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ASLP's 58th General Assembly and Induction Ceremony



The Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines, Inc. (ASLP) had its 58th General Assembly and Induction Ceremony last January 25, 2012 at the De La Salle University – Makati Extension Campus (25th floor, Tower I, RCBC Plaza, Makati City, Philippines) attended by the ASLP members, officers, and visitors.



Ms. Willian S.A. Frias

Ms. Willian S.A. Frias, Assistant Director for Support Services of the University Library - De La Salle University gave the welcome remarks in-behalf of the University Library. She recognized the role and importance of special libraries.

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The event was participated by 11 past presidents namely: Ms. Shirley Cruz (2011), Ms. EdithaDumo (2009), Ms. Jocelyn Ladlad (2006), Ms. Corazon Garcia (2005), Ms. Corazon Tolentino (2004), Ms. Milagros Ong (2002), Ms. Valentina Tolentino-Tabayoyong (2001), Ms. Victoria Mercado (1988), Ms. JesusaManhit (1985), Ms. Pat Isleta (1983), Ms. SusimaGonzales (1978).



In this photo: Mr. Kunzel, Ms. Paraiso (2012), Ms. Cruz (2011), Ms. Dumo (2009), Ms. Ladlad (2006), Ms. Garcia (2005), Ms. Tolentino (2004), Ms. Ong (2002), Ms. Tolentino-Tabayoyong (2001), Ms. Mercado (1988), Ms. Manhit (1985), Ms. Isleta (1983), Ms. Gonzales (1978).

The general assembly gave an honorary membership to Mr. Richard Künzel, Director of Goethe-InstitutPhilippinen, for his great support for the association since 2010. His great efforts for the development of historical research and library development in the country was shown in his various initiatives and interest in bringing back the memories of past to present. He was the first recipient of this award from ASLP.

On the second part of the event, 13 new officers of 2012 were inducted by Mr. Künzel. He was also the guest of honor for this activity. He shared the importance and role of librarians in the community. He also shared the knowledge of paper conservation and preservation with observation. Lastly, before he inducted the new officers, he gave an inspirational message to all the attendees.

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Milagros S. Ong (Supreme Court of the Philippines)
Valentina T. Tabayoyong (Philippine Institute for Development Studies)

One appointed director, Ms. Jhoanne Abubakar (Filipinas Heritage Library), failed to take her oath due to her new appointment in Singapore. Best wishes on your new endeavor. The Board decided not to fill-in the vacant position.

Ms. Alice Paraiso gave her acceptance speech as the new President. See the full-text of her speech on page 8.

We hope that you continue to support ASLP. Our list of activities is now posted.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!



ASLP's Calendar of Activities for 2012

DATE	ACTIVITIES
APRIL 18-20	EFFECTIVE LIBRARY MANAGEMENT AND WORKPLACE PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH STRESS MANAGEMENT, WELLNESS AND NUTRITION VENUE: PUERTO PRINCESA, PALAWAN
MAY 14 – 24	GROUP STUDY TOUR OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS IN GERMANY 2012 ASLP BOARD
AUGUST 2-3	ACHIEVING A BALANCED SCORECARD: BEST PRACTICES IN PHILIPPINE SPECIAL LIBRARIES VENUE: EFLC - BSP
SEPTEMBER 13	MIBF FORUM LOOK GOOD FEEL GREAT ALWAYS: EMPOWERING TIPS FOR LIBRARIANS AND INFORMATION SPECIALISTS SPEAKER: CONGRESSWOMAN LUCY TORRES GOMEZ VENUE: SMX CONVENTION CENTER
NOVEMBER 7-9 2012	ASLP GO INTERNATIONAL: STUDY TOUR OF LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS IN HANOI, VIETNAM OPTIONAL TOUR IN CAMBODIA
NOVEMBER 2012	LIS MONTH / BOOK WEEK
DECEMBER	OUTREACH – MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL ELEM SCHOOL, BATAC, ILOCOS NORTE

Come and join us in the listed activities and sure you will learn more about the special libraries!



