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DLSUD Participates in STAARRDEC's Joint 17th Executive Board and 97th RRDCC Meeting

The University Research Office (URO) took part in the Joint 17th Executive Board and 97th Regional Research and Development Coordinating Council (RRDCC) Meeting of the Southern Tagalog Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research, Development and Extension Consortium (STAARRDEC), held last January 21, 2026 at the Administration Building of Cavite State University.

Represented by URO Director, Dr. Jose Aims Rocina; the session gathered representatives from member institutions to discuss key consortium initiatives, policy updates, and upcoming collaborative activities.

Among the matters presented were updates on consortium projects approved by the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD), proposed agreements among member institutions, administrative developments, and major upcoming programs such as the STAARRDEC Kapit-Bisig Caravan and the 2026 InnoVenture Agri-Aqua Hatch Match (IVA AH).

Through its participation, the University Research Office reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening regional research collaboration and supporting initiatives that advance agriculture, aquatic, and natural resources research and development.

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THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH OFFICE (URO) LAUNCHES OUTPUT-BASED PUBLICATION WORKSHOP

JANUARY 15, 2026

The University Research Office (URO) has officially launched the Strategic Publication and Research Knowledge (SPARK) Workshop Seminar, a hybrid five-session event held from January 15 to February 18, 2026 at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas.

Held under the auspices of the Office of the Deputy Provost for Research, the seminar series began with an on-line preliminary meeting on January 13, 2026.

The session was facilitated by the Workshop Director, Feorillo Petronillo Demetrio III, Executive Director of the Research and Grants Management Office at De La Salle University - Manila, together with a panel of peer reviewers/mentors, to improve the submitted manuscripts of a select group of faculty members (Fellows). The ultimate goal is for them to publish their works (21 papers) in Scopus-indexed journals.

As the workshop progressed, participants presented improved drafts and received targeted feedback to deepen analytical rigor and scholarly contribution. Through this structured and collaborative framework, SPARK underscores the University Research Office's commitment to advancing research excellence and cultivating publication-ready scholarship within the academic community.

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URO TAKES PART IN THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL WRITESHOP WITH UNIVERSITY LASALLIAN FAMILY OFFICE (ULFO)

JANUARY 21, 2026

The University Research Office (URO) continues to promote research capacity-building initiatives as Ms. Irish Bautista, Coordinator for Research Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation (RIME) was invited to serve as resource speaker for a session on step-by-step research proposal writing held on January 29, 2026 at the University Lasallian Family. The activity formed part of ongoing efforts to strengthen research skills within the Lasallian academic community, equipping participants with essential knowledge to prepare well-structured and competitive research proposals.



RESEARCHERS OFFICIALLY SIGN MISSION-FOCUSED STUDIES

JANUARY 30, 2026



Last January 30, 2026, research studies under the Social Concerns and Cultural Heritage cluster were formally signed by their respective main proponents: Dr. Gil A. Ellema and Maria Rosario U. Salibay; marking their official endorsement and commitment to advancing the Lasallian mission at De La Salle University–Dasmariñas (DLSU-D). The studies were processed and coordinated through the Chief Lasallian Mission Officer (CLMO), Mr. Jose Ritche Bongcaron, who monitors mission-related research initiatives under Commissioned and Regular Internal Funding.

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Dr. Gil A. Ellema formally signed as main proponent researcher for the commissioned study titled “Enabling Mission Pathways: An Inquiry into Lasallian Mission Integration Initiatives at De La Salle University–Dasmariñas Toward the Development of a Common Framework.” The research looks into how the Lasallian mission is carried out across different offices and programs of the University and aims to create a shared guide that will help strengthen mission practices on campus. Joining the study as co-researchers are Dr. Maria Gracia A. Olorga, Dr. Rowell R. Paras, and Lorenzo S. Centino, Jr.

Dr. Gil A. Ellema also signed as main proponent researcher for another study titled “Assessing Students' Engagement in Service and Faith Formation Programs at DLSU-D.” This research focuses on how students participate in service and faith formation activities and how these programs help in their personal and spiritual growth. The study is conducted together with co-researchers Diana Jean S. Roque and Jonna May M. Berci. By signing both papers, Dr. Ellema confirmed his role and responsibility in leading and completing the studies in line with University guidelines.

Under Regular Research/Internal Funding, Maria Rosario U. Salibay likewise formally

signed as main proponent researcher for the study titled “Sustaining the Lasallian Mission: The Internal and External Efficiency of the DLSU-D Night College Program.” The research examines how well the Night College Program is operating and how it serves its students and the community. Co-researchers are Pete Mendiola, Evelyn R. Obo, and Mr. Jose Ritchie Bongcaron. Her signing affirms her responsibility for the completion and proper conduct of the study.



