Techs allowed to do Med Tech work, professional encroachment, contractualization and underemployment. This is in response to the government's thrust of providing fair employment conditions to everyone.

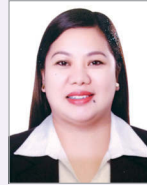
Other PAMET Officers and committee chairs who joined Pres. Puno, were PRO Gamaliel A. Fulgueras, Director Myra Maceda and former Director Evangeline Castillo.

Moving forward, PAMET will conduct various fora and surveys in different regions to gather more data and evidences that will form part of the position paper that PAMET will submit to concerned government agencies.

Likewise, PAMET will eventually become part of the task force that will monitor the prevailing working conditions in different institutions employing Medical Technologists.

On March 7, 2017, PAMET was represented in ainteragency meeting called by the Bureau of Working Conditions under DOLE wherein the draft Guidelines Governing the Employment and Working Conditions of Healthcare Professionals was presented and discussed.

PAMET Cavite Chapter hosts the 14th PAMET South Luzon REGIONAL CONFERENCE



by Jazmin M. Manalo

The 14th PAMET South Luzon Regional Conference was hosted by Cavite Chapter. Medical Technologists from Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Quezon, Palawan Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Catanduanes, Albay, Sorsogon and NCR gathered together to attend last March 23 - 24, 2017 at One Tagaytay Place Hotel Suites Tagaytay City Cavite with the theme Medical Technologists: "Intensifying professionalism, Leadership and People Empowerment".



PAMET South Luzon Regional Conference is usually held in September, it had been decided by the committee and PAMET National to move it to March. Cavite Chapter only has six months of busy preparations for the conference, thanks to the National President's initiative to help with the planning and necessary arrangements, hence, the conference was a huge success.

Pre-Conference seminar was conducted on March 23, 2017 by Rhumba Inc. With 8 scientific sessions lined up for this conference, the Professional Regulation Commission granted the said conference with 8 CPD units.

On a lighter side, participants enjoyed the cultural presentation by the Bughaw Folkloric Dance group, a pride of Cavite Province for being one of the finalists in the TV show Pilipinas Got Talent. Also during the opening ceremonies, awarding of outstanding medical technologists and outstanding chapter in the region was bestowed. These were:

- **Joel Aguilan (Quezon Chapter)** Most Outstanding Medical Technologist
- **Supachai Basit (Cavite)** Crisanto Almario Memorial Award for Research
- **Lito G. Atienza (Laguna)** Distinguished Service Award
- **Quezon Chapter** as Most Outstanding Chapter in South Luzon for 2017

It was indeed a victorious conference with an unexpected 270 participants, breaking the record of regional conferences with the most number of attendees.

The next host for the 15th PAMET South Luzon Regional Conference will be Catanduanes Chapter.

The 8th PAMET Visayas Regional Conference

The Philippine Association of Medical Technologists, Inc. - Aklan Chapter hosted the 8th PAMET Visayas Regional Conference with the theme: "PAMET: Embracing New Concepts Toward Global Competitiveness" held at Paradise Garden Resort Hotel & Convention Center last March 30-31, 2017. The conference was attended by 224 delegates, composed of Medical Technologists, and representatives from different diagnostic companies. The 2 day event started with the pre-conference sponsored by the SBSI with talks regarding Antibody Screening Issues and Fecal Concentration Techniques by Ms. Anna Maricar H. Anaen and Mr. Robert G. Manaois, respectively.

The opening ceremony was celebrated in Ati-Atihan Festival mood with the delegates wearing any black attire. Some wore headdress while dancing with the Ati-Atihan Group from Kalibo, Aklan.



Hon. Marilyn R. Atienza, Member, PRC Board of Medical Technology and Member of PRC-CPD Council was the invited Keynote Speaker. Various awards and citations were given to different individuals and group during the ceremony. Crisanto Almario for Research was awarded to **Mr. Alain Juayang**, Distinguished Service Award to **Joseph Felglene I. Nagtalon**, Most Outstanding Medical Technologist to **Promencio Q. Calamba** and the Outstanding Chapter to **Cebu Chapter** under the presidency of now Visayas Regional Director, Fredeswinda S. Cortes.

The second day is the lecture day for the Medical Technologists and it was an interactive one which started at 8 in the morning and ended at 6:30 in the evening. The list of lecturers and their topic: 1. Kristoffer Ryan T. Gidaya, RGC - Managing Stress in the Workplace; 2. Roberto G. Manaois, RMT, MBA Antimicrobial Susceptibility and Stewardship: The Laboratory's Roles in Improving Outcomes & Quality Care; 3. Ronaldo E. Puno, RMT, MBA-H - Global Issues in Medical Technology: Rising Above the Challenge; 4. Gamaliel A. Fulgueras, RMT - Improvement of the Pre-Analytic Phase in the Laboratory; 5. Felicisimo (Ricky) Martinez Jr., RMT, BB (ASCP)SBB - Adult and Pediatric Massive Transfusion Practices; 6. Laurie Anne M. Reyes, RMT - Advancements in the Pre-Analytical Phase in Coagulation Testing; 7. Razel L. Kawano, RMT, MSc., DrPH - Discrepancies in HIV Screening & Confirmation Results.



by **Melanie R. Rojo**



The conference ended with words of wisdom from our PAMET National President Mr. Ronaldo E. Puno and a fire dance presentation after the closing ceremony. A very successful PAMET Conference for PAMET Aklan Chapter and PAMET Visayas! Kudos to PAMET!



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and issues of health professionals in the Philippines including Medical Technologists. "Hapless health workers take on false volunteer programs in dire exchange for training or employment certificates which is not given to them. Some even pay the hospitals for these trainings," she said. After the presentation, attendees were able to ask some questions on issues and problems in their respective workplace. She also highlighted that PAMET is actively involved in this initiative since she was deputized by the Department of Labor.

Towards the second half of the program, the attendees were divided into three groups to elect their coordinators, assistant coordinators and secretaries and were inducted by the PAMET President. Issues and concerns were also discussed like hazard pays, CPD units, certification, and continuing education program for medical technologists.

