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COUNTRY REPORT

PHILIPPINE THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION (PTLA) is an organization of professional and non-professional theological librarians in the Philippines representing different theological institutions.

We had our 19th Conference in Central Philippine University in Iloilo City Philippines on April 15- 17, 2013 focusing on the theme: “Best Practices and Mentoring in Theological Libraries.” Speakers were Dr. Limuel Equina, General Secretary of Association of Theological Schools in Southeast Asia (ATESEA) and Dr. Ruel D. Garcia on Mentoring. Our colleagues shared about best practices in their libraries: Prof. Raquel D. Cruz on “*Software Migration Through the Years of the Biblical Seminary of the Philippine,*” Prof. Migume Flores on “*In Search of Technology-Driven Librarian,*” and Prof. Crisanta Bustamante on “Technical Services.” Prof. Racquel D. Cruz re-echoed the topic on “*From AACR2R to RDA: A Cataloging Journey*” of a national seminar workshop sponsored by the Center for Human Research and Development Foundation, Inc. (CHRDF) March 9, 2013 – Ateneo de Manila University, Q.C.

It was in this conference that the curriculum for the MLIS Program was finalized by the group with Dr. Limuel Equina of ATESEA, Dr. Melda Estember and Prof. Cynthia Pelena of Central Philippine University.

There was an election of the new set of officers who will lead the organization in continuing its works in the region. However, due to geographical distance and finances, we are having difficulties in scheduling a meeting for the officers. We hope to meet for the first time after this conference in preparation also for the next PTLA Conference in 2017.

Another challenge that we are facing is that many of our individual members come and go especially when a librarian opt to transfer to another institution which is either in public or private-non-theological institution. We are aware of the need to recruit or invite institutions and individual librarians to be part of the organization and strengthen our awareness and willingness to promote and participate actively in the activities of the organization.

by Arnel Faller (Secretary of PTLA)