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Message from the President



Since its foundation as an association the Philippine Society of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility has assumed the task of providing its membership with the latest in skill and expertise in the management of women's reproductive health care.

In conformity with the oath of scientists, the membership shared their acumen with their fellows in training and other interested colleagues.

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WELCOME PARTICIPANTS

Joint PSREI-IFFS Confab opens today

After nearly a year of planning and preparations, PSREI President Santiago A. Del Rosario today open's the 11th PSREI Annual Convention as a joint undertaking with the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS). Scheduled for two days on October 8 and 9, 2005 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Dr. del Rosario also welcomes Professor Ian Cooke, current IFFS President, and international REI luminaries Dr. Martha Hickey of Australia, Dr. Colin Howles of Singapore and Prof. Michel Camus of Belgium. As usual, a banner attendance is expected. A host of interesting and relevant lectures on infertility, contraception and menopause are scheduled, and will be delivered by the mentioned international experts and their local counterparts. Just concluded yesterday October 7, 2005 are exposure courses and workshops on In Vitro Fertilization and Intra Uterine Insemination which were held at the Victory ART Laboratory in Makati and the CRM Laboratory in Ortigas as satellite undertakings of the annual convention.

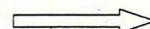


PSREI luminaries. From left Dr. Concepcion Oreta, Dr. Lilia Luna, Dr. Enrico Oblepias, Dr. Joan Tan-Garcia, Dr. Eileen Manalo, Dr. Greg Pastorfide, Dr. Rosalinda B. Arceo, Dr. Florante Gonzaga, Dr. Santiago A. Del Rosario, Dr. Blanca De Guia, Dr. Rogelio Mendiola, Dr. Antonia Habana, Dr. Virgilio Novero Jr., Dr. Delfin Tan, Dr. Trinidad R. Vera

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Regulating infertility practice

In recent years, the emergence of clinical practice guidelines, evidence-based medicine, and ethics-based management has provided a clearer pathway on how certain fields of medicine should be practiced. The general idea was and is to protect the general interest of patients by making clinicians conform to a minimum standard of medical care.

Infertility practice is one of such medical fields. For many years, the practice of infertility in the country treaded unsure ground as management principles were evolving based on available research in the international and local arena. With the improvement of knowledge and skill through continuing medical education AND experience, interest in the subspecialty has dramatically grown recently. Coupled with increased practice, of course, are complications and/or failures.

The regulation of certain infertility procedures such as *intrauterine insemination* and *in vitro fertilization* will surely be welcome by the general public. Many rely on the precept that all doctors are capable of delivering the highest quality of care required to allow the lowest possibility of complications and/or failure. With the regulation of medical standards, all concerned doctors will be compelled to seek proper training prior to his practice of certain procedures. This way, the public will be assured of a minimum acceptable level of competence.

The only questions now is how to regulate....



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The society recognized the fact that it is the height of professionalism to assist women calendar their pregnancies at the most appropriate time and circumstance in their reproductive lives when their systems are functionally ideal to support the development of the fetus.

The Society also sponsors the belief that to be able to broker the rendezvous of a sperm with a matured human ovum to spark a new life in the relationship of a man and a woman is the ultimate perfection in the science of man.

After 13 years of dedication to the aforementioned tenets, the society finally defined its vision and mission.

Vision: The Philippine Society of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility is a society of world-class experts committed to the noble promotion of competent and ethical practice of reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

Mission: We dedicate ourselves to providing excellent patient-friendly healthcare by the advancement of professional growth through the development of its subspecialties, research, continuing medical education, innovative technologies and the regulation of training, practice and cost effective services related to the specialty.

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Past and present presidents of PSREI. From left, Dr. Lilia P. Luna, Dr. Delfin Tan, Dr. Greg Pastorfide, Dr. Rosalinda B. Arceo, Dr. Florante P. Gonzaga, Dr. Santiago Del Rosario, Dr. Blanca De Guia, Dr. Rogelio Mendiola, Dr. Trinidad Vera

FEATURE ARTICLE

Focus on the PSREI President

Dr. DEL ROSARIO and his Relentless Pursuit

by

Virgilio M. Novero Jr., MD

Lesser men may have chosen to rest on their laurels, but this one continues to pursue his advocacies as long as he can.

Dr. Santiago del Rosario already has a stellar record that few can match-past POGS president (1984), past PMA president (1988-89), present PSCM vice president (2005), a distinguished record in government service (1988-89, 1997), and a past or active member of at least 20 professional local and international groups of varying causes. Still, he continues to be attracted to the opportunity to be of service in disciplines which may in turn provide opportunities to improve healthcare especially in the community.

