



BSU holds 88th Commencement Exercises

This year's 1,361 candidates for graduation were confirmed on April 6, 2013 in two separate ceremonies: morning and afternoon. The graduates, led by four *magna cum laudes* and 58 *cum laudes* from BSU's eight colleges and two graduate schools.

During the morning ceremony, candidates for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Home Economics and Technology, College of Nursing, and College of Teacher Education were confirmed. Senator Edgardo J. Angara was the Guest of Honor and Speaker. In his message, he emphasized the challenges that will face the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), when it's member countries will integrate into a single market on 2015. The integration will ensure free flow of goods and services between ASEAN countries consisting of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

"What does this mean? Three years from now you will be able to travel, work, and do business in these countries (ASEAN); three years from now you will belong to a community of 600 billion people; three years from now there



The BSU Batch 2013 applause as they are finally confirmed graduates.//JST

may be a common currency for these 10 nations! Who knows? And it will no longer be a local domestic competition but regional then global," said Angara.

He predicted that by 2015, the demographic window of the country will show more working people than those who are dependent on the working people. There will be higher productivity that will contribute to higher saving's rate and more pocket money. Thus, he encouraged the graduates to be productive and innovative.

"We must invest in education and skills training because only through this can you become a productive and innovative worker," he added.

Sen. Angara is known for landmark laws on agriculture, education, science, and technology such as the Magna Carta for Small Farmers, The Free High School Act, and the Salary Standardization Law. He has also provided funds for the research and development program of the University.

Meanwhile, candidates for graduation from the College of Agriculture, College of Engineering and Applied Technology, College of Forestry, College of Veterinary Medicine, Graduate School, and Open University were confirmed in the afternoon ceremony. The Guest of Honor and Speaker was Senator Loren Legarda represented by her Chief of Staff, Ms. Yvonne Geston.



(Right) Sen. Edgardo J. Angara receives a plaque of appreciation from BSU top officials after delivering his message to the graduates during the University 88th Commencement Exercises on April 6, 2013. (Left) Ms. Yvonne Geston reads the message of Sen. Loren Legarda to the BSU batch of 2013 graduates on the afternoon graduation ceremonies on April 6, 2013. Ms. Geston who hails from Bontoc, Mt. Province and educated in De La Salle is Sen. Legarda's chief of staff.//JST

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- To strengthen and enhance institutional capability generating revenue towards self-reliance.
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BSU alumna turns 100

Mrs. Flora Bondad-Abeya of Sagada, Mt. Province is BSU's oldest alumna! She just turned 100 years old on April 9, 2013. Ms. Bondad-Abeya graduated from the Trinidad Agricultural School (TAS) in 1933 and is one of the pioneer teachers of the former Kalinga Community College now a component of the Kalinga-Apayao State College.

Her centennial birthday was celebrated with a thanksgiving mass at the romantic St. Mary's Church in Sagada on the afternoon



Mother Flora Bondad-Abeya, BSU's oldest alumna. // Photo by MDFang-asan

of April 8, 2013. The mass was attended by members of her big family who wore purple shirts printed with 'the coolest gal, now 100, we love you'. It was also attended by members of the community.

After the thanksgiving mass, a reception followed at the A7 house, Mrs. Abeya's residence. The reception was interspersed with a variety of performances by Mrs. Abeya's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren ranging from songs, to a gymnastic routine to piano pieces all in honor of their hundred years old grandmother. There were also sweet violin music from two members of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, songs, and talks by Mrs. Abeya's friends.

In her 100 years, Mrs. Abeya still recalls student life at the Trinidad Agricultural School, now the Benguet State University. Her favorite subject was English and she enjoyed going to dances at the Camp John Hay on Saturdays. She reminisced an amphitheater filled with flowers at the TAS compound and giggled at the memory of Mr. Gibson, the TAS horticulturist back then, giving her flowers.

Dr. Ma. Luz Delson Fang-asan, who co-chairs the BSU History Committee, attended the occasion to represent BSU with the blessings of the BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad. She expressed appreciation for Mrs. Abeya's firsthand accounts of studying at TAS.

