

Microsoft lauds DLSU-D Faculty

Once again, DLSU-D faculty members, Arlynne Awayan, Jen Padernal and Roland Ruben were chosen to be part of the Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE) Batch 2017 worldwide program.

MIEE is an exclusive program designed to recognize global educator visionaries using technology to pave the way for their peers for better learning and student outcomes. The so called MIE Experts shall work closely with Microsoft to lead innovation in education to advocate and share their thoughts about the effective use of technology in education with peers and policymakers, provide insight for Microsoft on new products and tools for education, and exchange

best practices as they work together to promote innovation in teaching and learning.

Being an MIE Experts, they have myriad of opportunities such as (1) Access to professional and career development opportunities and certifications; (2) Share expertise with world-renowned educators and specialists to scale their innovations; (3) Present in Microsoft’s global webinar calls; (4) Participate in focus groups giving feedback to development teams on Microsoft products; (5) Join invitation-only special events from Microsoft; (6) Share passion for Microsoft with peers and policymakers, and through social media, blogs and videos; (7) Test

new products while in beta form and participate in pre-release programs for certain education-related tools; (8) Represent Microsoft through product demonstrations and by attending events; (9) Build educator capacity in the community (school, district or at training events) by speaking, training and/or coaching colleagues and inviting them to participate in the online Microsoft Educator Community; (10) Collaborate with innovative educators across the globe; (11) Host regional events showcasing the use of Microsoft technology in the classroom and to tap it all (12) Achieve eligibility to attend the Microsoft Global Educator Exchange Event (E2) by year 2017 (Microsoft, 2016).

Ellema represents DLSU-D in the 6th SIEL

Dr. Gil Ellema, faculty of the Religious Education Department, was one of the De La Salle Philippine representatives in the 6th SIEL (Sesión Internacional de Estudios Lasalianos), an international session of Lasallian studies at the Generalate House in Rome, Italy, October 12 to November 6, 2015.

He was with representatives from DLSU-Manila, College of St. Benilde and the Central House. There were thirty-five delegates (a mix of Brothers and lay partners) coming from the five Regions of the Institute that include the different participating sector-countries like the Philippines, India, Canada, the United States, Mexico, Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Spain, Togo, Rwanda, Madagascar and Austria.



The main objective of the first phase of SIEL which is the residential program in Rome is to accompany a group of Brothers and Lay persons

in developing basic competence in Lasallian research in order to establish a community of Lasallian researchers whose two main tasks are: to complete

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Lasallian researches with common scientific criteria and to publish them either in a Lasallian journal or in any international journal. To come up with researches with solid Lasallian roots, Br. Diego organized the session into six topics, such as (1) The Spiritual Context of the 17th Century France, (2) Lasallian Research Dialogues, (3) The Critical Study of John Baptiste Blain (De La Salle's official biographer of the 18th Century), (4) The French Scholarly Context of the 17th Century, (5) The Person of the Lasallian Researcher, and (6) Education as Viewed by International Organizations. Prominent authors

and lecturers in the field of Lasallian studies were invited as resource persons, namely; Br. Pedro Gil FSC, Br. Henri Bédel FSC, Br. Alain Houry FSC, Br. Paulo Dullius FSC, Br. Léon Lauraire FSC and Br. Nicolas Capelle FSC.

After three weeks of intensive studies of the Lasallian legacy through history and important Lasallian writings, Ellema and the rest of the participants presented their research proposal for comments and suggestions. Br. Claude Reinhardt FSC, General Councilor, and Br. Jorge Gallardo FSC, Vicar General, acted as facilitators in the

presentation of the research proposals and the final synthesis and assessment respectively. The second phase of the SIEL program which is research writing run from November 2015 until June 2016 and hereby expected to submit it to the Generalate for consideration in the Lasallian Digital Revue publication or in any international journal.

The 6th SIEL was spearheaded by the Lasallian Research and Resources Service of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools headed by Br. Diego Muñoz FSC.

DLSU-D faculty advisees win in The Netherlands

Mr. Wilson Jacinto of the Biological Sciences Department who served as faculty adviser from DLSU-D together with another faculty won bronze in the recently concluded 8th International Environment Sustainability Project Olympiad (INESPO) 2016 held in The Netherlands, May 29 to June 3.

The research team which was supervised by Jacinto and Ms. Lilibeth Mayor were students from the Bacoor National High School- Molino Main composed of Gabriel Matthew De Mesa, John Christian Reamico and Greyzel Joy Zoe Quijano and was participated by more than 120 research entries from 55 countries worldwide.

Their study entitled "Inhibitory Potential of *Ipomea aquatica* (Kangkong) and



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Newest members of DLSU-D community. Senior High School students were given a tour of the Aklatang Emilio Aguinaldo which would help them familiarize with the know-how inside the University library.