The following medical technologists were designated to coordinate the activities of the organization to their respective sectors; government, private and free standing laboratory groups. These are:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Government Institutions | Free Standing Laboratories |
| Coordinator: Sanita Vistal | Coordinator: Deborah Data |
| Assistant: Evangeline Castillo | Assistant: Jinky Manaytay |
| Secretary: Rosbec Farillon | Secretary: Alma Enriquez |
| Private Hospitals | |
| Coordinator: Jeremie Galapon | |
| Assistant: Jennifer Refuerzo | |
| Secretary: Gia Roxas | |

The program was spearheaded by the Chair of PAMET Committee on Laboratory Practice & Management, Myra Maceda. She is assisted in the committee by Gina Noble (Private Hospitals), Evangeline Castillo (Government Institutions), Ronald Warain (Free Standing Laboratories), and Allen Peñaflores, (Academe). The other members of the committee are Arvin Zarsata, Jeremie Galapon and Lourdes Francisco.

NORTH

PAMET NORTH LUZON @2017 Journey to Excellence Continues



PERLITA M. BAUTISTA
Regional Director

PAMET North Luzon Chapter Presidents converged for the Annual Planning on Feb. 25, 2017 at Dampa Restaurant, Tarlac City, the main objective of which is to roadmap the right directions for the chapters and improve leadership performance. Twelve Chapter Presidents/Representatives attended the meeting which was initiated by North Luzon Regional Director with the full support of Mr. Ronaldo E. Puno, National President, Mr. Gamaliel A. Fulgueras, Co-Chair on Chapters and Mr. Lito G. Atienza Chair-Community Outreach.

Agenda tackled were the following:

- Submission of Accreditation Requirements: status : 12 chapters complied and met the requirements for issuance of Certificate of Accreditation
- CPD Updates by Mr. Ronaldo E. Puno
- Plan of Activities of Chapters for 2017 and schedules for Hematology /Blood Bank/Parasitology workshop/HIV training
- Submission of Nominees for PRC/Regional Awards

OLONGAPO-ZAMBALES CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Levyllita Julian**



LUZON

BULACAN CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Edison D. Ramos**

PAMET Bulacan Annual Planning
and

1st Monthly Meeting

January 21, 2017

8 Waves Waterpark and Hotel
San Rafael, Bulacabn

THEME:

*"Leveling Up: Sustain the Leadership,
Elevate the Service"*



2nd Monthly Meeting

Our Lady of Mercy General Hospital
Board Room

February 22, 2017



PAMET North Luzon Planning

Tarlac City

February 25, 2017



1st CPD Seminar

March 24, 2017

8 Waves Hotel, San Rafael, Bulacan
and

3rd Monthly Meeting



TOPICS:

- a. Bio Risk Management
 - b. SOP Writing: Basics and Integral Parts
- Number of Participants: 279

ILOCOS NORTE CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Aldrin C. Tumamao**

Annual Planning 2017

Palacio de Laoag, January 7, 2014



Oath Taking Ceremony

Palacio de Laoag Hotel

February 18, 2017



1st CPD 2017

Palacio de Laoag Hotel

February 18, 2017



Outreach Activities

"Type Kita" (Free Blood
Typing and Advocacy on
Medtech Profession and
Prevention of Infection to
Different Schools)



CHAPTERS CORNER

NUEVA ECIJA CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Grace Bacalzo**

PAMET Nueva Ecija Chapter Soaring High

The highlight of PAMET Nueva Ecija Chapter's activities for the first quarter of 2017 was held at Casiguran, Aurora during the Aurora Pacific Ecozone and Freeport Authority 1st Summer Fest 2017 and Agri and Trade Fair. In support to the week-long celebration from April 10-16, 2017, our organization conducted free blood sugar and blood typing for the community on the opening day, April 10, 2017. We served around 150 individuals in the area. The day was a tiring one but sharing and serving our people with our advocacy is full of contentment. Last March 15, 2017, the PAMET Nueva Ecija officers awarded the financial assistance to its members and to the family of Ms. Noemi Pascual Gines. Likewise, we had our regular board meeting since January to March



of this year in preparation for our upcoming Medical mission activities and Pearl Anniversary celebration of our Chapter which is scheduled tentatively on May 22, 2017.

BATAAN CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Norayda R. Alim**

Re-organization, Election & Induction 2017

In its endeavor to uphold such commitment to our beloved organization & to revive the enthusiasm of the members, PAMET Bataan Chapter held its General Assembly last April 9, 2017 at Crown Royale Hotel, Balanga City. The presence of our National President, Mr. Ronaldo E. Puno, Mr. Gamaliel A. Fulgueras, Co-chair on Chapters & our Regional Director of North Luzon, Ms. Perlita M. Bautista together with Mr. Lito G. Atienza, Ms. Narcisa S. Agustin and Ms. Levylita G. Julian served as inspiration & created positivity among the members. New set of officers for 2017-2018 were elected & took their oath before Mr. Puno, inducting officer. He also lectured on CPD Law and Global Issues in Medical Technology.



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CHAPTER'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2017

Theme : " NEW FRONTIERS
AND DIMENSIONS IN THE
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY
GLOBAL PRACTICES "

CHAPTER'S FIRST QUARTER CPD ASSEMBLY 2017 Professional Learning & General Membership

MAY 21, 2017 SUNDAY
THALIA HALL MANGO SUITE
SANTIAGO CITY, ISABELA

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS :

LABORATORY NETWORK EXPANSION UPDATES IN THE NATIONAL TB CONTROL PROGRAM:
INTRODUCING THE XPERT MTBRIE TEST

THE ROLE OF ANTIMICROBIAL STWARDSHIP IN THE CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY :
STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

PREVENTIVE MANAGEMENT & THE IMPACT OF CALIBRATIONS ON LABORATORY INSTRUMENTATIONS

UNDERSTANDING CPD : R.A. 10912 SIGNIFICANCE AND APPLICATIONS

CAPACITATING THE LEADERSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT
IN THE GLOBAL PRACTICES OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

INCREASING WORK EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH STANDARDS OF WORKMANSHIP

DIAGNOSTICS PRODUCT PRESENTATIONS

KNOWLEDGE LAB : RESEARCH HOUR
Chapter's Research Learning Initiatives
CHAPTER'S FAST TRACK RESEARCH 101 :
Introduction to the Research Guide
Why is Research in laboratory medicine important ?
Choosing a suitable research project

RESEARCH HOUR :