"She provided color to the black and white photographs that we collected from the alumni and former employees of the school. With her vivid description, with her lively stories also, she provided the human aspect to the very simple reports we have taken from the archives of the US Department of Education," said Fang-asan.

Members of the BSU History Committee started visiting Mrs. Abeya in 2010 and since then, dropped by at the A7 house whenever there is a chance. // Jen Sabado-Tabangcura

BSU inaugurates new UBA facility



Benguet Rep. Ronnie M. Cosalan with BSU President Ben D. Ladilad, Fr. Obar of the Epiphany church, and BSU VP for Corporate and Business Affairs Jones K. Feliciano lead the ribbon cutting ceremony and blessing of the renovated Marketing Center on April 4, 2013.//JST

The University opened its new Marketing Center Affairs facility on April 4, with Benguet Representative Ronald Cosalan gracing the occasion.

The recently-designated VP for Corporate and Business Affairs, Dr.

Jones K. Feliciano who is also concurrently the Business Affairs Director, said that the Honorable Congressman forked out from his office coffers some PhP.5M to fund the addition of a space counter.

Feliciano said the renovation of the

extended side of the Old Administration Building housing also the Graduate School on the second floor was funded by the school administration with a budget allocation of PhP1.2M. The old structure was renovated because of leaking roofs that caused

floods inside the rooms every time it rains.

Moreover, the new Marketing Center is envisioned to grow into a HyperMart where employees especially can buy their basic necessities and become one of the leading income-generating entities in the University.

Among the products of BSU are organic vegetables, organic Arabica coffee, organic eggs, strawberry fresh fruits/jams, fruit/veggie-based breads and pastries, and research-based product lines both fresh and processed.

The BSU Marketing Center is now fronting the College of Home Economics and Technology along the main campus thoroughfare. (CHET)// (Rubyloida Bitog, SunStar Baguio)

ICRISAT Scientists share rich and valuable experiences



BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, with the four scientists from ICRISAT: (l-r) Mr. M Prabhaker Reddy; Dr. CLL Gowda; Dr. Guntuku Dileepkumar; and Dr. GV Rangao Rao during the opening program of the BSU RDE Seminar Series 4 on April 26, 2013.//

The Benguet State University led by Dr. Ben D. Ladilad together with other SUCs in North Luzon has once again exhibited how their relationship with ICRISAT can be fruitfully nurtured.

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics or ICRISAT has Dr. William D. Dar at its helm for 14 years now. Dr. Dar is a former BSU professor and administrator as well as a prominent and outstanding alumnus. The visit of the four ICRISAT scientists with different areas of expertise shared the

Institute's programs and activities along with their rich and vast experiences.

The four ICRISAT scientists are CLL Gowda, Mr. M Prabhaker Reddy, Dr. Guntuku Dileepkumar and Dr. Rangao Rao. CLL Gowda, Director of the Institute's Grain Legumes Research Program presented and discussed the Legume Program of ICRISAT. Mr. M Prabhaker Reddy, an Engineer in charge of the Institute's Farm Engineering and Transport Services detailed the various ways of managing a farm research station.

He was described as the man responsible for maintaining spic and span tidiness of the campus at Patancheru. Dr. Guntuku Dileepkumar, the Principal Scientist or Global Leader and Coordinator for South-South Exchange described and demonstrated comprehensively how the Institute goes about sharing and making its resources and innovations accessible. He shared a variety of ways in maintaining constant contact with the S&T communities across the world. Dr. GV Ranga Rao, the Institute's jewel in the field of entomology, presented and discussed his scientific discourse in managing pests clearly and patiently. Incidentally, Dr. GV Ranga Rao's expertise was engaged in a 2-day training course on the "Production of Spodoptera Litura Nucleopolyhedrosis Virus (SLNPV) and Neem Products for Insect Pest Management (IPM)" on 29-30 April also at the Gladiola Center.

