60th Jubilee Annual Convention
Focuses on Facial Plastic Surgery

By Melfred L. Hernandez, MD, FPSO-HNS
Overall Convention Chair

Our 61st year is just a day away.
And today we welcome you as the Philippine Society of
Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery celebrates its 60th Jubilee
Annual Convention with the theme "Restoring and Enhancing Form
and Function" and hosts the Pan Asia Academy of Facial Plastic and
Reconstructive Surgery 6th Annual Congress with focus on "Avant-
garde Techniques in Facial Plastic Surgery on December 1-3, 2016 at
the Marriott Grand Ballroom at Resorts World Manila.

The organizing committee promises an exciting scientific
program that would bring together local, regional and
international experts in the fields of otology, audiology, rhinology,
laryngobronchoesophagology, head and neck surgery and sleep
medicine, with special spotlight on facial plastic, maxillofacial and
reconstructive surgery. And with the new and expansive Marriott
Grand Ballroom serving as our venue for the second year in a row, we
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2016 is PSO-HNS 60TH Diamond Jubilee Year!

By Danilo A. Poblete, MD, FPSO-HNS
Overall Chair, 60th Jubilee Celebrations

Our society’s 60th year foundation anniversary is a genuine
convergence of mind and spirit. Preparations for the year-long
celebrations started way back January 2015 when a group of
passionate Fellows met for the first time to organize themselves and
draft the plans for the jubilee year.

Countless general and committee meetings followed soon
after.
The grand launch happened during the PSO-HNS Midyear
Convention held in Naga City via an invitational video
presentation.

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The support we received from our pharmaceutical friends was tremendous and the avowed fund support for advocacy from the proceeds of that congress amounting to a little over two million pesos will certainly go along way in moving these programmes pending the guidelines to be formulated by the advocacy committee. We hope the fund support will be available for disbursement to approved projects upon approval of the next year’s budget.

The new PSO-HNS headquarters at 27 Manga Road was finally inaugurated last July 8. It is a one-story building and rendered legal ownership by our corporation thereafter. As approved by the general assembly funds related to our transfer has been implemented and with total expenses for minor renovation and other taxes producing a total expenditure of almost 28M. While we have not changed our business address given that we are still awaiting the proceedings of the next year’s budget.

We are now set for the 60th Annual Congress at Marriott Grand Ballroom, the same venue that we got at introductory rates last year. The registration rates will be higher this year and benchmarked with congress registration rates of other specialty organizations. There are several reasons why this will be so. Given the fact that this we had a jubilee ball last February of free attendance at a cost of 2.6 M and the shortfall between the approved budget for this year of 8M and the proceeds from the last annual congress of around 4M added to the fact that midyear’s congress proceeds have all been earmarked for advocacy as well as the additional increase with our capital asset with the purchase of our new building and improvements thereon. The decision to increase this year’s congress registration rates has not been easy but had to be made given the foregoing facts. There are still more projects to be completed such as the updated CPGs, improvements for our own journal PID-HNS and a possible move to an open access journal which will benefit our Fellows and also open our research work to be more accessible in the scientific circles worldwide.

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night of the miesiące Annie, a heartwarming tale of a little orphan girl and her unwavering optimism in the face of overwhelming challenges, on Dec. 1, 2016. Tom at the Newport Performing Arts Theater. This features some of the best of our homegrown actors, and new little stars who could very well be the future of Philippine theater.

Headed by Vice-President Dr. Melfred L. Hernandez as Overall Convention Chair and Dr. Cesar V. Villafuerte, Jr. as Overall Vice-Chair & PAANORS Congress Chair, the hardworking Organizing Committee is led by the core group of Secretary General Dr. Robert R. Dy, Assistant Secretary-General and PAANORS Congress Chair, Dr. Amelia Mary G. O. Songson (Ways & Means/Finance), Dr. Edmund T. Ong (Booths & Exhibits), Dr. Ma. Lourdes B. Enecilla (Publicity), Dr. Patrick A. Pardo (Physical Arrangements), Dr. Daniel O. Deveza, Jr. (Registration & Invitations), Dr. Maria Elaine D. Villanueva (Opening Ceremonies) and Dr. Arnelle Y. Quiambao (Socials).

