

**2012 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
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We are very much honored for your presence and for giving the ASLP General Assembly and Induction of Officers your precious time to be with us this afternoon. This is very special day because our activities for this afternoon coincides with the founding of the ASLP. Today is the exact 59th year of the ASLP. So next year, we will have a big celebration. This is also a great opportunity for us to meet former members of the ASLP Board to say hi and hello and to renew and expand our library networking activities and interact with fellow professionals. Make chika chika, tsimis and whatever.

It is with great pride and honor as 2012 ASLP President to report on the accomplishments of the Board for the past year. It has been a lucky, great, challenging, and exciting year for the ASLP Board. Lahat na yata ng positive adjectives.

First, I would like to inform you that the ASLP By Laws was amended during the 2nd National Congress of Special Libraries of the Philippines at the Economic Financial and Learning Center, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas last August 3, 2012.

The first commendable accomplishment of the Board is the renewal of the SEC registration after a decade of non-renewal. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz for her diligent efforts (waiting for several hours) just to get and submit the necessary requirements for the renewal of the registration. The consequence of the non-renewal of SEC registration is to pay a fine of more than 50t (for 10 years of non-renewal) but we requested for condonation and it was reduced to half the price. Also my heartfelt thanks to Ms. Tess Casio and Ms. Elma Rebadulla for patiently following up our condonation request and payment of fines. I have learned that several ASLP presidents in the past attempted to renew our SEC registration but due to so many hassles they were not able to pursue it. A big hand of applause to Ms. Shirley Cruz and 2012 ASLP Board for this success.

We learned a lesson from this – not to delay the filing of FS (Financial Statement) and GIS (General Information Sheet). The FS and GIS of 2012 ASLP Board are already completed and ready to be filed and I hope the succeeding Board will diligently accomplished and file all the necessary requirements on time. Sayang po yong bayad sa multa...

Now for the activities...



Our first major seminar/workshop was in Puerto Princesa, Palawan with the topic “Effective Library Management and Workplace Productivity through Stress Management, Wellness and Good Nutrition” from April 18-20, 2012 at Skylight Hotel, Puerto Princesa, Palawan. The seminar was well attended and the participants were able to increase their awareness of personal stressors and idiosyncratic stress reactions; learned how to live a more relax life and prevent stress-related illness; have a healthy lifestyle through good nutrition, health and wellness and learned to control the stressors in their life through the development of a personal stress-management plan in order to effectively manage our workplace. The participants evaluation of the program was very good and requested to have the similar topic in our future activities. After the seminar - For some relaxation and stress free activities, the participants enjoyed one of the new seven wonders of nature the “Underground River” and island hopping along Honda Bay.

Also, the Association as well as the participants of the seminar was very lucky because two fellowship dinners were arranged for us. One was sponsored by the Honorable Governor Mitra held at the Skylight Hotel. A group of cultural dancers entertained the participants. The second fellowship dinner was sponsored by the Honorable City Mayor of Puerto Princesa, Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn held at the A&A Hotel. Likewise, there was also a cultural presentation and souvenirs for every participant were provided aside from the grandiose dinner they served.