Research Concept Paper Presentations :
Retrospective Study on the prevalence of Transfusion Transmitted Infections (TTI) at Cagayan Valley Medical Center Calendar Years 2010-2015
Incidence rate of Asymptomatic Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) among 4+ year students of School of Saint Joseph the Worker in Echague, Isabela

Biosafety & Biosecurity Management Practices among Medical Diagnostic Laboratories in the three cities of Isabela :
Basis in the Development of Biorisk Management System

MEMBERSHIP HOUR :

STATE OF THE CHAPTER'S ADDRESS (SOCA)
Chapter's Presidents & Treasurer's Report
CHAPTER'S ACTION PLAN 2017
MEMBERSHIP & CPD CONCERNS

CPD ACCREDITED UNITS APPLIED AND IN-PROGRESS AT PAMET NATIONAL & PRC MANILA

CHAPTER'S SECOND QUARTER CPD ASSEMBLY 2017

TOPICS : BIOSAFETY, BIOSECURITY & BIORISK
MANAGEMENT IN CLINICAL LABORATORIES

JUNE 23, 2017 (FRIDAY)

Venue : ISABELA HOTEL
UNIVERSITY OF PERPETUAL HELP SYSTEM (UPHS)
CAUAYAN CITY, ISABELA

CPD ACCREDITED UNITS APPLIED AND IN-PROGRESS AT PAMET NATIONAL & PRC MANILA

CHAPTER'S THIRD QUARTER CPD ASSEMBLY 2017 AND MED TECH WEEK CELEBRATION

TOPICS : MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS
HISTOCHEMISTRY IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2017 (SAT-SUN)

Venue : NUEVAVIZCAYA
PLT COLLEGE / SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

CPD ACCREDITED UNITS APPLIED AND IN-PROGRESS AT PAMET NATIONAL & PRC MANILA

CHAPTER'S FOURTH QUARTER CPD ASSEMBLY 2017 & CHRISTMAS CONVOCATION

TOPICS : WRITESHOP ON LABORATORY RISK REGISTRY
CAPABILITY TEAM BUILDING
GENDER AWARENESS
SPIRITUAL AND ECOLOGICAL EMPOWERMENT

DECEMBER 9, 2017 (SATURDAY)

Venue : ATRIUM CENTER ROBINSON'S PLACE-SANTIAGO CITY

CPD ACCREDITED UNITS APPLIED AND IN-PROGRESS AT PAMET NATIONAL & PRC MANILA

PAMET NATIONAL
MID-YEAR
CONVENTION
MAY 10-13, 2017
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PAMET NORTHLUZON
REGIONAL
CONFERENCE
JULY 14 -16, 2017
TARLAC

PAMET NATIONAL
ANNUAL CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 20-23, 2017
MANILA

UPCOMING
EVENTS
2017



Chapter's PAMET
HEALTH
OUTREACH (PHO)

Chapter's Initiatives :
LINGAP - KALINGA for the
Indigenous People of
Cordon, Isabela

FEBRUARY 26, 2017 :
On site Ocular Visit & Data Gathering

MAY 20, 2017 :
Program Implementation - A

AUGUST 19, 2017 :
Program Implementation - B

NOVEMBER 11, 2017 :
Program Evaluation & Assessment

CHAPTER'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2017 --- FEATHERING ROOSTER 2017

PAMET IINVC CHAPTER OFFICERS MEETING : JANUARY 15, 2017 @ McDONALDS SANTIAGO CITY



PAMET IINVC AT DUGONG BUHAY... DUGTONG BUHAY JANUARY 22, 2017



PAMET IINVC SCHOOL BASED COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP
BLOOD LETTING PROGRAMS WITH ULS & UPHS FEBRUARY 13 & 14, 2017

PAMET IINVC CHAPTER'S P.H.O. AT BRGY TALIKTIK, CORDON, ISABELA FEBRUARY 26, 2017
CUM COMMUNITY-BASED ACTION RESEARCH (CBAR)



PAMET IINVC COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE FOR BLOOD OLYMPICS
KICK OFF AND LAUNCHING CEREMONY MARCH 10, 2017 @ ROBINSONS PLACE SANTIAGO CITY



PAMET IINVC MOBILE MEMBERSHIP MARCH 10, 2017 @ ROBINSONS PLACE SANTIAGO CITY





CHAPTERS CORNER

PANGASINAN CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Mina L. de Guzman**

Total Quality Management for Blood Service Facilities
February 1-3, 2017
Dagupan Village Hotel, Dagupan City



PAMET Pangasinan's Community Outreach Program
April 1, 2017
PNR District, Dagupan City

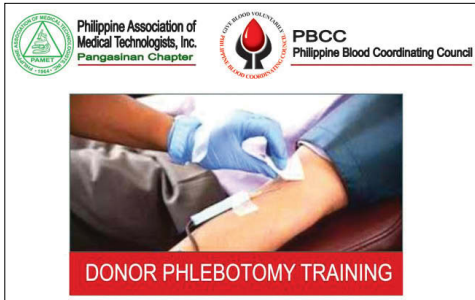
Services Offered: Medical consultation, lab tests (UA, Hgb, RBS), Tsinelas Drive (for children)

Next Set of Activities:

1. Donor Recruitment and Retention (w/ PBCC) - May 17 - 19, 2017
2. Basic Blood Bank Procedures (w/ PBCC) - June 8 - 10, 2017
3. HIV Proficiency Full Course Training & Renewal (w/ NRL-SACCL) - July 24 - 29, 2017



Donor Phlebotomy Training
April 4-6, 2017
Dagupan Village Hotel, Dagupan City



PAMPANGA CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Robin Soriano**



1st Meeting
- Preparation of Plan of Action 2017
- Planning of 1st CPD seminar



PAMET North Luzon Meeting
2017 Annual Planning of North Luzon Region
February 25, 2017

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES *topics*

1st CPD Seminar	Evaluation of PBS; Standardization of PLT count; Basic Malaria Microscopy
2nd CPD Seminar	Blood Bank Seminar
3rd CPD Seminar	Enhancing Patient Experience; ISO 15189 Quality Standards; Biosafety Seminar
4th CPD Seminar	Standardization of Urinalysis
5th CPD Seminar	EQAS; Epidemiology of HepaB
Community Outreach Program	Feeding Program; Handwashing Seminar
Mass Blood Donation	
MedTech Week Celebration	Fun Run; Mr. and Ms. MedTech; RMT Quizshow