He fondly recalls his days when, as PMA president, many new perspectives in life were opened, things which were to him not clearly in focus. He found reason to be happy as a Filipino as he went around visiting cities and rural areas. He saw how the Filipino enjoyed life! All the more he wanted to be in the position to help improve health care for the average Filipino and improve their sense of well-being.

His motivation to help make a difference all started in his younger days at New York University over four decades ago. During a postgraduate course, he was appalled by the impact of unplanned pregnancies on poor people. Since then, he has sought to improve reproductive health practices in communities as a means of improving life in the marginalized sector of society.

As PSREI president, he continues along the same advocacies. He dreams that this specialized group of doctors can be in the best position to improve reproductive health care in the country. Such may be achieved by motivating REI practitioners especially the young by providing opportunities to attain world-class expertise especially in the field of infertility management. His eventual objective is that such expertise will filter down to those members of society who least cannot afford it!

With such a noble background and cause, PSREI has chosen one leader well!

FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

October, 2005

- The XIXth Asian and Oceanic Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology by ACOG 2005 Secretariat
01-Oct-05 to 05-Oct-05 Seoul (COEX Convention and Exhibition Center), SOUTH KOREA (**Gynecology and Obstetrics**)
- 14th Annual Congress of the ESGE by European Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy (ESGE)
06-Oct-05 to 09-Oct-05 Athens (Hilton), GREECE (**ENDOSCOPY**)
- 25th Anniversary Conference by Endometriosis Association
07-Oct-05 to 08-Oct-05 Milwaukee (Four Points Sheraton), WI USA (**Endometriosis**)
- IFFS-PSREI JOINT SCIENTIFIC MEETING - New Horizons in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and Contraception by Philippine Society of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Inc.
07-Oct-05 to 09-Oct-05 EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City, MANILA PHILIPPINES (OB/GYN and INFERTILITY)
- 61st Annual Meeting of the ASRM by American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)
15-Oct-05 to 20-Oct-05 Montreal (Montreal Convention Center), PQCANADA (**REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE**)
- 11th World Congress on the Menopause by International Menopause Society
18-Oct-05 to 22-Oct-05 Buenos Aires, BUENOS AIRES ARGENTINA (**GYNECOLOGY**)

March, 2006

- 12th World Congress of Gynecological Endocrinology by International Society of Gynecological Endocrinology (I.S.G.E.)
02-Mar-06 to 05-Mar-06 Florence, ITALY (**GYNECOLOGICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY**)
- XV Annual Congress of the ISGE by International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE)
29-Mar-06 to 01-Apr-06 Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA (**ENDOSCOPY**)

NEW BITS

Mission-Vision workshop held

A day-long mission-vision workshop was conducted last July 31, 2005 at the Tagaytay Highlands Resort in Tagaytay City to formally set the general direction and principles of the society. Sponsored by Astra Zeneca Philippines and facilitated by their very able HRD Manager Ms. Rona Dalla, the workshop was attended by several PSREI past presidents and all current board of directors who generously gave their time and ideas in formulating the PSREI ideals. Output from the workshop are included in this newsletter.

New PSREI fellows

The society welcomes to its fold four new fellows who have recently passed the written and oral examinations for membership given last September 25, 2005. The new fellows are: Dr. Myra Michelle Macalalag-Cruz, Dr. Anna Lynn Alvarado Matignas, Dr. Madonna Victoria S. Calderon-Domingo and Dr. Rudie Frederick B. Mendiola. They will be formally inducted to the society in brief ceremonies during the scheduled business meeting to be held in this year's annual convention

PSREI website to open soon

Our very own internet website will soon be operational to serve the concerns of its growing membership. To be launched containing various sections (hyperlinks) such as the home page, mission-vision/goals, history, officers, members, upcoming activities, contact us and others, this website is expected to significantly hasten information dissemination among its members and to those interested about the society. Future features such as links to other website such as the POGS, IFFS, PSCM are being planned. When opened, the PSREI website may be reached by logging on to www.psrei.org.ph. Management of the website shall be directly under the office of the society's PRO with approval by the President and the Board.

Complimentary to the opening of this website are 50 free email addresses (@psrei.com.ph). All members who are interested to maintain such an email addies are advised to contact the PSREI secretariat and will be granted one such email address (per member) on a first-come-first served basis.

Survey requested

An informal survey concerning KAPs (knowledge, attitudes, practices) of PSREI members (and non-members) will be conducted during the duration of the annual convention. Everyone is requested to answer the questions casually, candidly, and truthfully. The results of this survey will assist the coming board members in formulating future directions of the society.

Dr. Antonette Habana, current Board Member and the one task for the special survey, shall synthesize the results into a formal report which will be published in the next issue of the PSREI journal.

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