The University's R&E group members pinned their ears back to the first three scientists' different topics held the whole day of April 26 at the Gladiola Center for the morning session and at the ICT Hall for the afternoon. This capability

ICRISAT's Entomologist, Dr. Ranga Rao, assures his fellow IPM advocates: It is safe to use SLNPV and Neem Products

The ICRISAT's (International Crops Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics) world- renowned Entomologist, Dr. G.V. Ranga Rao, managed single-handedly the discussion and demonstration of the subject "Production of Spodoptera Litura Nucleopolyhedrosis Virus (SLNPV) and Neem Products for Insect Pest Management" on April 29-30, 2013 at the BSU-Gladiola Center. Thirty (30) participants from different State Universities and Colleges in the country attended the training, of which eight are from the Benguet State University (BSU), the host of the event.

In welcoming the participants, BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, encouraged them to learn as much as they can and to apply these lessons in their respective agencies.

"From here, you can initiate to develop and or modify the fresh acquisition-technologies to control pests without the use of chemicals because in the end, that's where we are going to have: zero-chemical-laden farming fields," he said.

Considering time, Dr. Ranga Rao focused on discussing the use of bio-pesticides and the current status of integrated pest management (IPM) in relation to organic farming. According to him, farmers get easily confused in understanding how organic agriculture is different from chemical agriculture. The market is permeated with commercialism. So, he prompts fellow advocates to concentrate on farmers with zero knowledge on the effects of using different insecticides and pesticides harmful to human health and the environment.

"It really takes time to make them understand that organic farming is better, though we really need to encourage them by showing the benefits the practice brings," he stressed.

He cited an example in India where a farmer produces three tons of dried chilli per acre but spends \$1,000 per acre on crop protection.

Before the closing ceremony, Dr. Ranga Rao listened attentively to overwhelming feedbacks from the participants who were observed to have become more animated and passionate than when they were the first day after learning more about the subject.

One participant from DA-Region 1 considered attending the training as a blessing.

"We were discouraged to use NPV because of its nature: it is a virus and it is dangerous...but you've shown and given us methods on how to do things the right way in NPV production! Now, we understand and are no longer in the dark," she said.

"I was also adamant with the use of IPM because it involves tedious labour. All these have changed after listening to you, Dr. Ranga Rao," said a participant from Cagayan de Oro.



Dr. Ranga Rao of ICRISAT receives a certificate of appreciation after the conduct of a two-day training course on the "Production of Spodoptera Litura Nucleopolyhedrosis Virus (SLNPV) and Neem Products for Insect Pest Management" on 29-30 April 2013 at the BSU Gladiola Center where he served as the sole speaker and trainer. With him are (l-r) CA Faculty Jocelyn C. Perez; UPAO Director, Gilda Victoria B. Jacalan, and VP for Research and Extension, Luciana M. Villanueva.//

BSU VP for Research and Extension, Dr. Luciana M. Villanueva, likewise expressed her gratitude to Dr. Rao for coming all the way to the Philippines. To all the participants, she entreats saying "echo and share this knowledge with your farming communities in your respective service areas".

The Entomologist

Dr. Ranga Rao is a farmer himself. He took a degree in Agriculture at Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University, India where he obtained both his BS and MS degrees in entomology.

Still feeling inadequate professionally, he went all the way in his quest for formal education and finished his PHD Degree in Entomology in 1984 at the Oregon State University, USA.

Dr. Ranga Rao has been with ICRISAT now for 37 years. His interest and advocacy in IPM led him to work and collaborate with organizations in USA, Vietnam, Kenya, China, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Myanmar, and a number of African countries. Hopes are high in BSU having specific collaborative research for development with him along insect pest management.

Dr. Ranga Rao's development initiatives earned him a number of national and international awards not only in science and technology but also in the field of sports. His Master's Degree thesis was a gold medalist and he excelled in table tennis or ping-pong.

At present, he is mostly preoccupied with his project on "How to Reduce Toxic Chemical (pesticides) Misuse to Health Product - Capacity Building through Sharing Experience."

//Riza Jade C. Timatim and Gilda Victoria B. Jacalan

Legumes for the world's poorest

CLL Gowda, director of the Grain Legumes Research Program at the Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics or ICRISAT based in India, was one of the three ICRISAT scientists featured in BSU's RDE Seminar Series 4. The seminar series was held at the Gladiola Center on April 26, 2013.