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And at the helm of it all is Dr. Charlotte M. Chinong, under whose presidency the society during its Jubilee Year has relentlessly pursued the advancement of the specialty in service, research, training and advocacy, with flying colors. After having looked back this year and highlighted our humble beginnings, we now look forward to that tomorrow that will bring the society to even greater heights.

Get your bottom dollar that!

Diamond Jubilee Year

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Last February 17,2016, the exact date our society was founded, fellowsvgathered in their best attire and some even in haute couture at the posh Rizal Ballroom of Makati Shangri-La I to face pleasanties and experience the “LEGACY OF BRILLIANCE”.

A memorable evening reemphasized and honored the founders, the society’s past six decades and future directions. One of the main highlights of the ball was the awarding of a special medalion to the founding president Dr. Tirry F. Garcia, witnesssed by the first secretary-treasurer of the Philippine Society of Otolaryngology and Bronchoesophagology (the society’s predecessor), Dra. Corazon Collantes-Jose, past presidents, fellows and guests.

The Jubilee’s initial scientific activity happened during the Midyear Convention held at the Iota Ballrooms of Edsa Shangri-La which focused on current diagnostic and treatment modalities of ENT-Head and Neck disorders. Special emphasis was given on preventive measures and related advocacies.

“Sound ENTiments”, a coffee table book created by a group of gifted fellows was distributed during this time with the first copy going to the society’s founding member. Twelve months are not enough to implement our hallmark activities but I am optimistic that the next set of Trustees will prioritize this endeavour next year.

Now, we are witnessing the culmination of PSO-HNS Diamond Year festivities — the 60th Jubilee Annual Convention.

The task bestowed on us to organize those series of events was truly magnificent, however the members of the Organizing Committee unselfishly shared bright ideas and precious time in creating this. The task of organizing such an event is a mammoth one and our team is truly wonderful.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has put in their part in this event. The members of the Organizing Committee who tirelessly worked towards ensuring that the convention was a success — organizes Members: Dr. Marjorie N. Nueces, Dr. Asst. Sec. Gen. Dr. Robert R. Dy, Dr. effect on our stage those activities smoothly.

Hands-Up and I salute all of you my dear colleagues who volunteered to be part of our Jubliee OrgCom. We have served our esteemed society and with God’s Grace I am looking forward to PSO-HNS 75th Year!

Thank you for the opportunity to lead and serve!

2016 was a busy and fruitful year for the Philippine Academy of Craniofacial Surgery (PACMFS), under the leadership of Dr. Joselito David and his officers.

The first activity of the PACMFS was the Baguio Maxillofacial Winter Seminar which was undertaken in cooperation with the Department of ORL-HNS of Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) on March 12, 2016 at the Baguio Country Club in Baguio City. This was followed by a series of meetings to come up with the Guidelines Working Group and the Guideline Development Group for the development of the Clinical Practice Guidelines in Management of Isolated Mandibular Bone Fracture in Adults. A summary workshop on this was conducted on April 12, 2016.

The academy also conducted several lay fora on road safety awareness and proper management of CMF Surgery among provincial subspecialty groups. The first was held by the Northern Luzon Chapter on March 12, 2016, in coordination with the BGHMC. This was followed by the forum sponsored by the Central Luzon ENT (CE-LENT) Chapter at Oasis Hotel, Angeles City on June 25, 2016, and the last one was held in Davao last August 16, 2016.

Another notable achievement this year was the postgraduate course sponsored by the Department of ORL-HNS of East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC), in coordination with PACMFS on October 18, 2016. The course was entitled Cranio-maxillofacial Surgery Masterclass Manila 2016: Pearls and Pitfalls. The activity consisted of lectures, small group discussions and hands on workshops. At least 45 residents and ENT Cranio-maxillofacial specialists from different parts of the country participated in the course.