Mr. Kunzel - ASLP's New Honorary Member



Awarding of Plaque of Appreciation
Ms. Cruz, Mr. Kunzel, Ms. Paraiso

In the ASLP's 58th General Assembly and Induction Ceremony last January 25, 2012 at the De La Salle University – Makati Extension Campus (25th floor, Tower I, RCBC Plaza, Makati City, Philippines), Mr. Richard Kunzel was welcomed as our new honorary member.

Mr. Kunzel studied Slavic Philology, Theater and South-East European History at Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich, finished with Master examination. He has a diploma in Russian interpreting. Also, Mr. Kunzel is the Director of the Goethe-Institut Philippinen. He has been very supportive to ASLP and to the development of historical research and library development in the country through his various initiatives.

He supported various ASLP activities like:

Paper Conservation and Preservation with Observation Tour of Selected Archival Institutions – Nov 16-18, 2010 – National Lib

He also gave an inspirational message from last year's *57th General Assembly* at the BETP DTI last January 21, 2011.

He also became ASLP's resource person during the 1st NCSLP in Baguio City. The title of his presentation was *Goethe-Institut Philippinen @ 50* last October 19-21, 2011.

Mr. Kunzel supports not only the ASLP but also the National Library. He gave efforts to restore some of the important works of Jose Rizal.

From 27 April to 13 May 2011, two professional conservators from Germany, with the help of the National Library of the Philippines, conducted a restoration and conservation work on Rizal's two novels *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*, and the poem "Mi Ultimo Adios" (Last Farewell). Also part of the preservation work is "Guillermo Tell", Rizal's Tagalog translation of the play "William Tell" by Friedrich Schiller. The project is funded by the Federal Government of Germany (through its Embassy in Manila) as part of its cultural preservation program, and by the National Library of the Philippines. The other project sponsors and proponents are the Goethe Institut-Philippinen, Deutsche Literaturarchiv Marbach and Universität Münster.

It may interest you to know that, as part of the year-long celebration in the Philippines, there was also an exhibit of original Rizal items (the so-called Ullmer collection) last 8-10 June 2011 at the National Library of the Philippines.

ASLP Executive Board and its Members welcomes our new honorary member, Mr. Richard Kunzel!

2011 President's Report

Ms. Shirley I. Cruz



Ms. Shirley I. Cruz
2011 ASLP President

Our dearest and ever supportive inducting and special guest, Dir. Richard Künzel of the Goethe Institut Philippinen; one of the founders and past president of the ASLP, the very energetic Ma'am Susima Gonzales; the past presidents of the ASLP who have been the pillars of the association; to the 2011 & 2012 ASLP Executive Board; members; colleagues and friends welcome to the 58th General Assembly and Induction Ceremonies of the 2012 ASLP Executive Board. We are very much honored for your presence and for finding the time to be with us today.

The past year has been a blissful year for the ASLP. It has opened great opportunities and friendships for the association. Even with the issues and professional competitions surrounding ASLP the past Board was able to pull things through that made ASLP's presence felt not just among local colleagues but as well as with colleagues as far as Japan, India, Vietnam, Singapore and other neighboring countries through the SLA-Asian Chapter and as far as Australia, United States, and of course Germany.

The 2011 activities of the ASLP somehow and in some ways managed to add some income to the association.

The first seminar about **The Challenges and Opportunities of Librarians and Information Professionals in the Age of New Technology** held in Bamboo Garden, Dipolog City on April 27-30, 2012 was in cooperation with the Provincial Library of Zamboanga del Norte headed by Mrs. Erlinda Nunag. It was in a way remarkable because it was the first ever seminar for librarians and library staff to be held there. It gave the ASLP an opportunity to reach out with our colleagues in Mindanao and other nearby provinces and cities.

The ASLP had also the **ASLP on the Go: Tour of International Cultural Center Libraries, Museums and Archives in Metro Manila** on July 14 & 15, 2011. The institutions visited were:

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<input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL ARCHIVES	<input type="checkbox"/> MERALCO FOUNDATION MUSEUM
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	<input type="checkbox"/> ATENEO GRADUATE SCHOOL

The tour was able to connect links among colleagues from those visited institutions and those who joined the tour.