According to Dr. Gowda, ICRISAT is mandated to work on five crops. These are sorghum, rear millet, ground nut, chickpea, and pigeon pea. He focuses his knowledge sharing on the importance of these crops that contribute sustainability to the farming systems especially to the marginal farmers.

He presented that food legumes are for health and prosperity since legumes are the lifeline of farming systems globally. They fix atmospheric nitrogen and make phosphorous available. Legumes are also capable of growing in extreme conditions on marginal soils. In terms of health, they provide

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ICRISAT-KSI Global Leader speaks at BSU

On April 26, 2013, Dr. Guntuku Dileepkumar was in BSU for the RDE Seminar Series 4. He is the Principal Scientist or Global Leader and Coordinator for South-South Exchange of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics or ICRISAT. Dr. Dileepkumar described and demonstrated comprehensively how the Institute goes about sharing and making its resources and innovations accessible in a variety of ways.

The presentation was aimed at sharing information and opportunities to various BSU stakeholders on the potentials of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) innovations for agriculture. This happened through BSU's longstanding collaboration with ICRISAT.

The KSI Program

According to Dr. Dileepkumar, governments are investing less on traditional extension systems to reach farmers due to dwindling financial resources. As such, he added that ICT has a role in decreasing the gap between farm families and Scientific Knowledge Creation and Validation Processes. Moreover, Dr. Dileepkumar presented and discussed the two generations of ICT approaches in developing virtual knowledge

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HRMO explains the SALN. The BSU Human Resource Development and Management Office organized and conducted a series of seminar-workshops for all BSU employees in April. This was to explain and illustrate how to fill up the Statement of Assets and Liabilities or SALN, the submission deadline of which was set on the 30th of April. The photo shows Univ. Legal Officer Atty. Reynante Basco in one of the seminar-workshops.

Research station development and management the ICRISAT way

Engr. M Prabhaker Reddy of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics or ICRISAT shared how the institute developed and currently manages its research stations on April 26, 2013 during the BSU RDE Seminar Series 4. Engr. Reddy is presently in-charge of the ICRISAT's Farm Engineering and Transport Services.

In his presentation, he compared the features of an agricultural research station and a commercial farm. He said that unlike commercial farms, topographic survey and contour mapping is very important in research farm development along with field development based on soil types. While commercial farm development would focus on larger plots of 5.0 ha and above, minimum soil movement, few crops and medium to large size machinery, research farm stations would require smaller plots, large scale earthwork, many crops and small to medium sized machinery.

Based on the ICRISAT experience, he showed the participants the stages of agricultural research development from the conduct of feasibility study to site selection, master plan, land development, special areas, infrastructure needs, and manpower availability.

Likewise, Engr. Reddy enumerated ICRISAT's farm management practices. These are crop rotation, close season and pest management, weed management, rain-fed and irrigated areas, wind breaks, and water harvesting.

He shared that the use of IT contributes to the management of a farm station if work, schedule, land, and farm operation requests are sent and received online.

Incidentally, Engr. Reddy joined ICRISAT in 1973 after obtaining his B.Sc. degree from the Osmania University and B.Sc.

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BSU welcomes new security agency. The Baguio's Finest security guards stand at attention for inspection by University Officials led by BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, and La Trinidad police officers during the turn-over ceremonies on April 29, 2013. The Baguio's Finest security agency replaces the Baguio Investigation and Security Agency Inc. or BISAI after the latter's service contract with the University for three years had expired. VP for Administration Dr. Alfredo C. Tipayno thanked the BISAI for their services rated very satisfactory. //Jen Sabado-Tabangcura



BSU signs deal with DAR. The Benguet State University led by its university, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, is again in partnership with the Department of Agrarian Reform on the Agrarian Reform Community Connectivity and Economic Support Service (ARCCCESS). The photo shows Dr. Ladilad, Atty. Wences E. Saguidec (DAR-CAR Assistant Regional Director for Administration), and Dr. Robert B. Ampaguey (DAR Benguet Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer) signing the Memorandum of Agreement on April 29, 2013 at the BSU AdCor witnessed by BSU and DAR-CAR staff. Initial funding for the project has already been released by the DAR-CAR.//JST

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In her message as read by Ms. Geston, the senator presented two options to the graduates--- find a job or be an entrepreneur adding that 'it would be really challenging, but it is not impossible'.

