**ABOUT PSSN**

 The Philippine Society for the Study of Nature, Inc. is a non-profit, non-stock, non-partisan organization of professionals, researchers, administrators, policymakers, practitioners, students, and institutions involved in nature studies and related activities, whose primary function is to provide a venue for the development of strategies for wise utilization of nature and its amenities. It was organized in a national conference at the University of the Philippines College Baguio in April 2000 when the participants saw the need for a network of academics and professionals that addresses nature and nature-related problems in the country. On September 26, 2000, the Society was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

**THE 8th CONFERENCE IN BRIEF**

 The **Philippine Society for the Study of Nature, Inc. (PSSN**) – **Northern Luzon Chapter** in cooperation with Lyceum Northwestern University, cordially invites you to its ***8th* Annual Scientific Conference** to be held at the **Lyceum Northwestern University, Dagupan City.**

The 8th conference will focus on the theme: **“Sustainable Human Interactions with the Environment: Promoting Best Practices and Sharing Experiences”.** To be featured in this year’s conference are interesting keynote and plenary topics to be presented by experts in research, technological innovation and social development in promoting a sustainable society led by Dr. Raymundo Rovillos (UP Baguio), Dr. Marilyn Elauria (UPLB), Dr. Jessie Elauria (UPLB), and Dr. Arlen Ancheta (UST). The preconference topic entitled, “Patentability Search” will be facilitated by Dr. Roberto Pagulayan of Angeles University Foundation.

High school and undergraduate students, and professionals’ competing papers will be presented while poster paper will be posted throughout the duration of the conference. An educational field exposure will be done at major tourist spots in the province.

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM and ACTIVITIES**

##### 19 November 2014

 AM General Registration

 Preconference on ““Patentability Search”

 High School Research Competition

PM Continuation of Pre-conference and High School Research Competition

##### 20 November 2014

AM Opening Ceremony

 Keynote and 1st Plenary Talks

 Oral Paper (High School Winner/s will join the

Undergraduate Students, and Professionals) and Poster Paper Competitions

 BOT Election

 PM 2nd Plenary Talk and Parallel Sessions

 Continuation of Oral Paper Competitions

 General Assembly, Induction of New Members

 and Officers

 Dinner Banquet

**21 November 2014**

 AM 3rd Plenary Talk and Parallel Sessions

 PM Continuation of Parallel Sessions

 Awarding of Certificates and Closing

 Ceremony

**22 November 2014**

 Post-conference Field Exposure to San Roque

 Dam, San Manuel, Tayug Treasures, and

 Acop-Dam Eco Park, Rosales, Pangasinan

**Call for PAPERS**

 We encourage presentation of experimental findings in the form of scientific papers and posters. Papers or posters should focus on an ongoing or recently completed research work that is within the scope of this year’s conference theme. Topics may include agriculture, fisheries, environmental concerns i.e biodiversity, climate change adaptations and mitigations, disaster risk reduction management, technological innovations, industrial ecology, mathematics and modeling, social/gender and economic development, and others related to the theme. Deadline of submission of research abstracts and full papers for competing entries is on or before October 20, 2014, andfor regular entries, on or before October 30, 2014 preferably by email and send to the paper and poster screening committee ([ka\_ballada@yahoo.com](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CIrene%5CAppData%5CDownloads%5Cka_ballada%40yahoo.com) or romdizon@gmail.com) and furnish a copy the conference committee, psugadoffice@yahoo.com.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

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| **Participant Categories** | **Registration Fee** |
| **Early** | **On-site** |
| Life Member | 2,200.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Regular | 2,700.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Nonmember\* | 3,200.00\* | 3,500.00\* |
| High school and undergraduate student | 800.00\*\* | 1,000.00\*\* |

\*inclusive of membership fee

\*\*high school and undergraduate students are only entitled for the two days conference proper (November 20-21, 2014)

- Pre and post conference activity charges not yet included

The registration fee is inclusive of two day lunch, AM and PM snacks, a conference kit and certificates, and attendance to conference activities.

Early registrants can deposit their payments not later than October 20, 2014 to any branch of Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI):

* Checking Account Number 000570-0126-65 (BPI- Baguio Session Road Branch)
* Accnt Name: Romeo Dizon and Jacqueline Lampac

Scanned copy of the deposit slip should be sent to Dr. Romeo Dizon (romdizon@gmail.com) and Ms. Nerda De Vera (psugadoffice@yahoo.com) including the depositor’s name and affiliation.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

 Participants will be housed at Hotel Le Duc Dagupan City. All rooms are air-conditioned and accommodation charges are not included in the registration fees. For accommodation reservations, please contact Ms. Nerda De Vera at tel no (075)542-4486 or cp no. 09073298282 or psugadoffice@yahoo.com. Participants who fail to confirm their attendance and run out of slots will be housed to other hotels nearby with different accommodation charges or will have to arrange for their own accommodations. Accommodation details are hereunder.

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| Hotel Le Duc |
| No. of Rooms | Room Type | Rate/pax |
| 4 | Standard Room, 4 pax | 465.00 |
| 5 | De Luxe Room, 4pax | 532.00 |
| 6 | Double Suite (Sharing of Bed) 4 pax | 420.00 |
| Note: maximum capacity, hence, extra bed already considered |

**ABOUT THE VENUE**

Dagupan City is one of the cities of the province Pangasinan. It is surrounded by bodies of water, rivers, and the Lingayen Gulf. This city is well-known as Bangus Capital of the Philippines because it is one of the leading exporters of bangus to other neighboring countries and even to the entire globe. Dagupan City is also known as a major commercial and financial center north of Manila and is one of the centers of modern medical services, media and communication in Northern Luzon.

Dagupan City offers several historic sights within the city. The city is also rich in nature wonders that call for several local and foreign tourists every year. The following enumerates some of the scenic and historic spots that you can visit.

You can have a feel of history while relaxing on the **Bonuan Blue Beach** in Dagupan City. It was on this site that the first Liberation Forces landed on January 9, 1945. The **Tondaligan Park**, the MacArthur **Landing Marker and a Japanese Park** are the main attractions of this beach. The **Old St. John's Cathedral** is another historic landmark of the city. This church witnessed the surrender of Spanish General Caballos to General Francisco Makabulos a Filipino military strategist. The **Home Economics Building of the West Central Elementary School** had made a great part in the historic revolutions in the country. This site served as the official headquarters of General MacArthur and his troops.

**GETTING THERE**

 Participants coming from south of Pangasinan may opt to ride Solid North or Victory Liner bus at Cubao terminal bound to Dagupan. There is also a Victory Liner Bus terminal at Pasay bound to Dagupan.

 Participants coming from Ilocos and Cordillera Administrative Regions, may stop at Agoo, La Union and wait for the Victory Liner bus bound to Dagupan. There are also mini buses going to Dagupan.

 Upon arriving at Dagupan terminal, take a jeepney ride going to downtown or take a tricycle rideand inform thedriver that you are going to Hotel Le Duc, Dagupan City, so he/she could guide and assist you. Hotel Le Duc is located within the Lyceum Northwestern University.

**INQUIRIES**

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