

## **ASLP Newsletter**

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## ASLP Outreach program and Seminar in MMMESLC

Ma. Luisa Madlangbayan



In line with the celebration of the national book week, the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (ASLP) conducted worthwhile activities last November 22-23, 2012 held at the Mariano Marcos Memorial Elementary School Learning Center in



Batac City, Ilocos Norte 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, Ayala Foundation,

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National Book Development Board and Studies 5 Design/Publishing, were donated to the MMMESLC. Likewise, a short fun program for the students of the said school was conducted. Storytellers from De La Salle University, Ms. Donna Labangon and Ms. Janice Peñaflor 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.

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.



Ms. Jocelyn Ladlad, Catalog Librarian of the De La Salle University, discussed the Basic Collection Management. She gave a glipmse on what a Collection Development Policy provides and how it should be written or formulated.



Ms. Fe Abelardo, former Reference Librarian of the National Library, talked about the Basic Reference Services. She explained the different types of reference queries, as well as cited different approaches on how to answer and handle those queries.

Ms. Ma. Luisa Madlangbayan, Librarian of the Supreme Court of the Philippines tackled about the Basic Cataloging and Classification. The lecture was focused on the two phases of cataloging which were descriptive cataloging and subject

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Ms. Huwaran Mapalarin-Sinag Galora, Digital Libraries Supervisor of C&E Publishing, Inc., shared a new and interesting topic to the participants. She introduced e-books and digital collection. She also gave information on the various open sources for



Ms. Joanna Siapno, Associate Librarian of the De La Salle University discussed different various activities a library can offer to make the library customers interested and keeps coming back to the library. She explained how storytelling and gaming can help librarians sustain the interest of the library customers. And lastly, Mr. Joseph Yap, Associate Librarian of De La Salle University, tickled the minds of the participants by presenting various grants and sponsorships a library and librarian can avail. He shared his personal experiences for he himself has been a recipient of various grants and scholarship.



The event was a successful one, and it would not be possible without the cooperation and coordination of the Annak Ti Batac, specially Ms. Cora Garcia and all the donors of the books distributed (Children International, Adarna House, Goethe-Institut, Lampara Books, Bookmark, Ayala Foundation, National Book Development Board and Studies 5 Design/Publishing). The ASLP was very lucky and thankful to have all your support.



It has been indeed a fruitful celebration of the national book week.

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## We've also visited the Mariano Marcos State University





























# ASLP Adviser, A Resource Speaker at the Australian Law Librarians Association (ALLA) National Conference, Brisbane Australia on September 12-14, 2012

**Milagros Ong** 

The ALLA 2012 National Conference with the theme "Respect the Past; Embrace the Future" started with the Opening Address of the Hon. Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Milagros Santos-Ong, Australia PA Keane. **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 delivered is entitled "Legal collection management for effective legal research in the Philippines." 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).

As part of the Conference activities, a visit was made at the month old Supreme Court of Queensland and its Library and Exhibition area. The Exhibit area is also a part of the responsibility of the Library. A multi media room for fora is found in the Library.







## IFLA WLIC 2012 in Helsinki, Finland: a first-time experience

**Martin Julius Perez** 



IFLA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWS SESSION (AWARDING OF IFLA LIS STUDENT PAPER AWARD 2012)

– WITH DR. CLARA CHU, MARTIN JULIUS PEREZ, IFLA PRESIDENT INGRID PARENT, DR. PETRA
HAUKE, MARIEL TEMPLANZA AND BARBARA LISON

Considering that Helsinki, Finland is more than 5,500 miles away from the Philippines, two young students / new professionals from the Philippines dreamed of attending the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2012, and made it a reality.

This rare experience came alive when Mariel Templanza and I decided to submit an abstract for the IFLA Asia and Oceania's call for papers for their open session in IFLA WLIC 2012. We submitted the abstract of our paper entitled: "Local Studies Centers: transforming history, culture and heritage in the Philippines" last January 18, 2012 to Dr. Dan Dorner and Dr. Chihfeng Lin of the IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO). The paper was accepted for the IFLA WLIC Asia and Oceania Open Session, and we received the acceptance email on February 15, 2012.

Since our paper is a product of our student researches in the UP School of Library and Information Studies, on May 2, 2012, we decided to send our application for the search for the IFLA LIS Student Paper Award 2012 to Dr. Petra Hauke of IFLA Education and Training Standing Committee (SET). If ever chosen, through this award we have very high hopes that we can make it to Helsinki for the paper presentation. The grant comes along with some cash prize. It was on May 15, 2012 when we received the great news that we are the recipient of the award!

The longest part of the journey to IFLA WLIC 2012 was the preparation and waiting stage. At that point, the assurance of attending the IFLA WLIC 2012 was not yet at hand. We applied for our visa, secured the important documents, sought recommendation letters, certifications and financial grants, secured permission from our school and respective employers, sent emails here and there, revised the paper, prepared and polished the presentation, prepared for our stay in Finland, , etc. Finally we have prepared everything for this anticipated international congress!