The academy also held the 2nd Interhospital grand rounds on “Maxillofacial trauma”, in coordination with PSHONS last September 14, 2016 at the University of Santo Tomas.

Finally, members of the PACMFS participated in the Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Osteosynthesefragen Cranio-Maxillofacial Foundation (AOCMF) Advanced Symposium entitled “Advances in Orbital Trauma and Reconstruction” last November 9, 2016 at the Manila Hotel.

PALP

The Philippine Academy of Laryngobrochoesophagology and Phoniatrics (PALP) constantly strives to achieve its mission to work together to uplift the science, technology, art, expertise, research and knowledge of Laryngology-bronchoesophaegology and Phoniatrics. Its Vision is to be an internationally-recognized academic and research group involved in uplifting knowledge in the specialty of Laryngology and bronchoesophagology in Otalaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, has various activities for this year in line with the above Mission-Vision and Advocacies.

To promote vocal health awareness, lectures were given at call centers in Otriga, radio guesting at Generation RX, and video showing to teachers in Pampanga after voice screening. Brochures were likewise distributed at various schools and call centers to promote vocal health and campaign against cigarette smoking. During World Voice Day last April 30, various institutions, initiated by PALP members, joined the celebration through musical concerts and doing lay fora on issues of the voice to promote the value of the human voice. Free laryngoscopy missions were also done for screening and diagnosis.

Since PALP members are group of fellows who have interest in Laryngology, most of them have fellowship and observerships in this field abroad in institutions like Grabscheid Voice Center, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Emory University Voice Center, Stanford University, University of Pittsburgh, University of San Francisco in the USA, as well as Kurume University Hospital and Tokyo University Hospital in Japan and Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan. PALP members are encouraged to take the initiative to undergo fellowship and give back to the other PSO members the learnings they acquired during fellowship. Attending Laryngology symposium here in the Philippines and abroad are likewise encouraged.

PANORS

2016 was an engaging year for the Philippine Academy of Neuro- oto-otology & Related Sciences (PANORS) as the group ventured into all of its activities lined up for the year with great accomplishment. The principal activities for this year were the organization of the 7th Coalition of Global Hearing Health (CGHH) and the drafting of the recently approved Standards of Care for the PhilHealth Pack- age for Children with Disabilities (specifically for hearing impair- ment).

The PANORS, through its current chair, Dr. Norberto Martinez, organized the 7th CGHH international conference in Manila from October 24 to 25, which was graciously hosted by the University of Santo Tomas. It was the first time the conference was held in Asia and the largest in CGHH history so far, attended by almost 400 par-
also plans to set up postgraduate courses on hearing loss, tinnitus meeting, the ORLIAC to be held at the uP-PGH in 2018. The group of informational/educational materials, and media interviews capped November 10 to 16 with a month-long print and broadcast media campaign national Noise Awareness Day with a minute of silence from 3:00 noon to 3:01 PM, to raise awareness and promote prevention of hearing loss. PANORS also joined the country in various World Health Organization meetings held in Geneva this year regarding hearing loss burden prevention. Some members have also attended international courses to update their knowledge and skills in this field of expertise: International Conference on Cholesteatoma & Middle Ear Surgery in Edinburgh (Dr. Franco Louis Albes); Certificate Course on Dangerous Oesophagus (Dr. Joel Romualdez); World Congress of Audiologists (Dr. Debra Czaja); and the ANAO Congress in Singapore (Dr. Chiafong Chiang and Dr. Martinez). Dr. Norberto Martinez also represented the country in various World Health Organization meetings held in Geneva this year regarding hearing loss burden prevention. Some PANORS members have also been invited as resource speakers for the various PSO-HNS sponsored postgraduate courses held in different accredited institutions and chapter meetings across the country.