TARLAC CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Narcisca S. Agustin**



Annual Planning January 12, 2017

Meeting agenda
(Planning for the regional convention)

- tentative date: July 2017
- Assignments of Med Techs
- venue for the regional convention

Chapter Meeting with PAMET President February 24, 2017



Recruitment of PAMET Members and Help Desk for Registration for Mid-Year Convention – May 10-13, 2017



1st General Assembly April 4, 2017

Agenda:

- Confirmation of Assignments for The 11th North Luzon Convention
- Planning for the first CPD Seminar (May 1, 2017)



World TB Day Celebration Paniqui, Tarlac City, March 27, 2017



Chapter president with DOH Representative (in charge for the event)



Camiling, Tarlac March 30, 2017





SOUTH LUZON



REXY C. ALVAREZ
Regional Director

BATANGAS CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Oliver Shane R. Dumaal**



PALAWAN CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Jennifer Rabang**

PAMET PALAWAN Conducts Workshop on Parasitology

With the implementation of continuing professional development, PAMET Palawan Chapter organized its 1st two-day workshop on Quality Assurance and Reporting of Parasites for Standardized Fecal Examination with over 34 Medical Technologists across Palawan and NCR from various hospitals and private facilities. With the workshop spearheaded by Ms. Lerma de Llana-Paris, former Dean in University of San Agustin College of Phar-Med Tech and a distinguished person in parasitology and recipient of awards in PAMET. The activity was held at the DOH Regional Office IVB extension in Sta Monica, Puerto Princesa City last March 18-19,2017.

The workshop included interactive lectures as well as laboratory preparation of fecal concentration and Kato Kats Technique and identification of



medically important parasites. Emphasized on the seminar were reporting and the proper turn-around time in releasing the results. Partakers were active through out the session with Pre-Test and Post Test to gauge their knowledge.

The training ended with an encouragement and new skills for the participants giving them confidence in parasitology. With the success of the workshop a second batch is being planned.



VISAYAS

NEGROS ORIENTAL-SIQUIJOR CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Odi C. Sadiasa**



FREDESWINDA S. CORTES
Regional Director

PAMET Negros Oriental-Siquijor chapter supports the need for continuing professional development (CPD) of its members and people who are related to the practice of medical technology. Hence, last January 14, 2017, the chapter conducted its first quarter CPD activity in compliance to RA 10912 and PRC Resolution 2016-990 series of 2016. In striving to update and trying our best to be better and competent medical technologists/clinical laboratory scientists, we invited Mr. Ricky D. Martinez Jr., RMT, BB, (ASCP), SBB to discuss about "Quality Assurance and Quality Control in Blood Banking." This was held at One Bethany Place, Dumaguete City from 1PM to 5PM.



The speaker Mr. Ricky Martinez (center) together with Mr. Odi Sadiasa (the re-elected Chapter President of Negros Oriental-Siquijor chapter, left) and Mr. Ronaldo Puno (PAMET National President, right)



The new set of Negros Oriental-Siquijor chapter officers together with the PAMET National President, Sir Ronaldo E. Puno and the lecturer Mr. Ricky D. Martinez

During the chapter's First Quarter CPD activity, the new set of officers for 2017-2019 was also elected and inducted by Mr. Ronaldo E. Puno. With its re-elected chapter President, Mr. Odi C. Sadiasa, the other officers of the chapter were as follows: Cecilia S. Bauzon (Vice-President), Kathlyn Aprielle Gandola (Secretary), Kim G. Sarong (Treasurer), Jamelyn Balauro (Auditor), Alshadan B. Liu and Alshaniel B. Liu (PRO), and Board of Directors Anthony J V. Abella, Lila Divina D. Bristow, Teodora A. Cubelo, Evelyn S. Fajardo, Joshua Benjamin R. Grapa, Alshaniel B. Liu, Mary Lyn Ly V. Ombos, Leo Teophane B. Sinco, Michelle Lou Z. Tucay.



Last March 3, 2017, the chapter also conducted a mass blood donation activity at MMS 204, Silliman University, Dumaguete City. This activity was in association with the Institute of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (ICLS) Silliman University, the MedTech Society, and Silliman University Medical Center Foundation Inc. Blood Bank.





MINDANAO



LARRY JAY LANGAMAN
Regional Director

DAVAO DEL SUR CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Marilou Geralde-Aclao**

PAMET Davao Del Sur Chapter held the monthly regular meeting at Arnaldos Restaurant. January 23 2017, February 11, 2017 and 1st CMT Meeting February 28, 2017.

The whole year activities discussed during the said meetings. The 1st CMT meeting was headed by the Southern Mindanao Regional Director Sir Larry Jay Langaman, many questions arises especially about the CPD requirements for the PRC license renewal and we are very fortunate that our Regional Director was there to answers all those questions.

The Administrator of Dominican Hospital Inc (Sr. Julieta Dumagan, O.P) Invited us during the founding anniversary celebration to have Mass Blood Donation and we are thankful that many volunteered blood donor came the Police Officers of Digos City, Bureau of Fire Protection and Staff of Dominican Hospital Inc.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Arnaldos Restaurant, January 23, 2017

PAMET Dav Sur President : Marilou G. Aclao – Agenda for the meeting. Discussed the following:

1. Upcoming activities
2. CPD/PRC renewal
3. Membership Update/renewal
4. Treasurers report



Arnaldos Restaurant, February 11, 2017
Discussed the upcoming 1st CMT Meeting & 1st CPD 2017



1st CMT Meeting in Digos City, Davao Del Sur
Arnaldos Restaurant, Digos City, February 28, 2017

Southern Mindanao Regional Director Sir Larry Jay Langaman headed the meeting with the questions coming from different Chief Medical Technologist of Digos specifically about the CPD requirements on PRC license renewal.



Outreach Activity – Mass Blood Donation
Dominican Hospital Inc., March 17, 2017

Mass Blood Donation with Dominican Hospital Inc. In celebration of the founding anniversary of Dominican Hospital Inc with the Police Officers of Digos City and BFP officers, Employees of Dominican Hospital INC. With the Red Cross.



COTABATO CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Rosemelyn Ulobalang-Gayong**



PAMET-Cotabato Chapter has officially elected new sets officers and board of directors last October 2016 with the new chapter president Rosemelyn Ulobalang-Gayong, RMT. The new sets officers are geared for the improvement of the chapter.