FILIPINO DELEGATES TO THE IFLA WLIC 2012 (DURING THE CULTURAL NIGHT) — WITH MARIEL TEMPLANZA, FIDES LAWTON, ATTY. ANTONIO SANTOS AND MARTIN JULIUS PEREZ

It was on August 8, 2012, the time when "habagat" devastated the greater Metro, when we left Manila, Philippines for Helsinki, Finland. We almost got trapped in the floods going to the airport, but through the help of our respective families, we made it there! With all the excitement the positivism, we safely arrived in Finland after long hours of travel. That was our first time to travel to Europe! We first attended the firstever IFLAcamp sponsored by IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG) in Hämeenlinna, Finland on August 9-10, 2012 and then IFLA WLIC 2012 from August 11 to 17, 2012 in Helsinki, Finland. This was our very first ever IFLA WLIC attendance and at the same time, our first-ever paper presentation for IFLA. Everything that we experienced in the IFLA WLIC 2012 – from the "Registration" up to the "Library Visits," was unforgettable. We also met well-known and well-respected individuals from all over the world, including the 4 Filipinos (Atty. Antonio Santos, Director of the National Library of the Philippines, & Mrs. Fides Lawton who also attended IFLA WLIC 2012, and Mr. Darrel Marco & Ms. Grace Bansig who attended an IFLA WLIC satellite conference). We attended various standing committee meetings (where IFLA committees are at work), plenary sessions, product / services exhibitions, caucus and many sessions. I could say that this experience opened a lot of doors and windows of opportunities and connections for us. I think it contributed a lot in my perspective and perception of the Library and Information Science (LIS) field, especially in the international level.

I will always treasure the very moment when received our IFLA LIS Student Paper Award during the IFLA Highlights and News Session with the IFLA President, and the very moment when we stepped on the stage and delivered our paper / research before the international audience of the IFLA Asia and Oceania Open Session together with the other 4 paper presenters from Asia (who are being addressed as "doctors," meaning

they are PhD holders). The theme of this open session was "Innovative Libraries: transforming our communities," in line with the IFLA WLIC 2012 theme, which was "Libraries Now!: Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering." Truly the libraries being showed and presented to us exhibit these characteristics. This first-hand experience of IFLA WLIC will forever be treasured.

This won't be possible without the assistance to us, in whatever way, of key persons. Let we thank Dr. Dan Dorner, Ms. Tan Keat Fong, Ms. Petrina Ang and the rest of the members of IFLA RSCAO –for this very rare opportunity to be part of the IFLA Asia and Oceania open session, and for the financial support extended to me, Dr. Petra Hauke and Dr. Clara Chu of IFLA SET, and Mr. Andreas Mittrowann of ekz.bibliotheksservice GmbH – for sponsoring the IFLA LIS Student Paper Award 2012, and for the untiring online support to us, Mr. Sebastian Wilke of IFLA NPSIG – for introducing us to the new professionals group, Ms. Raisa Alameri and her husband Mr. Sakari Sajama – for opening not only their Finnish house for us but their home and for treating us like their children, and also those Filipinos who supported us all the way including the National Commission for the Culture and the Arts – National Committee for Libraries and Information Services (NCCA-NCLIS), School of Library and Information Studies, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Far Eastern University-Manila, Manila Observatory and all of those we failed to mention here, our deepest gratitude!



IFLA Asia and Oceania Open Session — with Winston Roberts, Dr. Susmita Chakraborty, Mariel Templanza, Martin Julius Perez, Dr. M.D.Nasiruddin, Dr. Dan Dorner and Dr. Takashi Nagatsuka

## The Journey of a Silent Warrior Librarian

Alicia Paraiso



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 last October 25, 2012.

Her journey in the field of librarianship started several decades ago as library assistant at the University of the Philippines while taking her bachelor degree at the University of

the East. To her being a librarian is not an easy task or profession, there are so many obstacles and conflicts along the way. Like in dealing with the clientele, with our officemates, with our bosses, with the library budget and a lot more. So we are all warrior librarians. We are engaged in battles without guns or ammunitions but with information in all forms. We are the information experts in the information age.

She touched on the topics - importance of education and continuing education, work ethics and how to deal with library clientele. To her **Education** makes her life. It chooses our faith. It is not something that comes or something you can buy whenever you would like, instead you have to earn it. You have to sit long hours for so many years in classrooms to earn it. And education is the key to a good job. It will guide you throughout your life and it will choose the best one for you. Something you prefer to do. Education makes a man who he is and what he is.

She also shared some work ethics that guided her and that would work at every work ambiance. Some of the work ethics she discussed are: Do not criticize your boss; Do not compare yourself with your colleagues; Do not be a nosey parker; Dress right for attire speak for itself; Take credit only where it is due, and shall not be modest about it; You should always keep yourself informed; Do not comment on you colleagues' personal affair; Do not fear criticisms; Listen and communicate; and last and more important is **You have to enjoy life**.