PANORS activities are all anchored on its advocacies, the main驱动力 for its group action. The subspecialty group has been known as a staunch advocate for health issues regarding hearing loss, tinnitus and vertigo. For this year, PANORS joined the country in celebrating the International Ear Care Day with the theme: “Childhood Hearing Loss: Act Now, Here Is How!” last March 3; the Inter- national Noise Awareness Day with a minute of silence from 3:00 noon to 3:01 PM on April 27; and the Deafness Awareness Week from November 10 to 16 with a month-long print and broadcast media campaign. Free ear examination and hearing tests, lay fora, distribution of informational/educational materials, and media interviews covered all these celebrations. PANORS also supported the Rubella Awareness Student’s Fund and the Empowerment Program for Hard of Hearing Persons held at the UST in January and March, including the Newborn Hearing Assessment forum held at the St. Luke’s Medi- cal Center-BGC in March. These advocacy programs are aimed to empower each individual, the family and the society with current knowledge, needed skills and positive attitudes with regard to hearing and vestibular care.

Future activities planned by PANORS include an international meeting, the ORLIAC to be held at the UP-PGH in 2018. The group also plans to set up postgraduate courses on hearing loss, tinnitus and vertigo and to launch a research and quiz contest for residents next year. This is to equip the ENT specialists and residents with more knowledge in the field of neurotology, otology and the hearing/ves- tubular sciences. The subspecialty group is committed to strengthen their advocacy efforts and initiative activities to guarantee that all aspects of the hearing and vestibular needs of the Filipinos are being appropriately addressed and taken cared of.

The activities of the Philippine Academy of Pediatric Otolaryngology (PAP) are as follows. On February 16, 2016, there was a Pediatric Otolaryngology symposium, held in the Augusto Barcelon Auditorium, The Medical City-Pasig. On April 13-14, 2016, there was a 2-in-Airway Course, St. Luke’s Medical Center Global City, Taguig, held in cooperation with the PALP. On April 15-17, 2016, there was a Plenary Session on Preventive Measures and Advocacies, Prevent- ing Foreign Body Accidents in Children held during the 60th PSO- HNS Annual Scientific Congress. A current project in progress is the production of brochures/ pamphlets on the prevention of Foreign Body aspiration and inges- tion accidents for an awareness campaign among parents and car- egivers of children. PAPo promotesa advocacy on Preventing For- eign Body Accidents in Children to achieve widespread attention to the problem of foreign body accidents in children and to reduce the number of infant and children morbidity and mortality results from foreign body aspiration and ingestion.

PAPo also promotes prevention, early detection and manage- ment of noise induced hearing loss in elementary and high school children to achieve widespread attention to prevention and early diagnosis of noise induced hearing loss and to decrease risk for noise-induced hearing loss in children due to potentially harmful noise levels at home and in school.

PAPo wants to maintain a fellowship training program in Pedi- atric Otolaryngology for graduates of accredited ENT-HNS training programs. This is to train fellows in addressing the special needs of children with complex otolaryngology issues by applying the latest multidisciplinary approaches to challenging pediatric problems.

The Sleep Study Group started its evolution 2008 and named SDBA (Sleep Disordered Breathing). The group name was changed to Philippine Academy of Sleep Surgery (PASS) during the chairmanship of Dra. Agnes Remulla (2012 – 2013). A two-year term for each set of officers gives leeway for each chairman to make necessary planning and strategies. An Advisory Board was created with Senior Consultants and past Chairmen of the sleep core study group. Currently, there are 25 members of PASS (Fellows and Diplomates). For its Issue-Related Activities, posters about snoring were distributed during the PSO-HNS Mid Year Jubilee Convention last April 15, 2016. This was about awareness of Sleep Apnea and avoidance of its complications.

For its Academic Activities, PASS led the drafting of PSO-HNS Clinical Practice Guidelines on CPG for OSA in Adults, which had already been distributed to all Fellows of the PSO-HNS. They are also currently working on a CPG for Tonsillitis, as well as for Surgical Management of OSA in Adults. They intend to give lectures about this CPG for OSA in Adults to ENT training institutions.