During the 32nd Manila International Book Fair held on September 15, 2011 at SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, the ASLP had a forum on **Web Safety & Security**. Mr. Severo "Sonnie" Santos an advocate of "web safety for parents" was the resource person. It was also well attended by colleagues and students.

The **1st National Congress of Special Libraries of the Philippines (1st NCSLP)** on *Moving Forward: Managing Libraries and Information Centers in a Fast Changing Environment* on October 19-

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21, 2011 at Hotel Supreme Convention Plaza, Baguio City was an aggressive move by the ASLP to pull through. But I should say that we managed it successfully. The ASLP was able to create links with our colleagues in Japan through Ms. Yoko Sawada, the Deputy Director of IDE Library and U.S.A. through Ms. Xin Li the Associate University Librarian of the Cornell University. Of course Dir. Richard Künzel of the Goethe Institut Philippinen, Mr. Ambeth Ocampo of the Ateneo de Manila University, and Dir. Milagros Ong of the Supreme Court were among the experts who were the resource persons during the 1st NCSLP. The ASLP was also very much grateful for Mayor Mauricio Dumugan, the Mayor of Baguio City and Counselor Robin Diallo, Foreign Affairs Officer of the US Embassy Manila for gracing the said event.

The last activity was an **Out & Reach at the Crater of Mt. Pinatubo**, a partnership with the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL) last December 3, 2011.

Over all, these are what the ASLP has achieved in the past year:

- 1) The first major seminar, ever held in Dipolog City – It was an aggressive move by the ASLP to bring this event in a place where the surrounding neighboring municipalities were infiltrated with people in conflict with the government. It was a move to reach out with colleagues in those areas.
- 2) Library tour which created linkages and familiarity with colleagues in visited institutions.
- 3) The forum on “Web Safety & Security” was well attended by colleagues and students.
- 4) The 1st National Congress of Special Libraries of the Philippines (NCSLP) – It was intended to create opportunity for colleagues from different special libraries and the like to meet, network, and exchange ideas and library resources.
- 5) Out and reach at the crater of the Mt. Pinatubo, a partnership with PAARL.
- 6) Increase in membership – Through the effort of all the officers and most especially through the diligence of Mr. Joseph Yap, our PRO then, a remarkable increase in membership was attained.
- 7) ASLP Wikipedia – Aside from ASLP’s Facebook account, the ASLP was able to come up with its own Wikipedia to make all ASLP’s activities available online. Again, this was realized through the technical know-how of Mr. Joseph Yap.
- 8) ISSN for ASLP newsletter – The ASLP newsletter has now finally assigned with an ISSN.
- 9) Three (3) ASLP newsletters were published and disseminated, and now available at <http://aslpwiki.wikispaces.com/>
- 10) ASLP video lunched during the 1st NCSLP
- 11) The ASLP was invited to two (2) tourisms events:
 - a. M.I.C.E.CON 2011 in Cebu City
 - b. IT&CMA 2011 in Thailand

Above all, the ASLP was able to create friendships and cooperation not just to our members and colleagues here in the Philippines but as well as with colleagues abroad. Through such friendships and cooperation, the ASLP is slowly being known abroad. Thus, making opportunities not just for the association but most especially to its members.

Lastly, with all the effort put forth and the events that transpired in the past year, the ASLP will soon embarked in greater opportunities and challenges that may require everyone’s support and cooperation. One, of those is the possibility that the 3rd International Conference on Asian Special Libraries will be held in the Philippines. The ASLP will be a big part of it when that happens. This may be a big challenge and responsibility, but a great door of opportunity will also open for the ASLP as well as to its members. I hope and pray that when that happens, it will be a success not just for the ASLP but for the benefit of our country as well.

Thank you very much. Mabuhay ang ASLP!

2012 New President's Speech

Ms. Alicia A. Paraiso



Ms. Alicia A. Paraiso
2012 ASLP President

Distinguished guests, ASLP past presidents, fellow librarians, friends, ladies, and gentlemen, a pleasant morning.