New sets of officers for calendar year 2016-2018 are officially inducted by the PAMET national president Ronaldo Puno, RMT and PAMET Mindanao Regional Director Larry Langaman, last October 25, 2016 at Em Manor Hotel, Cotabato City.

On the same date, PAMET COTABATO invited speakers for their seminars. Ms. Allen R. Penaflores, RMT, (MT) AMT, MSMT was invited as speaker on "Basic Research in Clinical Laboratory" while Sherjann P. Kalim, MD, DPSP is the invited to share his expertise on "Resolving ABO Blood Group Discrepancies" and "Blood Bank Discrepancies and Troubleshooting" was very satisfactorily delivered by the most respectable speaker Felicisimo "Ricky" D. Martinez Jr., RMT, BB (ASCPi) SBB.



As the Calendar year is about to end, PAMET COTABATO celebrated their thanks Giving Party at Las Hermanas Restaurant last December 20, 2016. Each participants enjoyed the different activities during the said simple gathering.

Recently PAMET Cotabato conducted community extension service on hygiene promotion and feeding program at Brgy. Kalanganan 2, Cotabato with the support of Philippine Red Cross-Cotabato Chapter. Furthermore, PAMET Cotabato aims also to increase linkages with the other organizations and agencies, hence some of the officers and members are actively participating in some other organizations activities and one of which is the Blood Donation Program.



Hygiene Promotion – Handwashing



Feeding Program



Blood Donation Program with the 19th IB



DAVAO CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Maria Bea C. Lao**

Induction of PAMET-Davao City Chapter's New Set of Officers for Year 2017-2018

In every ending, there is an equivalent beginning. The turn-over of office for PAMET-Davao City Chapter happened late and yet too fast at the same time. The selection and election of 15 members of the board was done last December 8, 2016 at the Grand Men Seng Hotel, Davao City. There were 21 candidates who vouched for candidacy and willingly serve PAMET and its members. The election was done during the year-end assembly of PAMET-Davao and for the first time, the COMELEC used an electronic voting for the election.

With the 15 newly elected board members, the election of executive positions were done last December 28, 2016 at Basti's Brew, Victoria Plaza Davao City. The new set of officers for PAMET-Davao City for the year 2017-2018 are as follows:

- President:** Maria Bea C. Lao, RMT, MS
- Vice-President:** Julie J. Tiu, RMT, MS
- Secretary:** Rvin John T. Servillon, RMT, MS
- Treasurer:** Aileen Grace L. Ang, RMT, MS
- Asst. Treasurer:** Brenda Lucas, RMT
- Auditor:** Chalee S. Reyes, RMT, MS
- PIO:** Ace Ronald C. Sarabia, RMT, MHPED
- Board of Directors:**
 - Avee Joy B. Dayaganon, RMT, MS, PhD
 - Jocelyn S. Dula, RMT
 - Kate G. Talip, RMT
 - Lolita D. Mamaril, RMT
 - Philina V. Malacura, RMT
 - Philip Virgil L. Fernandez, RMT
 - Rubilyn Murga, RMT
 - Zenaida M. Banzon, RMT
- Immediate Past President:**
 - Larry Jay B. Langgaman, RMT, ASCPi

Taking into effectivity the new set of officers, the induction was immediately done last January 7, 2017 at the Hotel Vicente, F. Torres St., Davao City. The Inducting officer was Atty. Francis Brion. Immediately after the Induction of Officers was a whole day planning for the year 2017. It was a fun-filled, fruitful and very open whole day activity.

With so much enthusiasm, workforce and inspiration, the new set of officers for PAMET-Davao City Chapter has taken-off with pride and confidence.



Induction of newly elected officers of PAMET-Davao City Chapter, together with the Inducting Officer Atty. Francis Brion at the Hotel Vicente, Davao City.



The newly inducted officers of PAMET-Davao City Chapter for the year 2017-2018.



Attendees of the 1st CMT meeting of PAMET-Davao City Chapter, held last March 18, 2017 at the Rue Mango, Davao City.



The recipient of the benefit from PAMET, Ms. Richelle Muñoz, together with PAMET-Davao President – Maria Bea C. Lao and Regional Director for Souther Mindanao - Mr. Larry Jay Langaman.



Post meeting group picture with the PAMET-Davao City Officers, CMTs and heads of the laboratories and Mr. Larry Jay Langaman.



Post-recollection post of the PAMET-Davao officers together with Fr. Ruben Mandin at the University of the Immaculate Conception, AVR 2, Bonifacio Campus.

Recollect and Reconnect: A Spiritual Encounter on Service and Faith

A Short Recollection of PAMET-Davao Officers

As the PAMET-Davao City Chapter enters a new phase in the organization, it was an utmost effort that committee chair on Welfare and Benefits, Josephine Dula, was able to organize a spiritual encounter for the newly inducted officers and few of its committee members. It all started with the idea of coming together as one despite the differences of each one of us. The PAMET-Davao City Chapter held its 1st Recollection last February 17, 2017 at the AVR 2 of the University of the Immaculate Conception, Bonifacio St., Davao City.

The concept of the recollection focused on "Growing in our Relationship with God", which Fr. Ruben Mandinviewed it on working in service with

Shaping CMT's as One

First CMT Meeting of PAMET-Davao City Chapter, 2017

Coming together as one and united is a goal that any organization is aiming to achieve. As a new period for PAMET-Davao chapter, this is a task one can only attain by combining the strengths of many heads and dividing the weaknesses along.

PAMET-Davao prepared an occasional meeting for the heads of the laboratories and the chief medical technologists last March 18, 2017 at the Rue Mango, Davao City. This casual meeting is in connection to goal of becoming united even with the upcoming change the chapter has accepted. PAMET-Davao City chapter officers have felt so much gratitude as a total of 30 CMTs and heads of laboratories were present. Where 10 are from tertiary laboratories and 20 were from secondary laboratories. This was the time where the new set of officers were officially introduced to them.

Apart from the casual meeting, with heads up high and feet grounded on the floor, the Regional Director for Southern Mindanao – Mr. Larry Jay Langaman, and Dr. Leoncio Ong from the Regional Laboratory Network were present for a short discourse on the updates on CPD Law and the goals of the RLN, respectively. This meeting also became the avenue for clarifications and queries towards CPD, RLN and PAMET-Davao City chapter concerns with the emphasis of the membership and its' responsibilities and benefits.

