

# UERMMMC MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Medical Alumni Association Holds 2nd Regional Assembly in Bacolod

The 2nd Alumni Regional Assembly and Scientific Meeting is scheduled on June 18, 2005 at the L' Fisher Hotel in Bacolod City. Its goal is to establish links and strengthen ties with the alumni in the Visayas. Aside from giving an update on the status of the UERM College of Medicine, the meeting will also serve as a venue for Continuing Medical Education (CME). The affair is co-sponsored by Schering-Plough.

It may be recalled that the 1st Alumni Regional Assembly & Scientific Meeting was held last March 18-19, 2005 at the Holiday Inn, Clark, Pampanga. The attendees were the Central Luzon based Alumni from San Fernando: Drs. Reynaldo Espiritu '73 (Regional Alumni Coordinator), Louella Torres-Espiritu '74, Norman Munoz '85, Nenita Sta. Ines-Gregorio '85, Leonardo Dungca '81, Dules Maglaqui '82; Angeles City: Drs. Wilhelmina Dizon-Alfonso '89, Edgar Manalastas '81, Connie Garcia-Pantig '61, Nelson Gomez '86, Leilania Mangio '98, Debbie Yap-Marquez '97, Joven Esguerra '73, Patricia Lopez-Tan '83,

Myrna Reblando '76; Cabanatuan City: Dr. Lydia Nieva-Oames '83; Tarlac: Drs. Anna Marie Palomique '80, Baby Grace Palma '84, Efren Garcia '79, Ramon Katigbak '95; Bulacan: Dr. Aileen Mercado-Ong; Manila: Drs. Romeo Divinagracia '63, Georgina Paredes '73, Eloisa Tan '99 and Dean Carmelita Divinagracia of the College of Nursing.

The speakers on the CME portion of the activity were: Atty Raul Rodriguez of Allied Bank on "Investment Opportunities for Physicians;" Dr. Adrian Pena on "Practice Guidelines in Infectious Diseases;" and Dr. Romeo Divinagracia on "Optimal Hypertension Management." Messages and updates on matters pertaining to the College of Medicine and the Medical Center were given by Dr. Georgina Paredes, Dean of the College of Medicine and Dr. Romeo Divinagracia, UERMMMC President. The Scientific meeting was followed by dinner-fellowship/dance. This assembly was co-sponsored by *Therapharma*.



1st Alumni Regional Assembly and Scientific Meeting in Clark Pampanga

The participants with the Alumni Board of Directors, Dr. Romeo Divinagracia, Dean Georgina Paredes and Dr. Adrian Pena





Time flies so fast. Half a year has passed since we started rolling up our sleeves as officers of our Association way back in January. Having lined up as realistically as we could our activities for the year, today we can only say, "So much to do, so little time." We should thus be focused in all our activities.

As we endeavor to strengthen the professional and personal ties among our medical alumni, we need to coordinate our activities with the Medical Center. Our goal is to create a synergy that would strengthen both the Association and the Center.

It is in this spirit that we conducted our 1st Alumni Regional Assembly and Scientific Meeting at the Holiday Inn Clark Pampanga last March 18-19, 2005 and our 2nd Alumni Regional Assembly and Scientific Meeting on June 18-19, 2005 at the L'Fisher Hotel in Bacolod City.

We are grateful to our Medical Center President Dr. Romeo Divinagracia and Dean Georgina Paredes for joining us in these activities.

We also wish to report that at the testimonial dinner hosted by the College Administration in honor of the Board placers in the February 2005 Medicine Licensure Exams, the Association awarded certificates of lifetime membership and personalized medallions to the honorees. The Association hopes to institutionalize this practice in the coming years.

With regard to the updating of the Medical Alumni Directory, no less than Chairman P. O. Domingo and Dr. Divinagracia have directed the Center's MIS to assist the Association in upgrading the database link and system for a more user-friendly and easier updating of the said directory.

To introduce the Association to the new graduates, we tendered a testimonial dinner in honor of Medicine Class


2005 last April 26, 2005. The affair was attended by the heads and faculty members of various departments as well as other officers of the College and the Medical Center.

Preparations for the 50th Anniversary of the Medical Center and Foundation are now underway. The Association is being tapped to assist in the planning and implementation of the activities for the six-month celebration to encourage the broadest participation of our medical alumni both here and abroad.

Lastly, we are pleased to announce that on July 2, 2005 the Medical Alumni Association will hold a Strategic Planning Workshop at the Eugenio-Lopez Center in Antipolo City.