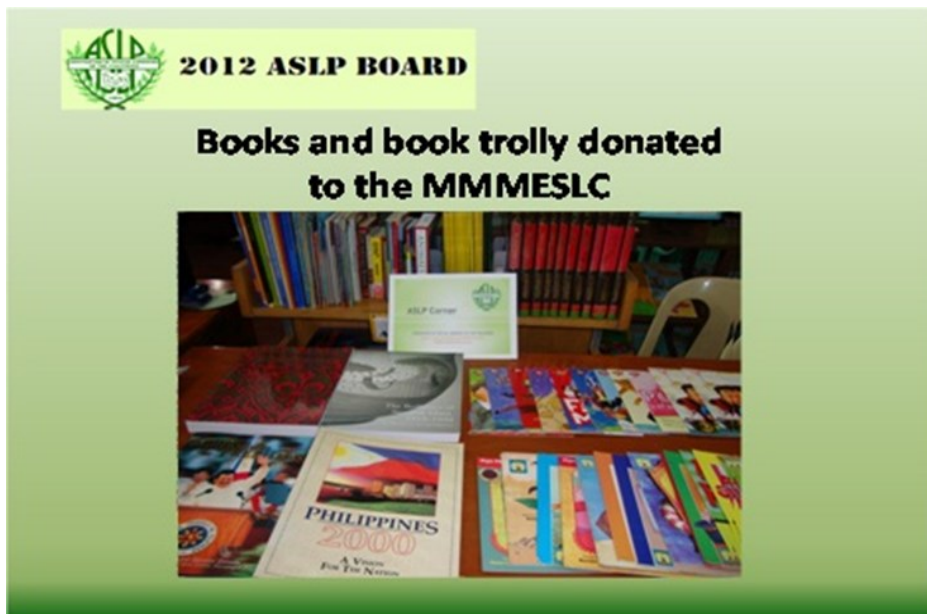
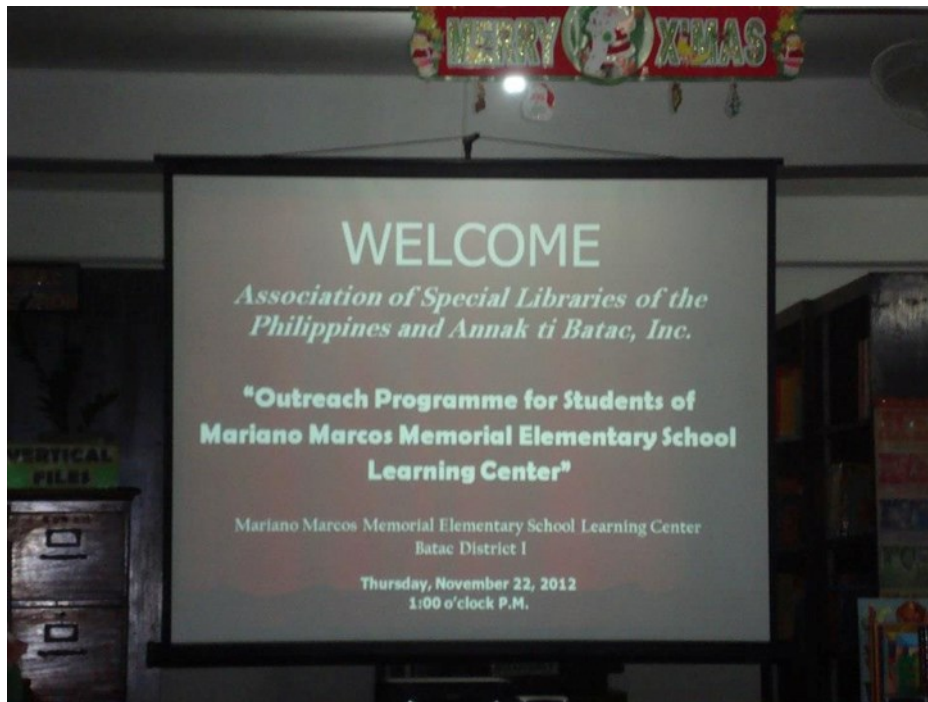
The second major seminar was in August 2-3, 2012, the second National Congress with the topic “Achieving a Balanced Score Card: Best Practices in Philippine Special Libraries.” This was held at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipines. I would like to thank Ms. Cora Garcia, Manager of Economic Financial Learning Center for hosting the event and providing food for 2 lunches and snacks.

Through this seminar the participants were able to update their knowledge of the new developments in the field of special librarianship and learned the different best practices of highly recognized special libraries in the country. Despite the increment weather during that time, the seminar was successful and the participants learned a lot from our highly regarded resource speakers in the field.





Then we have a blockbuster forum during the 33rd Manila International Book Fair last September 13, 2012. The topic is “Look Good, Feel Great Always: Empowering Tips for Librarians and Information Specialists.” Our resource speaker is Hon Lucy Torres-Gomez. She was able to entice the participants with her expertise and knowledge and gave tips on how to look good and feel great always. I am happy that some of our activities is being echoed in the gatherings of librarians. This forum was echoed during the gatherings of librarians of the University of the East last October 25. How do you feel today???



In line with the celebration of the national book week, the ASLP conducted worthwhile activities last November 22- 23, 2012 at the Mariano Marcos Memorial Elementary School Learning Center in Batac City, Ilocos Norte. This is in partnership with the Annak Ti Batac, Inc. The first part of the activity is an outreach program for the MMMESLC. Books from various sponsors like Children International, Adarna House, Goethe-Institut Philippinen, Lampara Books, Bookmark, Ayalala Foundation, National Book Development Board and Studies 5 Design/Publishing, were donated to the MMMESLC. The ASLP also handed over to Ms. Cora Garcia a monetary donation of P7,000.- for the Annak Ti Batac, that is half of the income from the 2nd National Congress at Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.



We had a short fun program for the students of the said school. Storytellers from De La Salle University, graced the activity and shared different stories to the students. There were also poster making contest, essay writing, games and art activities to make the program more lively and exciting to the students.

The second part of the activity was a seminar on “Basic Library Management and Technical Services Skills” intended for the librarians and library staff from the North. This seminar aims to share basic library management/technical services skills, help manage libraries in today’s generation and inculcate librarians role of today.