In connection to the benefits one can claim from PAMET, is the turn-over of check from PAMET National, thru the effort of the Welfare and Benefit Committee of the chapter – Ms. Josephine Dulaand regional director for Southern Mindanao - Mr. Larry Langaman to Ms. Richell Muñoz, recipient of benefit due to dreaded disease. This is an illustration that we, the PAMET national with the different chapters including PAMET-Davao chapter starts to refine the services for our fellow Medical Technologists.

Coming together as one and united is the goal of every chapters of PAMET, and this cannot be done overnight. But this 1st CMT meeting for the year 2017 is an evidence that the CMTs and heads of the laboratories will continuously support and alleviate the aspiration of PAMET for its members.

humility for the glory of God. This was truly a timely spiritual experience for all the officers, as we venture a new journey of service for the year 2017-2018. The goal is to enhance the quality of service that the officers can offer, not just for the sake of obedience but because we are growing as a socially responsible individual. The inputs and insights actually gave more fuel for the igniting aspiration to serve the members of PAMET with humility, strong faith and love of service.

This is a symbol of the accordance of each of the officers to their individual and cluster role for PAMET-Davao City Chapter and its members. This encounter is valuable and appropriate for a jump-start for all of us. This is the first for the year, but definitely not the last.

SOCSARGEN CHAPTER

Chapter President: **Mary Mae M. Cheung**

PAMET SOCSKARGEN officers believed in the strength of the chief medical technologists (CMTs) when working together and made the 1st CMT committee meeting to jumpstart the year. The meeting held on January 20, 2017 at M Place, General Santos City was well attended by 37 chief medical technologists and 6 officers. This activity was graced by the presence of PAMET National President, Mr. Ronaldo Puno and PAMET Mindanao Regional Director, Mr. Larry Jay Langaman. The updates on R.A. 10914 were discussed by the Regional Director and the raising of issues and concerns of the chief medical technologists took place during the meeting. With the emphasis on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of medical technologists, the CMTs organized the CPD committee during the said affair. The said meeting is significant in steering the committee and the officers to direct their plans for the year in a strategic meeting held on January 28, 2017 at Notre Dame of Dadiangas University, General Santos City.



The chapter president gives the chief medical technologists an update of the activities of the chapter.



Ms. Helen Grace Nacional, the elected chair of the CMT committee presides over discussion of the issues and concerns of the CMTs.

Three community outreach activities were held in three different areas in SOCSKARGEN (SitioT'nuos, Barangay Takonel of Lake Sebu, General Santos City and Edwards Elementary School of T'boliof South Cotabatoand) during the first quarter. Seventy (70) parents and children, 450 senior high school students and 200 pupils benefited from the services extended by the chapter, academic sectors and collaborating agencies (Notre Dame of Marbel University, Alumni



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Association of Holy Trinity College, Landero Clinic and Hospital, Goldylab, Lifeline Suppliers and 57th Infantry Battalion), respectively. The activities ranged from conduct of free laboratory services to health education campaigns on January 28, February 8 and March 10, 2017.



Mr. Mark Raymund Nava gives a health education lecture to the beneficiaries of Lake Sebu.



The participants of the 1st PAMET Mindanao Presidents' Meeting in Cagayan de Oro City

The chapter was represented by the chapter president in the 1st PAMET Mindanao Presidents' meeting held in N Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City on February 10-11, 2017. It is a very significant gathering of PAMET Mindanao leaders where moving forward towards achievement of common goals is very evident.

The chapter kicked off with the 1st Scientific Seminar for 2017 held on March 16-17, 2017 at Notre Dame of Dadiangas University, General Santos City. With the expertise of Mr. Ricky Martinez as the resource speaker for "Interactive Seminar/Workshop in Blood Banking", the 80 participants (Day 1) and 40 participants (Day 2) brought home the important lessons which are expected to be applied in their respective work areas. The budding partnership of the chapter with the Region XII Laboratory Networking Council (RLNC) and Department of Health (DOH) XII ushered the conduct of the 2nd CPD activity for the year "Training of Laboratory Personnel on Formulation of Laboratory



The PAMET SOCSKSARGEN volunteers with the NDMU students during the outreach activity.



PAMET SOCSKSARGEN volunteers who served during the Blood Typing Activity at Holy Trinity College, General Santos City.



The secretariat of the training on Formulation of Laboratory Action Plan facilitates the registration of a participant.



The participants of the Newswriting seminar/workshop listen intently to the lecture given by the resource person, Dr. Melissa Geturbos-Bautista.



Mr. Ricky Martinez emphasizes the importance of antibody screening to an attentive group of medical technologists.



Ms. Evelyn Filoteo, Chair of the chapter's Committee on Standards, gave an overview of the activity while the participants listen.



Ms. Jasmin Libona signs the pledge of commitment as fellow elected officers of the Region 12 Society of Clinical Microbiologists stood as witnesses.

Action Plan". The 3-day training was participated in by 23 medical technologists on March 23-25, 2017 at Edjin Pension House and Restaurant, Tacurong City.

Aside from the two CPD conducted, two more updating activities were organized; Seminar/Workshop in Newswriting and Seminar/Workshop in Hospital Antibiogram on February 18 and February 28, respectively. The Newswriting workshop held at NDDU, General Santos City, equipped twelve (12) members of the chapter with the skills to be able to write articles for the chapter's newsletter. On the other hand, the second workshop held at Cinco Niñas, Koronadal City enabled the 24 registered medical technologists to have common understanding of the standardized procedures in the creation of the hospital antibiogram. The gathering led to the organization of the Region 12 Society of Clinical Microbiologists.

PAMET Partners with Government on **Type ng BAYAN,** Other Programs



by: Lito G. Atienza

The start of 2017 saw PAMET partnering with different agencies and non-government organizations in its effort to extend its services to communities and local government units. One of those initiatives was

the collaboration between PAMET and Cabinet Spouses Association Inc. on the project "Type ng Bayan". It is an advocacy project which aims to determine the blood types of every Filipino and eventually come up with a registry of blood types in the community. Said project is in cooperation with the Department of Health.