For its Advocacy Activities, PASS celebrates WORLD SLEEP DAY every March 16 yearly. For this year, they held a Press Conference, employed a LED Billboard along EDSA, and used Social Media – Facebook to spread Public Awareness internally among ENTs and externally among Transport Sector - Bus, Taxi & Jeepney operators. In the future, PASS intends to push Sleep post-grad courses to be a requirement of the PBO-HNS. They are preparing to participate actively in both national and international updates as PAR leads the Society in 2017!
through tree planting were also done simultaneously in Cebu and Tacloban.

Celebrating our Chapter’s successes in the previous years and to reinforce camaraderie among the fellows, we treated ourselves to the historic and geographical wonders of Ilocos Norte. It was a fun and worthwhile activity that we decided to make it a part of our tradition, to be held biennially, once per presidential term.

This chapter is slowly increasing in number with the addition of Dr. Karen Rances as its newest member.

The current roster of officers: President: Dr. Melvin Benn, Vice-President: Dr. Marfuee Reyes, Secretary: Dr. Melanie Marin, Treasurer: Dr. Rosebe Lauraya, Auditor: Dr. Archimedes Bagnes and PIO: Dr. del Rosario III and Dr. Jose Raindrop Embate, the Course Directors with Davao Medical School Foundation, held the 2nd Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery Workshop. This was in cooperation with Academy of Filipino Neurosurgeons, Inc. (AFN), Philippine Academy of Rhinology, Inc. (PAR) and University of the East, Neurosurgeons Alumni Association (UENSAA). With the collaboration of Dr. Jose Nicanor del Rosario III and Dr. Jose Raindrop Embate, the Course Directors for Neurosurgery and Rhinology Department Sections respectively, the event was made possible with approximately fifty attendees, including various neurosurgeons, otolarlynologist, and other medical staff from all over the country.

World-renowned Otolaryngologist and Skull Base Surgeon, Dr. TN Janakiram, was invited as one of the guest speakers along with different local specialists. A graduate of Madras Medical College of Chennai, India, Dr. Janakiram received a Chenian Gold Medal from the state and awarded as the Young Indian Scientist of 2008. He is also an author and one of the most sought-after speakers in several conferences worldwide.

Those who attended the workshop were very fortunate to witness the cadaver dissection demonstration of endoscopic endonasal approach, and live demonstration of endoscopic skull base surgery by Dr. Janakiram himself on two inpatients. Other topics discussed during the workshop included Principles of Endoscopic Endonasal Approach, Management of Complications of Endoscopic Surgery, Endocrine Dysfunction after Pitutary Surgery, and Imaging of Skull Base. The 2-day workshop not only taught the participants the basics and significance of the discussed topics, but also impressed the importance of modernization of equipment and technology towards optimal management of patients.

**Southern Tagalog**

It has been a busy 2016 for TEAM STENTS. The present set of officers under the leadership of Dr. Ramon Carmona met early on to set up goals and expectations for the year, primarily the completion of the Hearing Survey. Members of the chapter enthusiastically met every quarter to review and discuss the developments of chapter concerns.

The 3rd Quarter Meeting and Team Building was ably organized by the Rizal group and was held at the picturesque First Pacific Leadership Academy in Antipolo. Kudos to the Team for organizing this event! Everyone who attended came away with a renewed sense of purpose for the chapter.

Aside from the quarterly meetings and fellowships, STENTS is proud to announce the completion of the Hearing Survey covering the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Palaran and Quezon. The results of this survey will soon be submitted to the PSO-HNS.

As we end the year, we look forward to setting new standards as a chapter of the Society and to declare with great pride that we are TEAM STENTS!!!

Together Everyone Achieves More

**Shared Responsibility, Time-Tested, Ethical, Noble, Teamwork, Socially Relevant.**

**Bicol**

Hosting the 2015 PSO-HNS Midyear Convention in Naga City was a great achievement for BEST. Days of meetings, preparations, brain storming and legworks were a given. All that, we have to endure for a successful midyear convention. That is why we, the BEST members, then decided to limit our activities for 2016. Although these were just few, we still boast of our accomplishments.

