



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

PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

After more than two years into the pandemic, the 19th PCQACL annual convention goes hybrid through the face-to-face/virtual Pre-convention Workshop held at Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila on September 7, 2022. The opening ceremonies was hosted by Dr. Anacleta P. Valdez and started with an opening remarks from Dr. Sarah Jane L. Datay-Lim, the PCQACL President. Dr. Gio Ernest Dela Cruz then briefly presented their research protocol entitled "Evaluation on the use of quality indicators among clinical laboratories in the Philippines". The sweet-toned Ms. Crystal of Maddison Artist serenaded the participants with beautiful songs wrapping up the opening ceremonies.

The pre-convention workshop proper focuses on point-of-care and hematologic testing delivered through interactive sessions. The first key speaker is the PCQACL Vice President and Laboratory Quality Assurance Officer of St. Luke's Medical Center, Dr. Paulo Enrico P. Belen. His first lecture entitled "Quality Assurance in POCT: The Key to Success" emphasizes the standards for POCT quality assurance, training and competency, continuous quality improvement tools and safety concepts in POCT. Furthermore, concepts of waived and non-waived tests and method validation and verification were presented during his second lecture entitled "Beginner's Guide to Point-of-Care Instrument Selection and Method Verification".

Here are some snippets from the 19th PCQACL Pre-convention Workshop



The second key speaker is the PCQACL Secretary and President of MCU-FDT Medical Foundation, Inc, Dr. Estela Marie C. Tanchoco. In her lecture entitled "Starting a Hospital POCT Program: Management Insights", she reiterated that the knowledge and experience of implementing POCT program is the key to success of establishing POCT infrastructure. Meanwhile, Dr. Januario D. Veloso, the third key speaker and Head of Laboratory of Philippine General Hospital, briefly discussed the chain of calibration and reference system of hematology in his lecture entitled "Standardization and Harmonization of Complete Blood Count: Perspective from a Hematopathologist". He also emphasized the importance of hematologic standardization to achieve clinical reliability and harmonization of results for comparability.

A hematopathologist from The Medical City, Dr. Rose Lou Marie C. Agbay, capped off the pre-convention workshop with her interactive lecture entitled "Hematology cases: Peripheral blood smear and Histogram Review" in which she discussed when to refer and do smear review as well as the CBC histogram correlations.

The pre-convention workshop was also participated by the PCQACL's partners from diagnostic companies with their respective booths visited and enjoyed by the on-site participants. Some of them - Wondfo, Randox, Snibe and Biosite - were also invited

The key speakers during their lecture presentation

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The face-to-face participants during their booth visit



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



to present in the sponsored lectures. Our key speakers, Dr. Belen, Dr. Tanchoco, Dr. Veloso and Dr. Agbay were awarded the plaques of appreciation by Dr. Sarah Jane L. Datay-Lim together with the over-all Annual Convention Chairman, Mr. Gerrick Joseph C. Dolor. The face-to-face/virtual event concluded with a closing remark from Dr. Paulo Enrico P. Belen.

The Council is grateful to our sponsors who played a big part to make this event possible. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held during the preconvention workshop. For the gold sponsors we have Biosite, Mindray, Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Roche, Sysmex and Wondfo, and for the silver sponsors we have, Murex, Everlife Lifeline Diagnostics, Siemens Healthineers, Omnibus Bio-Medical Systems, and Zafire Distributors.