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65TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY & INDUCTION OF OFFICERS HELD

BY BRIAN DAYRIT

The Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP) conducted its 65th General Assembly and Induction of 2019 Executive Board Members last 23 January 2019 at the regal Presidential Broadcast Studio, Kalayaan Hall, Malacanan Palace. It was witnessed by approximately 40 members, former ASLP Presidents and other guests.

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Dir. Edgar Ryan S. Faustino, head of Presidential Museum and Library provided a rousing welcome remark that centered on the unique but often unappreciated roles of libraries in storing troves of knowledge. Personally, he talked of libraries as safe haven where one can find peace, solace and respite.

The event was also graced by Honorable Yolanda C. Granda, chairperson of Board for Librarians-Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) as inducting officer. She commended the active engagement of ASLP in the sphere of social media and how this redound to the benefit of members in particular and LIS community in general. Also, a thumbs up was given to the association for giving its members opportunities to attend seminars and trainings on seminal and trend-setting topics and approaches. This gave them edge as LIS field becomes even more competitive especially in the advent ASEAN integration.

Meanwhile, Ms. Maria Teresa M. Cabance, treasurer gave rosy report on the financial health of ASLP. As of January 2019, its cash at bank is Php 340,000.00.



The outgoing President, Ms. Myzel Y. Marifosque gave highlights of 2018 ASLP activities. Aside from the regular activities, the Board was able to conduct a week long educational tour of German libraries. It was made possible through the generous grant provided by Goethe-Philippines. The outreach programs conducted right after the seminars and congress held in Tuguegarao, Cagayan and Mandaue City, Cebu respectively was a resounding success. It was also anecdotally noted however, that the inclement weather during those major events almost dampened the success of the undertaking. To the delight of members, major acquisitions such as projector and laptops were likewise reported.

The occasion also provided opportunity to look back at the remarkable life and outstanding contributions to ASLP of Ms. Alicia S. Paraiso, 2012 president. She was dearly remembered by colleagues and friends.

Lastly, the incoming President, Mr. Brian Lloyd Dayrit enjoined the help of 2019 ASLP Board as he leads the association to another year of learnings, challenges and achievements.

The newest member of the Board, Mr. Bryan Boy Cortez was the master of the ceremonies who kept each attendee attentive and entertained. (BLD)



LIBRARY-IN- FOCUS

BY DARREL MARCO

For more than five years now, the Goethe-Institut Philippinen Library has been a partner of ASLP in the promotion of the role of special libraries, and in the organization of several activities and events such as conferences, study tours and exchange programmes in and out the country. Just recently, the Goethe-Institut Library represented by its head librarian Ms. Debbie Viereck, extended assistance to ASLP officers for the benchmarking of Digital Humanities libraries and information centers in Germany.



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The Goethe-Institut library also works in partnership with other libraries and professional associations in the Philippines and abroad to promote professional dialogue and exchange.

You may visit this wonderful library from Monday to Friday, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm at the Ground Floor of Adamson Centre, 121 Leviste St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. For library tours, you may also contact: bibliothek-manila@goethe.de

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FACES OF ASLP

BY BILY ALEJO

Congratulations, Marybel Caasi!

You have been selected as our 'Gregarious' Face of ASLP for the months of January-February 2019.

Marybel is a College Librarian III of College of Nursing in University of the Philippines Manila. She has genuine interest in preserving special collections, archives and institutional records. She also held various leadership roles and considered this as a springboard for mentoring the young blood.

As the Gregarious Face of ASLP, she believes that friendship should be marked with admiration, care, respect and support. More details in our interview transcript here: <https://tinyurl.com/y565pmsm>



WHEN IN BOHOL

BY KEVIN
TANSIONGCO

Here are our top places to visit when in Bohol.

1. **Chocolate Hills** | Known as the famous hills in the country with at least 1,260 hills.
2. **Loboc River** | Experience the floating restaurant and firefly watching at night.
3. **Panglao Island** | Notable for its white sand and crystal clear water
4. **Historical Churches** | Must see religious relics and well-preserved churches particularly the Baclayon Church
5. **Balicasag Island Marine Sanctuary** | Perfect for underwater activities to see diverse group of endangered marine animals
6. **Tarsier Conservation Area** | Get up close and personal with the world's smallest primate
7. **Habitat Butterflies Conservation Center** | Be flabbergasted with the cornucopia of butterflies
8. **Blood Compact** | Visit the place where the first international treaty of friendship between the Filipinos and the Spaniards happened



Come and join us on 22-24 May in Bohol, Philippines as we move to BOLSTER RESEARCH!

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