We celebrated Deafness Awareness Week with a series of activities. One of these was a seminar held at SM City Naga. This was carried out by Dr. Felip Pio. A series of lectures to Barangay Health Workers was given by the ENT doctors of Bicol Medical Center. Dr. Bino Benn talked about noise awareness during an interview given by a health radio program in Sorsogon. Likewise, BEST gave away posters on Noise Pollution to clinics and hospitals.

2016 marks the BEST 14th anniversary. We highlighted this year by holding our 4th ENT Post-Graduate Course entitled “ENT Made Easy; Version 2.0” at Bagasbas Lighthouse Resort in Daet, Camarines Sur. This was intended to provide continuing medical education to general practitioners and paramedicals. The event was very informative, and at the same time entertaining to our attendees.

To foster camaraderie among our members, we had our very first team building activity at Pineapple Resort in Daet, Camarines Norte. It was a fun and worthwhile activity that we decided to make it a part of our tradition, to be held biennially, once per presidential term.

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February 17, 2016, Wednesday
Rizal Ballroom, Makati Shangri-La Hotel

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April 15-17, 2016
Isla Ballroom, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel
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DESCRIPTIVE RESEARCH CONTEST 10-06-16

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BASIC COURSE FEU-SRMF 04/07/16

COFFEE TABLE BOOK COMMITTEE MEETING 02/19/16

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 09/22/16

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JUBILEE THANKSGIVING DINNER 07/27/16

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The upcoming year will be even more productive for the Consortium, with environmentally-oriented projects such as tree planting, community work such as medical missions and feeding programs in support of the local orphanage, and preparation for hosting the Midyear Convention in 2018.

The Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery of Makati Medical Center is now on its 35th year. Since its inception, it has continued the tradition of providing a training program that is based on current, accepted principles and standards that is responsive to the needs of patients from other training institutions. This yearly free postgraduate course aims to familiarize and review ENT practitioners, pathology residents, and board-eligible ENT-HNS graduates on histopathology and imaging studies related to ENT-Head and Neck structures and diseases.

The department participates in both the academic and hospital affairs, and as part of its Continuing Medical Education, offers yearly post graduate courses that are free of charge. The most recently concluded one entitled “Operative Techniques in Selected ORL-HNS Cases: This is How We Do It,” last June 4, 2016, with Dr. Emmanuel Samson acting as course director. The department prides itself in its consultant staffs that are recognized and respected figures. Dr. Natividad Almazan was appointed as head of the research development unit of MCU starting June 6, 2016. The department prides itself in its consultant staffs that are recognized and respected figures. Dr. Natividad Almazan was appointed as head of the research development unit of MCU starting June 6, 2016. The department prides itself in its consultant staffs that are recognized and respected figures. Dr. Natividad Almazan was appointed as head of the research development unit of MCU starting June 6, 2016.
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Early on this year, the department’s Residency Training Program was renewed for the third consecutive time, by the PBO-HNS panel headed by Dr. Edilberto Jose together with Dr. Francisco Villanueva, Dr. Aseana. The department proudly presented its 29 successful graduates, 21 diplomates and 17 fellows along with the staff of the 25 years in service last March 5, 2016 at The Blue Leaf Events Pavilion, Aseana. The department successfully held its postgraduate course and certification in cooperation with the Philippine Society of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (PSASLP) in the Department of Speech and Hearing Screening Center, with trained and certified doctors and nurses, accredited by the Philippine National Institute of Health (PNIH) – University of the Philippines – Manila it has served every newborn in this hospital.

Dr. James Leslie A. Rondal, 2nd year resident was elected as the new President of the Resident Physicians Organization of MMH/HNS, leading and spearheading activities and trainings intended to contribute to the holistic development of residents in the hospital. The department still provides residency training to rotating hospitals like Manila Doctors Hospital (MDH), and De La Salle Medical Center (DLMC). The residency training program of the department continues to succeed in moulding Otorhinolaryngologists who place importance not only in theory and skills but also in improving the quality of life especially the indigent recipients.