All of these research initiatives were guided and monitored by the Lasallian Chief Office headed by Mr. Jose Ritchie Bongcaron. Through the formal signing of these papers, DLSU-D continues to show its commitment to research that strengthens its mission, improves its programs, and upholds its Lasallian identity.

HRDC CALABARZON CONDUCTS 2026 OPERATIONAL PLANNING SEMINAR

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The Health Research and Development Consortium (HRDC) CALABARZON held its Operational Planning for Fiscal Year 2026 last January 29–30, 2026, at SotoGrande Hotel Katipunan, Quezon City. The two-day activity brought together consortium officers, committee members, and partner institutions to review accomplishments, set priorities, and finalize plans for the coming year.

The activity opened with updates on the Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) and the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD). These presentations helped participants understand current national directions and ensure that regional plans remain aligned with national health research goals.

HRDC CALABARZON also presented its organizational structure and key accomplishments for 2025, highlighting major programs and collaborative initiatives implemented across the region. A review of both the national and regional strategic plans followed to confirm that proposed activities for 2026 support identified priorities.



Updates from partner agencies, including the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), were shared to guide discussions and inform the planning process. During committee breakout sessions, each member identified proposed activities, targets, and timelines for 2026. These were presented for discussion and consolidation into the draft FY 2026 Operational Plan.

On the second day, the consortium refined and finalized the operational plan. The Management Committee, Research and Development Committee, Research Ethics Committee, Research Information and Utilization Committee, and Capacity Building Committee presented their respective annual plans. These plans focus on strengthening research management systems, improving ethical review processes, enhancing research dissemination and utilization, and building research capacity within the CALABARZON region.

The activity was attended by DLSUD Representatives, Dr. Jose Aims Rocina and Prof. Ethel Cacayuran. It concluded with a summary of key agreements and closing remarks emphasizing continued collaboration among member institutions.

Through this operational planning activity, HRDC CALABARZON reinforced its commitment to supporting a well-coordinated and sustainable health research system in the region that contributes to national development goals.

CLAC PROFESSOR HONORED WITH THE DON CARLOS PALANCA MEMORIAL AWARD

NOVEMBER 26, 2025

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Mr. Christopher Gabriel, a Professor from the Languages and Literature Department (LLD) of De La Salle University–Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) earned 3rd place in the Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Award for Literature for his short story “Milked for Milk.” The recognition was given during the Palanca Awards’ Diamond Jubilee celebration, marking a special milestone in the history of the country’s most respected literary competition.

The awarding ceremony took place last November 26, 2025 at the Manila Polo Club. The event brought together well-known writers, teachers, and members of the literary community to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the awards and to honor this year’s winners in different categories.

The Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature, commonly known as the Palanca Awards, is widely regarded as the gold standard of Philippine literature. It is known for its strict and careful judging process and is often described as the country’s equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize. Winners are chosen by respected writers and scholars. This year’s jury for the Short Story English Division was composed of Professor Danton Remoto of the Ateneo de Manila University, who served as chair, Professor Isidoro Cruz of the University of San Agustin, and Professor Augusto Antonio Aguila of the University of Santo Tomas.

For many years, the Palanca Awards has recognized outstanding Filipino writers and has played an important role in promoting quality literature in the country. Receiving the award during its Diamond Jubilee celebration makes the recognition even more memorable.

The short story “Milked for Milk” tells the story of a father who quietly sacrifices for his family while facing poverty and political difficulties. It shows how a parent’s love can be expressed through hard work, patience, and silent endurance.

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The story highlights the everyday struggles of families and encourages readers to reflect on the strength of parents who continue to provide despite hardships.

In an interview, the professor explained that he wanted to focus on sacrifices that are often unnoticed, especially those made by fathers. He shared that many stories talk about struggle, but not all give attention to the silent efforts of a father who carries responsibility without complaint. He said the story was inspired by thoughts about life’s challenges and the deep love a parent has for his children.

He described the award as a meaningful moment in his writing journey. According to him, the recognition encourages him to continue writing and sharing stories that reflect real human experiences. He also expressed his desire to give back to the University by supporting student writers. Among his plans are working with The HERALDO FILIPINO’s literary section and creating a creative writing center that will help guide and develop aspiring writers on campus.

This achievement not only honors the professor’s dedication to writing but also reflects DLSU-D’s continued support for both academic excellence and creative expression. It shows the important role that literature plays in helping people better understand family life, society, and the human experience.