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www.uermmarvadc.org

Your Vote Counts

It is time to vote for MARVDC Chapter's 2009-2010 Officers

Please find the enclosed ballot. Please mail this back in the self addressed envelope along with your 2008 membership dues of \$25.00 payable to UERM MARVADC Chapter.

Thank you!

Ric Flores, MD
Nomination Committee Chairman

Our Mission

UERMMMC Medical Alumni Association of America, Inc., MARVADC Chapter, aims to unify all alumni residing in the Mid-Atlantic States of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.



The UERM MARVADC Chapter is dedicated to protect, preserve, and promote the interests of its alumni and alma mater.

MARVADC Chapter Activities 2008

Meetings.....



Annapolis, Maryland, April 2008

Seated (L to R): Vickie Casibang, Myrna Ortega, Nathalie Bernabe-Quion, Nannette Pasatiempo. Standing (L to R): Albert Coo, Ric Flores, Bob Moorjani, Orson Battad, and Abner



Baltimore, Maryland, November 2008

1st row (seated): Amanda Hernandez and Crisel Erfe
2nd row (seated L-R): Warren Go, Patty Baile, Vickie Casibang, Elsie Castrence, and Nathalie Quion.
Standing L-R: Myrna Ortega, Orson Battad, Marita Guevara, Lunei Lacerna-Fitzsimmons, Vincent Casibang, Roberto Castrence, Sam Dona, Antolin Trinidad, Ric Flores, Joselito Cabacar, Bob Moorjani, Nannette Pasatiempo, and Abner Pasatiempo.



Alexandria, Virginia, June 2008

L to R: Ric Flores, Nathalie Quion, Joselito Cabacar, Boy Sion, Marita Guevara, Nannette Pasatiempo, Myrna Ortega, Abner Pasatiempo, and Albert Coo

Health Fair - Towson, Maryland June 8, 2008



Drs. Nannette Pasatiempo, Myrna Ortega, and Ric Flores provided blood pressure checks and asthma screening during the 2008 Philippine Independence Day Celebration in Maryland.

MARVADC Chapter Sponsors the Young Alumni Mentorship Forum in San Francisco

July 5, 2008 - Recent graduates from UERM College of Medicine had the opportunity to be part of the 20th Annual UERM Alumni Reunion and Convention in San Francisco, CA.

Dr. Nathalie Bernabe-Quion, chairperson of the Young Alumni Development Program (YADP) served as the forum moderator.

She presented the objectives and goals of YADP as outlined in the Chapter's website - www.uermmarvadc.org. This was followed by a presentation on YADP's data from 2006-07 by Dr. Mary Margarette Naguit (UERM'04). A poster presentation of the same data was also available for all attendees to view at the Chapter's exhibit table.



L to R: Tina Dajoyag-Mapili '01, Yancy Aquino '01, Therese Fermo-Gonzales '03, and Bernie Bernardo '02



Dr. MM Naguit '04



YADP Poster with Drs. Yancy Aquino '01, Mark David '01, and Bernie Bernardo '02

The Young alumni attendees were provided with shared hotel accommodations by the Chapter. MAAAI waived their convention registration and provided them with tickets to the Gala Night dinner. Airfare was also provided to Dr. MM Naguit.

2008 Young Alumni Travel Grant Awardee



Dr. Katherine Cayetano-Corsiga, a UERM College of Medicine Class 2000 graduate was our travel grant recipient for 2008. Dr. Corsiga presented her paper on "A Case of Lepromatous Leprosy in Harford, Connecticut" during the UERM Alumni Reunion and Convention in San Francisco from July 3-5, 2008. A poster of her presentation was featured at the MARVADC Exhibit table

Dr. Corsiga is now a 2nd year resident in Internal Medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Science Center in Framington, CT.

The young alumni travel grant award was created by the chapter as part of the Young Alumni Development Program (YADP) to encourage clinical research and investigation among young alumni as well as provide opportunities for recent graduates of UERMMMC College of Medicine to present and share their research and academic activities to the UERM alumni community in the United States.



Each travel grant recipient receives a check of \$500 plus airfare within the USA [not to exceed \$500] and hotel accommodations and a chance to present his/her work during the Annual UERM Alumni Reunion and Convention. In 2009, the travel grant awardees will present their work during the chapter's activities schedule March 7, 2009 in the Baltimore/DC area.

The Young Alumni Mentorship Program in Action



Seated (L-R): Michelle Cerilles '06, Vickie Casibang, Patty Baile '06; Amanda Hernandez '06, Sofia Geocadin; and Marita Guevara. Standing (L-R): Joan Cruz '04; Gigi Paderes '04; Crisel Erfe '06; Warren Go '06; Hubert Labio UPCM'01; Nannette Pasatiempo; Romer Geocadin; Effie Geli-Geocadin; Gino Geocadin; Nathalie Quion; Katherine Quion; and Jenny Heller DMS'86.

Mentoring...



Mock Interviews...



...Hosting



President's Message

Dear Fellow UERM alumni and friends,

I could not believe how fast time flies, and we, the 2007-08 MARVADC chapter officers are in our last few months of our term in office. It has been a great two years and we are in so much gratitude to everyone in our chapter who in one way or the other has made the us the "model" chapter for our alumni association.

Yes, we've moved forward and we are very proud of our accomplishments. For one, the chapter hosted a very successful 19th Annual UERM Alumni Reunion and Convention last year in Washington DC. We have also established a one of a kind program to assist our recent UERM graduates here in the USA - the Young Alumni Development Program (YADP). Information on this program is in our website at www.uermmarvadc.org (again, we are the first chapter to establish our very own website!). Another important decision our chapter made was to get incorporated as a public charitable organization and I am proud to report that as of March 13, 2008 we have obtained an advance ruling from the IRS to be classified as a 501 (c)(3).

But yet, there are still many things we need to take care of. Some of our officers have decided to move on but promised to stay ACTIVE - to those officers, I thank you for the many contributions you have given and will still be contributing to the chapter. Some of us have decided to stay on for another term to assure the continuity of our programs. For those who agreed to step up and become officers - welcome and we look forward for another two promising years for our Chapter. We hope to get more active participation from all of our chapter members too!

At your service, Nannette Pasatiempo

Save this Date

MARCH 7, 2009 (Saturday)

Venue: TBA

[It will definitely be in the Baltimore/DC area]

- **MARVADC Chapter sponsored lectures**
- **Young Alumni Mentorship Forum**
- **Young Alumni Travel Grant Awardees Presentations**
- **UERM Alumni Foundation Strategic Planning and Committee Meetings**
- **Class Reunions**
- **MARVADC Chapter Induction Ball**



- ♦ *Vote for your Chapter's 2009-2010 Officers*
 - ♦ *Send in your Annual Membership Dues for 2008 and 2009*
 - ♦ *Visit our chapter's website for updated news information.*
- URL: www.uermmarvadc.org.