In the hearts and minds of the members of the Manila Doctors Hospital, Department of ORL, the year 2016 will be remembered as a landmark for this is the year wherein we celebrated our 60th anniversary.

With the theme “Shining Through 60 Years of Excellence”, the Department showcased, through series of lectures, the past, present, and future directions of the Department of ORL in our hospital. The event was graced by the hospital’s top brass headed by Hospital Director, Dr. Hau Ho Koa and Medical Director, Dr. Mario Joselito Jarilo Academic Division Head. The alumni of the Department and other consultants and trainees from different institutions were also present during the academic session, wherein the leading experts in the different subspecialty of ORL shared their knowledge to the audience.

Dr. Anne Marie Espiritu, as the overall chair of this event, prepared a coffee table book in which the rich history of the Department will forever be preserved. One of the highlights of the coffee table book is the letter of Dr. Tierry Garcia, in which he recounted the birth of Manila Doctors Hospital and together with the creation of the first Department of ORL in the Philippines.

Another highlight of this year is the accreditation of the Department. A panel from the PBO-HNS, namely Drs. Rodolfo Nonato, Ma. Fita Guzman, and William Lin, visited the hospital and were gracious enough to provide necessary inputs on how we can improve on training and give better service to our patients. The Department was given full accreditation by the PBO-HNS and we will be forever thankful for all the efforts that the resident and consultant staff has poured in for the success of this event.

This is also the year which the Department said its goodbye to our first chairman, Dr. Tierry Garcia, whose e-mail a few months before he passed away confirmed that he founded the Manila Doctors Hospital. A panel headed by Dr. Edilberto Jose together with Dr. Francisco Viceral attended a fellowship in Laryngology at Emory University Hospital, Midtown Atlanta, U.S.A. last September 1-30, 2016.

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Presently, the department is primarily manned by two hard-working full-time consultants. Dr. Jose B. Orosa III, the founder and the current Residency Training Officer, is now the Chief Medical Professional Staff II (CMPS) of MMH/HNS after being appointed by the DOH last March 2016. He was also elected as the new President of the North Luzon ENT Chapter. Being the present Quality Management Representative (QM), he is the main work force for the ISO 9001:2015 accreditation of the hospital. Dra. Tennessee R. Huyaban, the Department’s Chairman is still the Lead Document Controller for the ISO accreditation. Dr. Orosa and Dra. Huyaban are also both faculty of the newly opened Mariano Marcos State University - College of Medicine in Batac City, teaching, training and encouraging future lilocano doctors.

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Last July 16, 2016, the department hosted a postgraduate course entitled “Practical Approach to Rhinosinusitis and Snoring” with esteemed lecturers covering pertinent topics on the subject. It was held at the Rizal Medical Center Main Auditorium and was well-attended by other ENT residents from other institutions.

On October 22, 2016, the department held its 20th ENT updates and Case Conference, the first-ever such event to be hosted by the department. It was held at the Leticia by the Sea Resort, Island Avenue, Anilao, Batangas. The event was attended by over 200 residents, consultants, and allied health professionals.

The Department of ORL-HNS of the Philippine General Hospital has always been at the forefront of training, research and service, providing opportunity for our graduates, consultants affiliated with the institutions, and non-aesthetic uses of Botulinum toxin were discussed in lectures and cadaver dissection sessions.

In April 2016, the 1st 2-in-1 Airway Course: Pediatric Laryngotracheobronchoscopy and Adult Office-Based Laryngeal Procedures was held in SMBCG. Dr. James Burns, an associate professor from Harvard Medical School and the head of the Center for Laryngeal Surgery and Voice Rehabilitation in Massachusetts General Hospital was the featured guest speaker. The following day, Dr. Burns and Dr. William Loo gave lectures and live demonstration on adult office-based procedures.