The highlight of our activities for 2012 is the “Group Study Tour of Libraries, Museums and Archives in Germany” by the 12 members of the ASLP Board. It was an immense thought that we have visited seventeen (17) various institutions in 10 days in Germany – a country where buildings were “built for libraries” and where “librarians are essential.” We were also given the opportunity to participate in the Librarians Day in Hamburg. Then after Germany, on our way back, the group went to Paris, then others stayed a few days in Singapore, 2 went to Bali and one to Jakarta for official commitments. We conquered two continents, 4 countries, 9 cities in 23 days.





The complete report of our group study tour is available for download at the website of Bibliothek International through this link.

http://www.bi-international.de/download/file/2012_Study%20Tour_ASLP_Manila.pdf

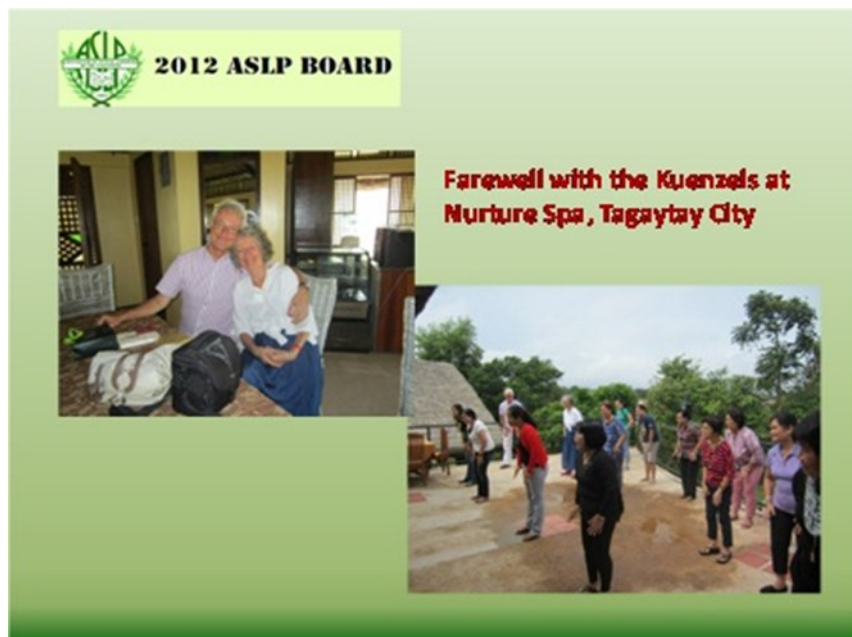
This was also published in one of the library journal in Germany BUB Forum Bibliothek and Information with the title "Siebzehn Bibliotheken in zehn Tagen / Philippinische Spezialbibliothekare auf Studienreise durch Deutschland " (Christel Mahnke) [575] (Seventeen Libraries in 10 Days: Filipino special librarians on group study tour in Germany).

http://www.b-u-b.de/pdfarchiv/Heft-BuB_09_2012.pdf#page=1&view=fit&toolbar=0&pagemode=bookmarks



The ASLP Board was invited as guest at LibRadio DZUP. We had a fruitful, interesting and lively interview -about ASLP and ICoASL 3.

We also gave Mr. and Mrs. Künzel, my boss and former Director of Goethe-Institut Philippinen a memorable farewell because of his unwavering support to the Association. Our group tour will not be a reality if not for his help and cooperation. On our own pocket we contributed and gave the Künzels an affair to remember at the Nurture Spa in Tagaytay. And they were very appreciative for what we have done.



Another notable achievement of the 2012 ASLP Board is the 101% increase in membership. This is possible through the efforts of all the officers and most especially through Ms. Mercy Servida and Joseph Yap. There was really a remarkable increase in the ASLP membership last year.

We have published 4 issues of the ASLP Newsletter. It is available online and can also download it at the ASLPWIKI site. The ASLP WIKI and FB page of ASLP is continuously being updated by Joseph.

Another noteworthy accomplishment is the holding of the 3d ICOASL in Manila this year. ICOASL is now a reality in Manila, through the dynamic efforts of Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz. The 3d International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL) will be held on April 10 to 12, 2013 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). The theme of the 3rd International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL) is the “Special Libraries towards Achieving Dynamic, Strategic, and Responsible Working Environment”. The ICoASL is being organized by the Special Libraries Association Asian Chapter (SLA) in association with Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP).

As a result of our library networking during our Group study tour in Germany, three speakers from Germany are coming on April to present papers during the ICOASL. So please support and help us in this endeavor.