Last January 30, 2017, Mr Ricky Reyes, the Executive Director of the project met with PAMET officers and committee chairs composed of President Ronaldo Puno, Treasurer Eleanor Garcia, Mr. Ricky Martinez (Advocacy) and Mr. Lito Atienza (Outreach Program), met to discuss the launching of the project as well as its mechanics.

The grand launching was held at Mandaluyong City Hall last February 5, 2017, with the participation of different government hospitals, wherein around 3,000 residents were subjected to blood typing. The event was graced by different cabinet members led by DOH Secretary Paulyn Ubial and Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar, as well as the officers and members of Cabinet Spouses Association led by its President Jocelyn Sueno.



One of the highlights of the launching was the signing of Memorandum of Agreement between PAMET, represented by Pres. Puno and the Cabinet Spouses Association represented by Pres. Sueno, in support of the project. PAMET was tasked to supplement the needed Medical Technologists in

the course of blood collection. No less than Sec. Ubial and Sec. Andanar, witnessed the ceremony in front of other cabinet members, the Metro Manila Mayors' Spouses Foundation and thousands of Mandaluyong constituents.

After the launching, the project was duplicated in several cities and municipalities such as Pasig, Taguig, Malabon, Pateros and Pasay.

During one of the events, Pres. Puno also took the opportunity to discuss with Sec. Ubial the other projects that PAMET and DOH can collaborate. Sec. Ubial, expressed her desire to tap PAMET members nationwide to support the different programs of the department. In return, Pres. Puno, conveyed his gratitude for recognizing the roles of Medical Technologists and for considering PAMET as the rightful organization to represent the profession.

Eventually, "Type ng Bayan" will be brought to different provinces to cover the entire country.





P A M E T OUTLOOK for 2017-2018

The two-year plan of activities of the Philippine Association of Medical Technologists for 2017 and 2018 were presented and discussed in the two and half day meeting at Timberland Resort in San Mateo, Rizal on January 27-29, 2017. This two year period coincides with the tenure of the new Board of Directors and Officers of PAMET who started their term of office on January 1, 2017.



The following are the committees and its respective chairs:

Cluster 1: Open Opportunities for Capability-building

- Continuing Professional Development* - Leila Florento
- Special Projects* - Razel Kawano
- Education* - Frieda Hapan
- Grants & Scholarship* - Eleanor Garcia
- Professional Development* - Norma Chang

Cluster 2: Nurture Linkages and Partnerships

- International Relations* - Leila Florento
- Chapters and Regional Affairs* - Regional Directors

Cluster 3: Explore New Trends and Development

- Research* - Cesar Mendoza
- Annual Convention* - Ronaldo Puno
- Mid-Year Convention* - Rosario Barrido
- Regional Conferences* - Narcisa Agustin (Tarlac)
- Jazmin Manalo (Cavite)
- Jessa Rafanan (Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental)
- Felglene Nagtalon (Aklan)

Cluster 4: Prepare for Global Challenges

- Constitution and By-Laws* - Gina Noble
- Professional Practice and Ethics* - Razel Kawano
- Legislation* - Agnes Medenilla
- Special Search Committee for Med Tech Board* - Romeo Joseph Ignacio
- Information Technology* - Victor Lumboy
- Governance* - Marilyn Atienza

Cluster 5: Advocate the Medical Technology Profession

- Advocacy and Promotion* - Ricky Martinez
- Digital Cover Design Competition* - Gamaliel Fulgueras
- Medical Technology Week* - Maritess Go
- Quiz Show*
 - a. National - Victor Lumboy
 - b. Regional - Maura Isais
- Publication and Documentation* - Gamaliel Fulgueras
- Awards* - Gamaliel Fulgueras
- Communication and Correspondence* - Gina Noble

Cluster 6: Maintain Relevance to Members and Communities

- Community Outreach* - Lito Atienza
- Welfare and Benefits* - Allen Peñaflorida
- Socials* - Heide Banan
- Spiritual Enrichment* - Marian Tantingco
- Physical Fitness* - Gerrick Dolor

Cluster 7: Ensure Organizational Stability and Sustainability

- Membership* - Luella Vertucio
- Finance and Asset Management* - Eleanor Garcia
- Ways and Means* - Myra Maceda
- Office and Personnel Management* - Luella Vertucio
- Election* - Jacinta Cruz
- Audit, Compliance and Accreditation* - Victor Lumboy

Cluster 8: Tie-up Meaningful Collaborations

- Professional Relations* - Gamaliel Fulgueras
- Laboratory Practice and Management* - Myra Maceda
- Gina Noble
- Evangeline Castillo
- Allen Peñaflorida

To attain the goals of the organization for this year, the working theme which will also be used for the 53rd Annual Convention is "Raising the Gold Standard for World-Class Technologists".

1st PAMET CPD

It is not about the CPD units but MTs concern in Patient Safety...



by: **Gina A. Noble**

The 1st CPD Seminar for 2017 was held last February 25, 2017 at FEU-Manila Auditorium.

The featured topic was about Patient Safety and Improvement of Pre-Analytical Phase in the Laboratory. An overwhelming enthusiastic crowd of close to 400 attended this 1st Continuing Professional Development of PAMET

Dr. Leila Florento talked about the Risk Assessment and Management in the Laboratory setting, Newly elected PRO Gamaliel Fulgueras discussed the Pre-Analytical Quality Procedures and Executive Secretary Gina Noble discussed the Role of the Laboratory Regulation and Accreditation in Patient Safety. PAMET President Ronaldo E. Puno also made an overview discussion of the CPD Law.

In order to address the higher demand for CPD activities and to help its members comply with the requirements, PAMET aims to hold it on a monthly basis covering the different disciplines of laboratory practice. Next CPD seminar in NCR is set on March 21, 2017 with a topic about Transfusion Medicine.

After the informative session, question and answer forum followed. Honorable Marilyn Atienza and Honorable Marian Tangingco, PRC Board members were present to in this symposium.



