

# Call for Papers

The PSSN-CAR, in cooperation with Mountain Province State Polytechnic College - Research Development & Extension Unit, will hold its 6th Annual Scientific Conference with the theme **“Promoting Climate Smart and Sustainable Resource Management”** at the *Teng-ab Retreat House* in Bontoc, Mountain Province on **November 22-25, 2012**. The four-day activity will be highlighted by plenary talks by invited experts on the different aspects of the theme (e.g. social science, technological and natural science perspectives) led by Dr. Cecilio Baga (Cebu Technological University), Dr. Arlen Ancheta (University of Santo Tomas), and Dr. Onofre Corpuz (Cotabato Foundation College of Science and Technology), paper and poster presentations by students and professionals, a general assembly, and a business meeting that will tackle issues concerning the chapter as well as the election of the new set of officers and the Board of Trustees of PSSN-CAR. The conference aims to bring together scientists, educators, environmental managers and students from all over the CAR and nearby regions to address the conference’s 3-fold objectives:

- To share research and experiences on climate change adaptation and sustainable resource management
- To present, by way of the plenary talks, strategies and efforts that have been effective in addressing issues on climate change, disaster risk response management, and sustainable resource use
- To present current issues that concern species, habitats and ecosystems within the country

A preconference tour is also scheduled on the first day of the conference to allow participants to explore, enjoy and learn from the natural wonders, history, culture and the agricultural practices of the people of the Mountain Province. This will be followed by a preconference activity on “Capacity Building on Climate Change Adaptation among Stakeholders in Agriculture” in the morning of November 23, 2012. The activity is designed to cater to farmers and other stakeholders within the conference venue and will feature invited speakers who will tackle issues on climate smart strategies in farming.

The tentative schedule of activities and registration fees are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Thu, 22 Nov 2012	AM	Preconference Tour (Sagada-Bontoc)
	PM	
Fri, 23 Nov 2012	AM	Preconference Activity
	PM	Presentation of Competing Papers (Oral Presentations and Posters)
Sat, 24 Nov 2012	AM	Plenary Talks and Parallel Sessions
Sun, 25 Nov 2012	AM	Plenary Talks and Parallel Sessions; Closing Program

## Registration Fees

Registration fees cover (except for high school and certain undergraduate students) the preconference tour, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), snacks (AM &PM), accommodation (from 22-25 Nov), kits, and certificates. Early registrants can deposit their payments to any branch of Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI): Checking Account Number 000570-0126-65 (BPI- Baguio Session Road Branch), Account Name: Romeo Dizon & Jacqueline Lampac. Scanned copy of the deposit slip should be sent to the secretariat (ka\_ballada@yahoo.com) including details of the depositor such as name and affiliation.

Participant Categories		Registration	
		Early (on or before 10/20/12)	On-site
Life Member		4,000.00	4,300.00
Regular & New Member		4,200.00	4,500.00
Non-member		4,500.00	4,800.00
Student	High School* & Undergraduate*	1,200.00*	1,200.00*
	Undergraduate	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Graduate School	3,700.00	4,000.00

\*cover snacks, lunch (from Nov 23-25), and certificates

Recognizing the important role of your institution in advocating nature conservation and protection, we earnestly request your consideration and support to allow PSSN members/non-members, teachers, staff and students in your institution to participate in this year's convention as paper presentors and/or participants in this conference. Presentors (for both oral and poster submissions) are encouraged to submit research abstracts for regular entries and full papers for competing entries that are within the scope of the theme not later than October 15, 2012 for regular entries and September 15, 2012 for competing papers, and preferably by email and sent to the secretariat chairperson at ka\_ballada@yahoo.com. Papers must not have been presented (or are being considered for presentation) in any other national and international conferences. For more information, please find the attached brochure and the abstract submission form for the conference.

Participants are also requested to confirm their attendance due to limited availability of accommodations on or before October 20, 2012 by contacting the undersigned or Ms. Karen Ballada (09272655419/ ka\_ballada@yahoo.com). Those who will not be accommodated in the venue proper will be housed outside the Teng-ab Retreat House or will have to arrange for their own accommodations.