To stand in front of you today is a mixed feeling. I never thought that I would be as it is today. Nevertheless, I wholeheartedly learned to accept things the way it should be as planned by the GREATER ONE – the LORD ALMIGHTY.

As I recall, it was in October 2009 that I received a call informing me that I will be nominated to the ASLP Board, my reply was "I'll think it over". Little did I know that my nomination was pushed through until such when I received a letter from the Nomelec chair informing me that I was elected to the 2010 ASLP Board as Director. Though I was a little bit surprised, I accepted the position in the name of God's will and the challenge that it posts for me, hence, the challenge starts as I was made the chair of the finance and ways and means committee. Part of the tasks is to make lots of follow ups to the prospective sponsors and exhibitors. It was a tough job because it takes guts and a strong PR to carry on.

Comes October 2010 of the following year, I was again nominated and was elected as the Vice-President of the Association. Cognizant of the greater challenge that awaits me, though hesitant and nervous, I again gladly accepted the position for the reason that - I found fulfillment in working with the association. I believe that I was given the seat because you trusted me and you are confident that I can do it. And I thank you all for that.

As the Vice-President and the Conference Chair, I experienced sleepless nights thinking of the big responsibility that I am into. For the whole year, I did my best and with your help...with the help of our active and hard working president, fellow board members and advisers. We made it! We triumphed and survived all the bumpy roads along the way.

Today, with great humility, I stand here once again to take an oath and accept the responsibility of leading the association as the New President. I am deeply moved and thank you for trusting. The footprints of those who have gone before me will serve as my guide. I would like to thank them for coming here today and for their leadership which has ensured that for the past 57 years our Association has gone a long way and going stronger year after year. They have faced a range of challenges – some have toiled in periods of great prosperity; some have enjoyed times of peace; others during times of economic hardships as we are facing today; whereas others have had to face hardships of various kind. But through their efforts our association has remained focused and faithful to the ideals set by those who preceded them. Let us give them a round of applause to show our appreciation and gratitude.

At this juncture, I am ready to carry the torch of the ASLP alive and burning with confidence but I can only carry it lightly and smoothly if you could assure me of your full cooperation and support. Hence, I would like to request my fellow board members – parang kanta lang yan – Mr. DJ can I make my request...like the adage says "**don't walk behind me, I may not lead, don't walk in front of me, I may not follow, just walk beside me and be my friend**"...(Albert Camus) so please, let us walk hand in hand to carry the torch in the service of the Association.

I admit that this year is the greatest challenge of my life, and for the 2012 ASLP Board. We will do our best as a team and with the able support of the past presidents and members, we will

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continue to organize seminars/workshops, fora, conferences and library tours. In addition, we also plan to have an outreach program either with the home for the aged or orphanage. We also plan to compile an updated directory of special libraries in the Philippines.

For our outreach program, as early as today, I would like to request for either in kind or in cash donations from our past presidents and all members of the association. We will conduct the said outreach in the Month of November just in time for the celebration of the National Book Week so that we have time to prepare and solicit materials.

Before I end with my speech, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest and heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Richard Künzel, my Director and Boss for his unwavering support and cooperation to the Association. I hope that his successor will also show the same if not much more to ASLP. Herr Richard Künzel, Herzlichen Dank für alles.

I would like to conclude my speech with a word from Philippians 4:8

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Maraming Salamat Po!

Call for Contributors

The ASLP Newsletter Editorial Board are inviting its members and associates to contribute articles regarding special libraries in the Philippines or any event related to the special libraries and librarianship. Below are some of the topics:

Overview of your institution including news, programs, services and various events

Different special libraries in the Philippines

Library management

Library personnel needs in a special library

LIS Education for special libraries

Current trends and development

Other topics reserved for LIS

Personal experiences such as attendance and new knowledge gained in a seminar or training are possible entries for the newsletter.

Interested contributors may submit their manuscripts to any member of the Editorial Board listed at the last page of the newsletter and send it to the ASLP's official e-mail address at aslpboard@yahoo.com.ph.

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Account name: Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines

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