Workshop on Transfusion Medicine on March 21, 2017 at Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria with Mr. Ricky Martinez as Resource Speaker



SOLID NORTH welcomes



by: **Dhanmark Paul D. Roque**
Chapter President

Another milestone in the history of PAMET North Luzon took place at Aurora Memorial Hospital Conference Room last February 26, 2017 with the formation of the Aurora Chapter, the 14th chapter of North Luzon thru the initiative of Mr. Dhanmark Paul D. Roque. This was made possible thru the collaborative efforts of Mr. Ronaldo E. Puno, PAMET National President, Mr. Gamaliel A. Fulgueras, PRO and Co-chair on Chapters and Perlita M. Bautista, Regional Director of PAMET North Luzon with the able support of Mr. Lito G. Atienza and North Luzon Chapter Presidents to wit: Mr. Diego L. Ofiaza, Ms. Levylita G. Julian, Ms. Mary Ann G. Cumigad and Ms. Narcisa S. Agustin, the Chapter Presidents of their respective provinces in North Luzon.

Mr. Ronaldo E. Puno briefed the attendees about the requirements in the formation of the chapter, updates about CPD Law and the assistance that the PAMET National office can offer to newly organized chapters like Aurora chapter. Election & Oath-taking of new set of officers ensued after the meeting.



Board of Directors 2017-2018

- Dhanmark Paul D. Roque - President
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- Aryza Mari P. Nacino - Secretary
- Win Joy T. Angara - Treasurer
- Lean Anthony Resplandor - Auditor
- Raymond Alviar - PRO

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- Khytryn Sagun
- Sharon Gay Te
- Mario de Vera Jr.
- Christine Valdez
- John Mandy Trapago
- District 1 Coordinator
- Eleanor Danay
- District 2 Coordinator



Mindanao Forms North Cotabato as its NEWEST CHAPTER



by: **Larry Jay Langgaman**

PAMET North Cotabato is one of the newest Chapters of PAMET which was formed in November of 2016. The chapter area covers Kidapawan City and the municipalities of Makilala, Mlang, Tulunan, Matalam, Kabacan, President Roxas, Antipas, Magpet and Arakan. PAMET North Cotabato is the 18th chapter in Mindanao that fall under the Southern Mindanao Region and is bordered by PAMET Cotabato Chapter in the western side and PAMET Davao del Sur Chapter in the Eastern side.

There were several attempts in the past to organize a PAMET chapter in Kidapawan area but it did not materialize until persistent push and communication between Mindanao Regional Director Larry Jay Langgaman and Bienchel Esteban of Kidapawan City Hospital. On October 24, 2016, Bienchel Esteban, Larry Jay Langgaman and S. Ma. Niña Balbas-former PAMET Mindanao Regional Director now assigned in Kidapawan City, met and visited Medtechs in different Hospitals and Laboratories in Kidapawan and Makilala areas inviting Medical Technologists to attend the first meeting to organize PAMET Chapter in North Cotabato. Medtechs were delighted upon hearing the motion to organize their own chapter and attended the meeting in full support which was held at St. Mary's Academy of Kidapawan on October 25, 2016. During the meeting, twenty eight Medtechs signed the petition to organize North Cotabato Chapter which was endorsed to PAMET National Board. It was during the Annual Chapter Presidents Meeting in November 7, 2016 that the petition was approved and PAMET North Cotabato is recognized as bonafide local chapter of PAMET.

PAMET North Cotabato is headed by its president Bienchel Esteban ably supported by its Vice President S. Ma. Niña Balbas, RVM. Together with the members of the executive committee and board of directors, they took their oath of office on March 17, 2017 at JC Complex in Kidapawan City which was officiated by the representative of Kidapawan City Mayor Evangelista and the PAMET National President Ronaldo Puno. After the induction of officers, PAMET President Ronaldo Puno gave CPD update to the





Makilala Midway Hospital, Inc.



Makilala Medical Specialist Hospital, Inc.



Midway Hospital - Kidapawan



Dizon Medical Clinic & Hospital



Kidapawan Medical Specialists Center, Inc.



Madonna General Hospital, Inc.

Hospital and Laboratory visits



Induction of PAMET North Cotabato officers and board of director

general membership of PAMET North Cotabato and followed by an open forum which tackled issues concerning support from national office, different programs and benefits for PAMET members.

On May 25, PAMET North Cotabato will be having their first CPD activity for the year. The officers and members of the board are hopeful that they will be able to channel relevant activities and information to its members and community at large as they forge ties with government and NGO partners.



Meeting of Medical Technologists at St. Mary's Academy of Kidapawan to organize PAMET North Cotabato

The Rebirth of PAMET Ilocos Sur



by: **Ronnie A. Gabuat**
Chapter President

PAMET Ilocos Sur Chapter is a newly reorganized chapter of the association. As a starting chapter the elected officers are working on the activities that will benefit the members of the chapter and the people of the province as well. The first activity of PAMET Ilocos Sur Chapter was a medical laboratory mission sponsored by United Ilocandia Fraternity & Sorority in partnership with LGU-Sta. Lucia

Ilocos Sur and PAMET Ilocos Sur Chapter on April 20, 2017. Series of lectures as part of CPD seminar is scheduled on June 4, 2017 with approved 4 CPD units by the PRC.

The PAMET Ilocos Sur Chapter Officers for the finalization and confirmation of the proposed activities for 2017 held at Resonable Hospital Conference Room on March 18, 2017





PAMET-Marinduque Chapter is Born



by: Lito G. Atienza

Last April 23, 2017, PAMET-Marinduque Chapter became the 53rd chapter with the effort and constant communication of Mr. Remy Alvarez, South Luzon Regional Director. The election and oath taking was held at Dr. Damian J. Reyes Provincial Hospital, with the new President, Ms Rosa Lea Magayones together the officers and board of directors. There was also a CPD seminar, wherein President Mr. Ronaldo E. Puno, gave a lecture on updates on CPD while Mr. Ricky Maritinez gave a lecture on Quality Assurance/ Quality Control in Blood Banking. Medical Technologists all over the Marinduque showed full cooperation to attend the First General Assembly of Medical Technologists in the province. Mr. Puno also turned over a seed money to the chapter as their starting fund.

- Rosa Lea Magayones - President
- Cynthia Labay - Vice President
- Michelle Festin - Secretary
- Remella Quinzona - Treasurer
- Lancel Guevarra - Auditor
- Mercedez Nepomoceno - PRO
- Lizabeth Navarro

Coordinators:

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- Gasan : Shylyn Sosa
- Buenavista : Shylyn Sosa
- Torrijos : Liezel Plata
- Sta Cruz : Arlene Grimaldo
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