Another aspect that she pointed out is how to deal with our library clientele. We are all committed to providing the best possible service to our clientele. Occasionally, patrons will have questions or complaints that may challenge even the best public skills. It is important to keep in mind that our clientele should always leave the library feeling that their reasonable requests/ and or complains were taken into consideration and handled properly. Our most effective tools for meeting such challenges are courtesy, common sense, a calm approach, and a sense of humor.

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Lastly according to her, we have to take all the bad comments as pieces of rock to be added to your foundation that will help us to strive more and aim high and dream big. Librarians have long been lumbered with the bookish image of thick glasses, hair in a bun, dowdy clothes, and no life outside the library. But this was decades ago, for her librarians and libraries of today are so inspiring and empowering. So let us continue to inspire, empower and uplift libraries and librarianship in our country and remains steadfast for the service of the people.

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## **Libraries Effects on Society**

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."

For more details visit:

http://library.mapua.edu.ph/News/Default.aspx?newsID=9&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1

The presentation can be viewed here: http://www.scribd.com/doc/113993023/Libraries-effects-on-society



## Fusion 2013: Negotiation Power Skills & Library Services Management, Decade's Breakthrough

The ASLP Ex-officio - Ms. Shirley Ingles-Cruz was invited as one of the resource persons in National Library Conference held on October 18, 2012 at Adamson University.







## ASLP Member Ranks 6th in Librarian Licensure Examination 2012

Ma. Judith Faye Gorospe

379 examinees passed the Librarian Licensure Examination held this November at the Manuel L. Quezon University, the Professional Regulation Commission announced. Among the top 10 performers on the LLE is **Ms. Louise Kaye G. Mendoza**, an ASLP member, who placed 6th out of the 812 examinees.

Ms. Mendoza is a graduate of the University of the Philippine, Diliman and is currently serving as a Digital Librarian in C & E Publishing, Inc.

Congratulations Xaye!

We are proud of you!

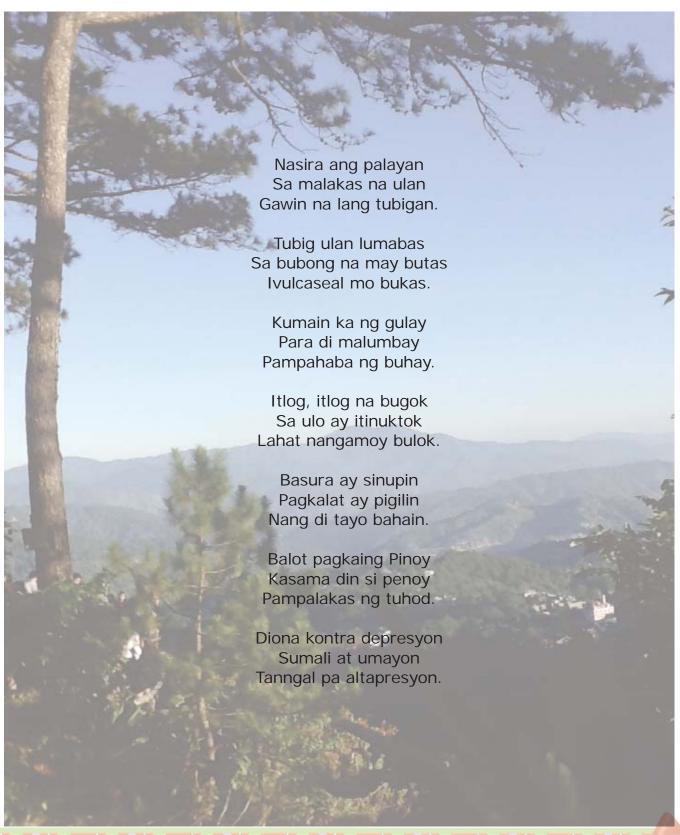






## **Dionatext Kontra Depresyon writing contest**

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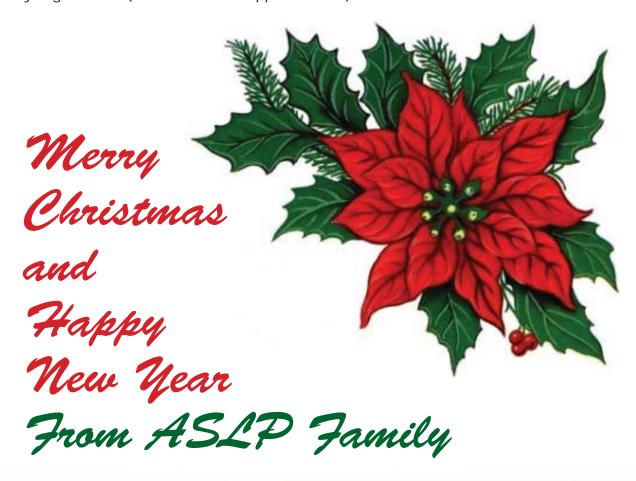
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