"Whichever path you choose, you must work hard and be passionate. Seize the opportunities that will come your way and work hard to be the best."

She encouraged the graduates to approach the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) to help them find a job that matches their skills and education. For those who choose to be entrepreneurs, she mentioned that the Magna Carta for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) can help them.

"The MSME Law provides assistance to MSMEs by requiring lending institutions to allocate at least 8% from the previous 6% of their total loan portfolio to micro and small businesses."

Sen. Legarda has also provided funds for the University coffers intended for research and development undertakings.

Other guests include scholarship sponsors presidents of SUCs in CAR and Regions I and II. The scholarship sponsors who handed certificates to their respective graduating scholars are: the CHED represented by CHED Regional Director Luisa S. Valencia, the DOST, the Philippine Agricultural

Resources Research Foundation (PARRFI) represented by Dr. Feliciano Calora, Sr.; the Benguet Congressional Educational Assistance Program (BCEAP) represented by Dr. Cara Cosalan; the Youth for Agriculture and Fisheries Program (YAFP) and Enhancement Human Resource Development Program (EHRDP) both represented by Dr. Arlene T. Flores of ATI-CAR; the Syngenta Foundation Scholarship Program represented by Ms. Pinky Wan-Carlos; the Alliance for Concerned Teachers (ACT) Party List Scholarship represented by Regional Coordinator Mr. Perry Mendoza and; the BUTIL Party List. //Jennyline S. Tabangcura

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enhancement sessions formed part of the regular Seminar Series of the Office of the Vice-President for R&E meant to continue and nurture quest for knowledge and innovations.

Through this Seminar Series 4 and in a 2-day training course, BSU and other Philippine SUC researchers had been provided with a relevant opportunity to interact with topnotch scientists on ICRISAT strategic program and science-based innovations in meeting the challenges of rainfed agriculture appropriate to highland Philippine condition. Specifically, it opened windows not only for strengthening existing relationships between our organizations but also for possible collaborative programs under the University's newly-

established Climate Smart Agriculture Center (CSAC). Likewise, harnessing the ICT tools as an emerging paradigm in sharing our products and services for development with our stakeholders will certainly improve our extension services especially in the remote areas of the Cordillera Region. Finally, the new knowledge along with skills learned and acquired in managing pests is timely as this is one of the most important strategies in mitigating the effect of climate change.//Riza Jade Timatim and JSTabangcura

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critical dietary protein, vitamins and minerals to poorer section of society thereby imparting sustainability to various farming systems and environment that provide income and livelihood support to poor and marginal farmers.

Dr. Gowda further discussed that ICRISAT started to develop varieties of these crops that are more resistant from drought and different diseases. He introduced to the participants ICRISAT's Inclusive Market Oriented Development (IMOD) strategy developed for 2020.

"The word 'Inclusive' here refers to the inclusiveness of the broad spectrum of the farmers. We intend to include the poorest of the poor...the un-included, like in most cases, the women whose engagement in farming and other outfits like decision-making in some countries. So we want everybody to be (involved) in this approach," he said.

"Market oriented means we intend subsistence farmers to grow and become market-oriented. They have to increase crop productivity and when they do, they can sell something in the market. We want to lead the farmers to the market wherein the profits that they get will work as an engine towards growth and prosperity. In this way, they can move from subsistence to high value agriculture," added Dr. Gowda.

He went on to elaborate the focused product lines of the CGIAR research program, which include: drought and low-phosphorous tolerant common bean, cowpea, and soybean; heat-tolerant chickpea, common bean, faba bean, and lentil; short-duration, drought tolerant and aflatoxin-free groundnut; high nitrogen-fixing chickpea, common bean, faba bean, and soybean; insect-smart chickpea, cowpea, and pigeonpea production systems; extra-early chickpea and lentil varieties; herbicide-tolerant,

DA-CAR and BSU sponsors Climate Change seminar

A five-day training activity was held from April 29-May 3, 2013 at the ATI-CAR, BSU compound. In this activity on "Climate Change Impact on Agriculture and Tools for Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity Assessment for the Different Agro Ecosystems in the Upland", participants learned about the emerging adverse impacts of climate change that undermine the goal of sustainable development in many parts of the world. This seminar was sponsored by the Climate-Smart Agriculture Center (CSAC) of BSU and the Department of Agriculture- Cordillera Administrative Region (DA-CAR).

