

### 19th PCQACL Annual Convention

# Conference Bulletin

Pre-Convention Hybrid Workshop - September 7, 2022 | Main Convention - September 8-10, 2022

Redefining Global Challenges into Quality Laboratory Standard

#### DAY 3 · SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 · SATURDAY

#### **Closing Ceremonies**











by Dr. Paulo Enrico P. Belen with reactor Dr. Domiline Arca and speaker Dr. Rodelio Lim, the head of the Institute of Pathology in St. Luke's Medical Center. He mentioned the current and future practices in terms of laboratory standardization on coagulation studies. The next speaker is the director of Clinical Chemistry and Point of Care Testing, Dr. Jose Jara Aguirre, who discussed the exogenous and endogenous interferences and its impact on the accuracy of patient's results through clinical case scenarios.

The PCQACL President, Dr. Sarah Jane L. Datay-Lim, started the after session with her lecture on achieving standardization through quality method validation program. She reiterated the importance of method validation to assess the quality, reliability and accuracy of test results. Moreover, Dr. Martin S. Ongkeko, talked about the novel monoclonal therapies, anti-CD38/Daratumumab and anti CD47, and how it interferes with serologic tests. The last distinguished speaker of this convention is Dr. Adrienne Heinrich, head of Al and Innovation Center of Excellence in UnionBank and Aboitiz Data Innovation. She mentioned artificial intelligence technology being a bridge to unlock new potential and opportunities in this industry.

This year's PCQACL annual convention guest of honour and speaker is Dr. Minerva Calimag, who was also awarded with certificate of appreciation. Dr. Sarah Jane L. Datay-Lim was also given an Outstanding Leadership Award for her exemplary dedication as the 2022 PCQACL President. This officially concludes the annual convention proper which was then followed by the other recognitions and raffle draws.

It's a wrap! Indeed, time flies so fast when you're having fun. The last day of the 19th PCQACL Virtual Annual Convention was definitely a blast. It started off with a panel discussion on laboratory standardization of CBC and PBS by Dr. Arvin C. Faundo, section head in Clinical Chemistry, Immunology and Hematology, and Dr. Alejandro E. Arevalo, a hematopathologist, with their reactor Dr. Maria Liza T. Naranjo and moderated by Dr. Rose Lou Marie Agbay. Dr. Faundo talked about the CBC pre-examination issues that particularly affects the local setting and the importance of the post examination phase in the context of critical value reporting and laboratory information systems. Meanwhile, Dr. Arevalo reviewed the reference points on when to report the abnormalities of RBC, WBC and platelet. The next panel discussion is moderated





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A highlight of the annual convention is the Best Practices contest win which the different institutions battled it out. The winners were:

1. Western Visavas Medical Center Serren Lor V. Gallinero, MD - "bone Specimen Quality from Pathologic Human Femur Exposed to Different Nitric Acid Concentrations and Time Interval"

2. Mary Mediatrix Medical Center - Batangas Nikki Luz Castillejos, RMT - "Never Stop Encouraging Safety in the Workplace: Prevention is Better Then Cure"

3. The Medical City - Main Katrina Samantha A. Inoferio, MD - "Autovalidation Incorporating Delta Checks Method in a Clinical Laboratory in a Tertiary Hospital in the Philippines"

One of the most awaited event in this year's annual convention is the election of new PCQACL officers and board of trustees facilitated by the comelec committee headed by Dr. Aileen Riego-Javier with co-chair Ms. Linda C. Pijuan and members Mr. Rainier Lo, Mr. Marcie Jonson and Ms. Laurie Reyes.





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The 19th PCOACL Virtual Annual Convention may just be a 3-day event but it surely provided the participants a lot of excitement, new knowledge and wisdom that they can take home from this successful event. We are looking forward to see you again on our next year's PCQACL annual convention.