Other activities of the members of the ASLP Board are:



Two ASLP Board members and two active members of ASLP participated in the recently concluded 15th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) held at Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel, Bali, Indonesia from May 28-31, 2012. The theme of the conference is “National Heritage: Preservation and Dissemination.” These members shared their library work experiences and practices to the international crowd. It is a way of advancing the field of Philippine librarianship into the global level.

Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz, 2011 President (Commission on Appointments) had a parallel session on the topic, the Role of Library Associations in National Development. She presented a paper entitled, “Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines: Meeting the Challenges and Opportunities of the Future.”

Mr. Joseph M. Yap, 2012 Vice President (De La Salle University) had a parallel session on the topic, Resource Sharing & Networking and presented a paper entitled, “A Review of the Library Cooperation of the Inter-University Consortium.”

Mr. Stephen Alayon, Active Member (Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center) presented under the topic Resource Sharing & Networking. The title of his paper is “The Development of an Institutional Repository at the Aquaculture Department of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Philippines.”

Mr. Martin Julius Perez, Active Member (Far Eastern University) presented under the topic Preservation and Conservation in the Library. The title of his paper is “An Analytical Study of the Common and Unique Characteristics of Local Studies Centers in the Philippines.”

One of our Advisers, presented a paper at the Australian Law Librarians Association (AALA) 2012 National Conference with the theme “Respect the Past; Embrace the Future.”



Ms. Milagros Santos-Ong, ASLP Adviser is one of the two Resource Speakers of ALLA 2012 who do not come from Australia. The other comes from New Zealand, also a Commonwealth country. The lecture she delivered is entitled “Legal collection management for effective legal research in the Philippines.” It was considered by the Conference Convenor as an excellent presentation and in view to the request of some delegates, this paper, including the power point presentation is now available online in the Australian Law Librarians Association (ALLA) Conference website (www.alla2012.com.au/programme).

The ASLP Ex-officio - **Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz** was invited as resource person in a conference with the theme "**Fusion 2013: Negotiation Power Skills & Library Services Management, Decade's Breakthrough**" held on October 18, 2012 at Adamson University. She is also the president elect of Special Libraries Association, Asian Chapter and country representative for the Philippines. CONGRATULATIONS Shie and more power, we are proud of you.



The following week, October 25, 2012, the ASLP President and Head Librarian of the Goethe-Institut Philippinen, **Alicia S. Paraiso** gave an inspirational talk on “**The Journey of a Silent Warrior Librarian**” at the General Assembly Echo Forum and Seminar Workshop, University of the East, Department of Libraries.

On November 21, 2012, **Mr. Joseph Yap** shared a presentation during the customer service forum as part of the Mapua Institute of Technology - Intramuros Library Department’s celebration of the 78th National Book Week. The theme for this year’s national book week is: “**Libraries Effects on Society**”.



Mr. Joseph M. Yap, ASLP Vice President was the **2012 SLA Asian Early Career Awardee**. The award was given last July 16, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Congratulations to our incoming President, Mr. Joseph Yap! We are so proud of you!



Two active members of the ASLP presented a paper during the **IFLA WLIC 2012**. They are **Mariel Templanza** and **Mr. Martin Julius Perez** Local Studies Centers: transforming history, culture and heritage in the Philippines”.



Two of the libraries headed by the ASLP Board Members was featured in **Manila's 10 Best Libraries** in www.spot.ph last August 2012. They are the library of the **Lopez Museum and Library**, headed by Ms. Mercy Servida-ASLP Director and the **Goethe-Institut Philippinen** headed by Ms. Alicia S. Paraiso-ASLP President.

At this time, I can say that I was able to carry the torch of the ASLP alive and still burning with confidence. I was able to carry this lightly and smoothly because of the full cooperation and support of the whole Board. They walk hand in hand with me in carrying the lighted torch in the service of the Association. We are one family and will be missing our escapades.

I can attest that I passed the greatest challenge of my life with flying colors through the help of the Almighty, the understanding and moral support of my family and only daughter, the unwavering support of my director and the genuine, voluntary and untiring efforts and commitments of the Board.

2012 is not only a great and challenging year for the Board as I mentioned earlier. We also had a great learning experience. We learned a lot from the planning stage to the implementation of our activities. From the experiences that we gathered along the way and from the people that we bumped into. A great learning experience that cannot be bought.

At this juncture, I can say that it is more fun joining the ASLP, you will not only look good, feel great always but you will be inspired, surprised, and empowered organizing and implementing the different activities with a smile and enjoyment in your heart. Be part of the ASLP, the Association that is always on the GO...

“Whoever accepts and trusts the Son gets in on everything, life complete and forever” (John 3:36)

Maraming maraming salamat po!