The course was conducted to ensure adoption of generated technologies and to enhance capacities to implement sustainable agriculture practice and adopt climate change adaption strategies. The participants are from the different SUCs in the Cordillera Region, namely, the Mt. Province State Polytechnic College, Ifugao State University, Kalinga Apayao State College, Benguet State University along with Buguias Campus, and the Abra State Institute of Science and Technology including the DOST-PAGASA and the local government units of the municipalities of Kapangan and Tuba of Benguet. BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, heartily welcomed the participants.

CSAC Director, Dr. Carlito Laurean, presented the rationale and objectives of the training activity followed by Prof. Janet Pablo who discussed training-workshop mechanics.

The first day of the training course featured Ms. Fredolina Baldonado, the

OIC of the North Luzon DOST-PRSD PAGASA, DOST, who presented the causes and effects of Climate Change. For the succeeding days, more lectures and workshops were shown and illustrated by Dr. Jose Nestor M. Garcia and Dr. Simplicio M. Medina of UPLB on VAST-Agro: Framework and Methodology and Prof. Marissa Parao on the VAST-AGRO in Benguet Province.

The participants were also made to do a transect walk on biophysical and social resources at Talingguero, La Trinidad, Benguet where the CSAC is based. After critiquing the participant's outputs in an open forum, a simple closing ceremony followed graced by DA-CAR Regional Director Marilyn V. Sta. Catalina. //GATCHALIAN, Karen Cate M.BSDC Intern

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machine-harvestable chickpea, faba bean, and lentil varieties; and pigeonpea hybrid and management practices.

Dr. Gowda, a seasoned plant breeder has published papers on grain legumes in refereed journals, authored several books, and has recently been recognized by the Crops Science Society of the United States. He is also one of the outstanding scientists of ICRISAT for the year 2012. // Jen S. Tabangcura and Thelma Lomecio

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networks among farmers and experts.

Presently, ICRISAT has a program known as Knowledge Sharing and Innovation (KSI) to improve its capability and provide a two-way strategy to connect, inform, dialogue with, and serve stakeholders. The program mainly has three implementing tracks: Knowledge Management for Cultural Exchange, Knowledge Management for Enhancing Organization Effectiveness; and Innovations in KS for Impact carried out and coordinated through the Information System Unit (ISU), Data Management Unit (DMU), Library and Information Services (LIS), Learning Systems Unit (LSU), and ICT for Development (ICT4D).

Each unit is designed for specific purposes and functions. The ISU provides email facilities as support to research, blogs and websites, telepresence, and the KSI connect. DMU, on the other hand, strategically handles research data while LIS allows the global community to openly access research results and

publications. The LSU is responsible for organizing capacity building activities for learner participants through seminar series and online learning modules. The ICT4D develops grain legumes portals and knowledge models and mobilize content through the Agropedia platform.

The Global Leader for KSI

Dr. Dileepkumar obtained his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University in 2000 and his Masters in Agricultural Entomology at Gujarat Agricultural University in 2003. To further his knowledge, he went to complete both

his Master's and Doctoral degrees in Information and Communication Technology in Agriculture at the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology (DA-IICT) in 2004 and in 2010, respectively.

Dr. Dileepkumar is an insider being a proud recipient of the LSU program of ICRISAT as a researcher-scholar from January 2004-June 2007. He has also worked as a Global Extension

Program Specialist from November 2009 to December 2011.

Outside of the Institute, he enjoyed an equally fulfilling stint as a researcher for the Center for Technology Learning and Teaching from March 2009 to November 2011 at the Iowa State University in the USA. He returned to ICRISAT on January 2012.