In July 2016, Dr. Tomas Mendez won 2nd place for the Interesting Case Presentation for his paper on "Double Ectopic Thyroid Gland in a 10-year-old Filipino Male.

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2016 marks the 20th year the Department of ENT - HNS of the Western Visayas Medical Center set its feet on the island of Panay to serve its residents and the neighboring areas. After two decades of labor and love, the department has humbly grown in both numbers and recognition as a specialty among the region.

To commemorate this event, a plan for a grand celebration has been laid out. The first plan on the agenda is to upgrade the surgical instruments of the department. New instruments were acquired reinforcing the quality of training of the residents and thereby providing previously unavailable medical and surgical care to the patients.

Commitment to the community were strengthened through various department-sponsored activities, such as ‘Silip-Linis Tenga’ and Head and Neck Consciousness Awareness campaign. Non-government organizations have also been inviting the department in their Medical-Surgical Missions in numerous towns, consequently extending our reach to a wider population. The Cleft Lip and Palate Surgeries are still running on full gear, especially now that our Plastic Surgeon and Orthodontist have been appointed permanent positions in the hospital.

Research, a long time advocacy by the department, is getting a boost from the Medical Center as it renews its effort to seek high quality and compelling researches from each resident in every training specialty.

Indeed, we can look forward to a promising avenue for training and service. Together, with the wisdom of the wise and the tenacity of the young, we continue our mission in providing the highest quality health care and achieving excellence in training and research in this lovely part of the country.

Dr. Helena Michelle Casipit presented her paper “Head and Neck Screening Form for Filipino Patients seen at a Tertiary Hospital: A Pilot Study” during the PSO-HNS Descriptive Research Contest. Dr. Ryan Chua won second place at the ICS Philippine Section Research Paper Contest with the “Prevalence of Anatomic Variations in the Paranasal Sinuses of Filipino Patients’ Multiplanar CT Analysis.” Dr. Giselle Gotamco, Dr. Frances Mary Cristi, and Dr. Mark Aldrin Alcid won first, second, and third places, respectively, during the Residents’ Research Paper Presentation of the Department with their papers as follows: “The Incidence of Cerumen Impaction and its Role in Hearing Impairment among School-Aged Children,” “Detection of low-, mid-, and high-frequency hearing loss using the WFA Voice Test Protocol,” and “Systematic Review: Drain versus No Drain After Thyroidectomy.”

AOCMF Seminars were held at the Makati Diamond Hotel that featured Management of Facial Trauma and Advances in TMJ Disorder and Management last April 4-6, 2016. The 7th Coalition for Global Hearing Health Conference was held for the first time ever in Asia at the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building in UST, headed by Dr. Norberto Martinez. For the conclusion of this event, Dr. Sujana Chandrasekar, the Immediate Past President of the AAO-HNS, gave the prestigious Luis E. Guerrero Memorial Lecture on “The Multidisciplinary Team Approach to the Care of the Dizzy Patient: Adding Vestibular and Vision Therapy.”

Service and compassion were not forgotten as Drs. Casipit, Alcid, and de la Rosa participated in a medical mission in Koronadal. Drs. Chua, Gotamco, and Tan, together with Dr. Pamintuan, joined the team of Medical Missions of Mercy, USA in Sibuyan, Romblon. All year round, cleft lips and palates were successfully repaired with financial assistance from the Smile Train Foundation.

The Department of ORL-HNS of Veterans Memorial Medical Center just finished with their first international post-graduate course entitled “8th Laryngeal Post-Graduate Course: International Symposium on Phonosurgery and Hands-on Human Larynx Cadaver Dissection on Isshiki Thyroplasties” last year.

This 2016, we have series of post-graduate courses: “An Approach to Aging ENT Patients” last March 9, 2016; In-House Lecture Series on Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing last April 13, 2016; and “A Multidisciplinary Approach to Dizziness” last September 3, 2016.

In the coming year, we would like to invite you to our 8th Laryngeal Post-Graduate Course Lecture Series and Workshop on Primary Voice Reconstruction.