We enjoin all our Medical Alumni to help in strengthening our Association. As an initial step, you may help us update our directory by providing us your name and contact numbers as well as those of your alumni friends. And please don't forget to pay your lifetime membership fee of P4,000 or an annual fee of P500.

*Mabuhay and God Bless!*



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Be A Lifetime Member!**

We welcome suggestions that you feel should be undertaken by our Alumni Association.  
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## WHAT'S UP, DOC?

### ● Strategic Planning Workshop

The Medical Alumni Association will hold its First Strategic Planning Workshop on July 2, 2005 at the Eugenio Lopez Center in Antipolo Rizal. Facilitator is Mr. Eduardo Morato of the Asian Institute of Management (AIM). The workshop will evaluate the vision and mission of the Association, to ensure its goals and objectives are relevant to the times. Aside from the Medical Alumni Board members, the participants will include Medical Center President Dr. Romeo Divinagracia, College Dean Dr. Georgina Paredes, the Association Past Presidents and Class Coordinators.

### ● 1st Lucio Tan Invitational Golf Tournament

The 1st Lucio Tan Invitational Golf Tournament will be held in November 11, 2005 at the Manila Golf and Country Club, Forbes Park, Makati City. The tournament aims to promote camaraderie and to raise funds for the association for a possible scholarship grant in the College of Medicine. All alumni and friends are invited to join the tournament and fellowship after the game.

## HONORING THE ACHIEVERS

The Association honors Outstanding Alumni who have made significant achievements or have excelled in the various fields of medicine. For this year, please submit your nominations to the Awards Committee for the following categories:

### I. Medical Education

- Dean or highest administrative official of a medical school
- Exemplary or model teacher in a medical school

### II. Medical Research

- Active personal involvement in medical research
- Publication of research in local or international journals
- Recipient of special research awards

### III. Leadership Award

- President of national medical societies
- Officer of international medical organizations

### IV. Community Service

- Unwavering commitment to provide medical services to rural areas
- Elected or appointed government official
- President of national socio-civic organization
- Recipient of special community service awards

### V. Most Outstanding Medical Alumnus Award

This is the highest award given by the Association in recognition of an Alumnus for an outstanding local or international achievement in any of the following fields: medical education, research, community service or leadership.

### ● 3rd Medical Alumni Regional Assembly

The 3rd Alumni Regional Assembly and Scientific Meeting for Mindanao is scheduled in October 14, 2005 in Davao City. This coincides with last day of the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) Midyear Convention

### ● Alumni Homecoming 2005

The 35th Alumni Homecoming is scheduled on December 14-17, 2005. Class 1980 will be honored as the Silver Jubilarians. The Grand Fellowship Night will be on December 16, 2005 at the Mandarin Oriental Ballroom, Makati City

## OFFICERS OF CLASS 1980 (SILVER JUBILARIANS)

<i>President:</i>	Dr. Antonio Anastacio <i>Overall Organizing Chairman</i>
<i>Vice President:</i>	Dr. Raul Quillamor
<i>Secretary:</i>	Dr. Grace Battad
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### Homecoming Committees

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## Newsbits



*Class 2005 with members of the UERM Faculty and the Alumni Board*

## Testimonial Dinner for Class 2005

A testimonial dinner honoring the Medicine graduating class (Batch 2005) was held last April 26, 2005 at the College Auditorium. Dr. Rene Edgar Mendoza (Class '65), a past president of the Alumni Association, gave an inspirational talk to the graduating class. Alumni President Dr. Susan Pilapil-Lazaga presented an overview of the Association, including its functions and goals. This is to give meaning to the membership pledge to the Alumni Association that the Class would be making during their graduation ceremonies. The affair was graced by the presence of several faculty members and department heads of the Medical Center.



*Cheers to the graduates!!!*

## Lifetime Alumni Membership Awards for Board Placers

Certificates of Lifetime Membership and personalized medallions were awarded to the four Medical Board topnotchers in the February 2005 Medical Licensure Examinations during the testimonial dinner given by the Administration on March 16, 2005. The topnotchers were Drs. Michael Arden Perdon, Jane Francisco, Demuel Dee Berto and Benjamin Francisco, Jr.

## MIS Completes New Software For Medical Alumni Directory

Ms. Fe Ocampo, head of the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department under the Office of the President of the Medical Center has announced the completion of the new software that will help update the Medical Alumni Directory. Our Medical Alumni are encouraged to update their entries in the database by contacting the Alumni Association Office. Kudos to Ms. Ocampo and her programmer, Mr. Jaime Flores, for the speedy job!



*Officers, Department Heads and Faculty Members during the Testimonial Dinner*