"By coming to the Philippines and serving as speaker for seminars like today's, I hope to live up to the ICRISAT mantra, which is 'Sharing the right information with the right people at the right time through the right channel,' he said. //Christine Q. Aromin



Another OSCAR hails from BSU. Nick Sibaen from the College of Teacher Education joined the long list of BSU students who received the Ten Outstanding Students in CAR (OSCAR) award. Photo shows Nick flanked by his OSA mentors, Dr. Lani Sito, Ms. Editha Grande, and BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, during the Flag Ceremony on April 29, 2013. //Photo by Carlson Lapniten, Baguio Chronicle

Belgian prof speaks at BSULIS STIMULATE seminar



STIMULATERS and STIMULATED librarians. The 56 participants to the STIMULATE seminar with Prof. Nieuwenhuysen in front of the University library.

Former STIMULATE program coordinator Paul Nieuwenhuysen of Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium led the team of speakers to the two-day seminar on "Scientific & Technological Information Management in Universities and Libraries: an Active Teaching Environment (STIMULATE) held by Benguet State University Library and Information Services (BSULIS) together with the Philippine Librarians Association Inc.- Cordillera Administrative Region Librarians Council (PLAI-CARLC) on April 15-16 at the BSU ICT Hall, Library Building 2, and Calajo Restaurant, Km.6, Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The team of Belgian professor Nieuwenhuysen educated 56 librarians and information professionals on information management with knowledge on citation management and analysis, trends in libraries, information discovery, information engineering, cataloging updates, open source and open access softwares, resource access and description, online applications for libraries, and online journals. His team consisted of Filipino speakers who are alumni of an international training sponsored by Belgian universities (VLIR) including product demo speakers who have international exposures in their field of specializations.

Evaluation activity indicated excellence and satisfactory as rated by 18 and 38 attendees, respectively.

Meanwhile, in a text message from Mr. Aron Esong of Cordillera Career Development College and Ms. Betsiedela Cruz of Isabela State University, they forwarded their profound thanks to Mr. Lauren Kipaon of the BSULIS and STIMULATE seminar organizer for coming up with such kind of very stimulating and very informative

capability enhancing seminar.

"We're very grateful that we had been a part of the seminar where we acquired a lot of ideas relevant to our library work", reads one of the messages.

Similar Facebook chats and timeline posts from the beneficiaries not only from the Cordillera region but also from other regions were received by Mr. Kipaon relaying their appreciations and expressing intentions to attend again similar seminar.

According to Mr. Kipaon, a similar in-house training was conducted in 2010 to all librarians of BSU at the Main, Bokod, and Buguias campuses. He further explained that the purpose is to level up the technological skills of librarians since it is the universal trend and future of information delivery especially among academic institutions.

On the other hand, the seminar could not have been meaningful and fruitful without the following sponsors lending a hand: the Forefront Book Company, Amatea Educational Systems, CD Books International, Academic Book Sales, iGroup/LibTech, Great Books Trading, Belview Co., Megatext Philippines, Electronic Information Solutions Inc., and Aspen Pharma Philippines.

Incidentally, STIMULATE used to be an international three-month training course that started in Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium where five BSULIS librarians are alumni. This initiative is now renamed into Lib@web and hosted in University of Antwerpen, Belgium. ///Rhe-Ann B. Ngayaan, BEE '15.

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A career spanning almost 40 years, he was given additional responsibilities at various capacities that led to his position of Program Leader, Farm, Engineering & Transport Services, the Institute's largest service support provider. During his long career, he has travelled to most of the ICRISAT African locations and rendered advices along the different aspects of Research Farm Development and Station Management. At ICRISAT, he has conducted Research Station Management training programs to over 100 ICAR Farm Managers with the assistance of FETS Team and M/s D.S. Bisht, P.M. Menon, and S.K. Dasgupta. //JSTabangcura



New CAO takes oath. Atty. Mathias Angiwan is the new Chief Administrative Officer of BSU vice the late Dr. Emy Esteban. Photo shows Atty. Angiwan taking his oath of office before BSU President Dr. Ben D. Ladilad. The oath taking was witnessed by HRMO Bobby F. Grande, CSC-Benguet Field Office Director, Atty. Allyson M. Locano, Atty. Arnold E. Lampacan, Dr. Evelyn S. Angiwan, and VP for Admin., Dr. Alfredo C. Tipayno. //JST