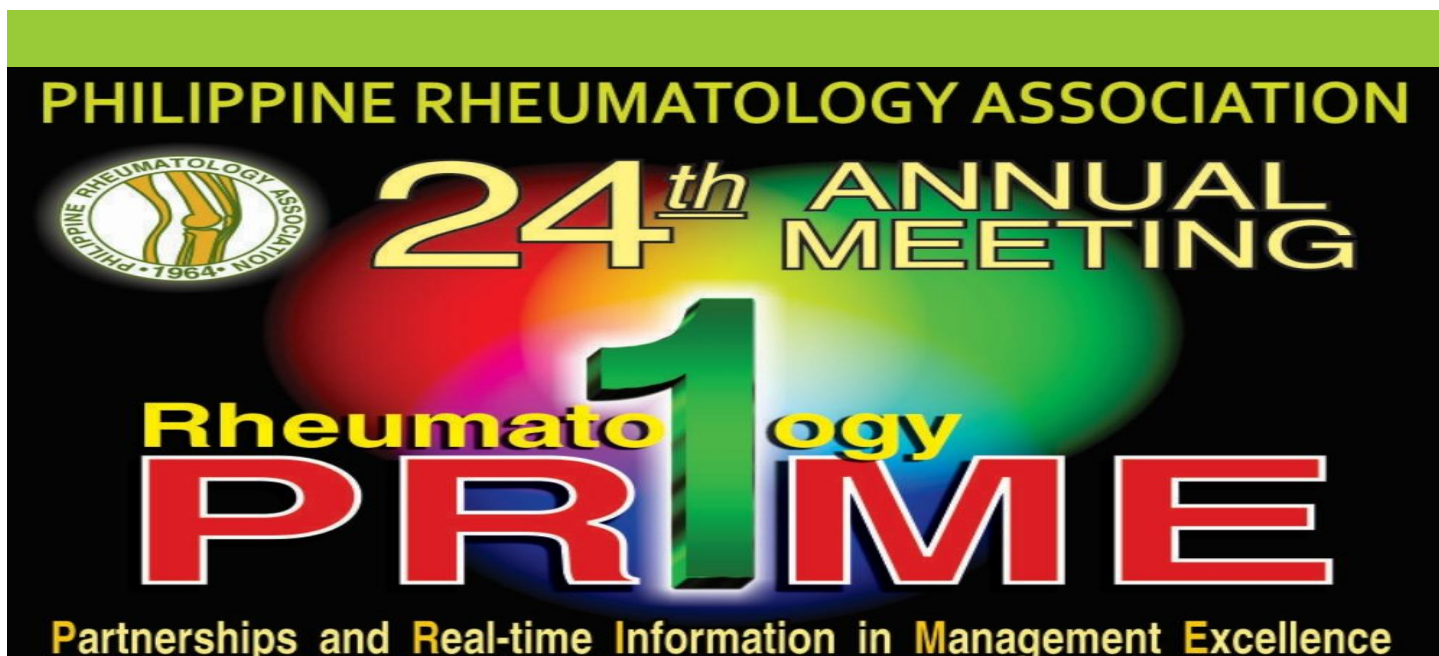


PRA 2018

24TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING



DAY 1

PRE-CONVENTION

From 15th to 17th of February 2018, Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria was the setting for the Philippine Rheumatology Association's 24th Annual Scientific Meeting. The first day's pre-convention offered two tracks, a Rheumatology Workshop for Nurses and Rheumatology for Non-Rheumatology Clinicians.



USTH Fellows at the

USTH Joint and Bone Center Nurse, Ms. Romelie Dannug was one of the participants who joined the workshop focusing on infusion therapy and the administration of cytotoxics and biologics.

Among the day's highlights was a Rheumatology review for non-Rheumatologists given by USTH Rheuma alumnus Dr. Leonid Zamora.



DAY 1 OPENING CEREMONIES

Showcasing the latest in modern Filipiniana fashion, PRA members attended the opening ceremonies at the Ruby Ballroom. After the processional march, the oath taking of the new Fellows and Diplomates commenced, among which, were Drs. C. Bernal, J. Patricio, L. Lizardo, M. Salvador, M. Edar, E. Fernandez, L. Salvador, E. Veñegas and I. Esquibel. USTH Pediatric Rheumatology was also awarded their training program accreditation certificate. The night's guest speaker was APLAR president-elect, Dr. Syed Atiqul Haq.

L-R: Dr. H. Reyes, Dr. M. Barba, Dr. C. Bernal, Dr. E. Perez

Day 2 Convention Proper

Among the day's lectures were the symposia on the Doctor-Patient Relationship, Maternal and Child Health Issues and Psychosocial Issues.

The luncheon symposium was delivered by Dr. S. Navarra on Shared Decision Making: Holistic Approach to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Patient.

The second day was also the avenue for the Patient Support Group meeting attended by 59 patients with various rheumatic conditions.



Day 3 Convention Proper

The convention continued the next day with a symposium on Rheumatology and Extra-Articular Systems.

After lunch, APLAR Master and one of the foundations of Philippine Rheumatology, Dr. T. Torralba gave "Vignettes in Rheumatology."



DAY 3

RESEARCH CONTEST & BUSINESS MEETING

UST Rheumatology was highlighted in the successes of Dr. R. Molina in his original research presentation, "Gastrointestinal Flares Among Filipino Patients With Systemic Lupus Erythematosus; A Case Series" and Drs. F. Cuenco, "Acute Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension In A Patient With Systemic Lupus Erythematosus" and R. Bayson, "Severe Keratoderma Blenorrhagicum Simulating Psoriasis In Reactive Arthritis: A Case Report." Among other winners for Best Images were Drs. V. Santos, M. Bayo-Ang and R. Bayson.

Prior to the business meeting, first year fellows, Drs. R. Bayson, F. Cuenco, M. Frio and R. Navarroza were inducted as clinical members.



DAY 3

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT *"LIVIN' LA VIDA RHEUMA"*

Hosted by Drs. L. Llamado and S. Tankeh-Torres, the 24th Annual Scientific Meeting ended with a Latin-themed Fellowship Night at the Grand Ballroom. After the induction of the new board of trustees, Dr. J. Li-Yu took her oath as the new president of the PRA. Hailed Ricky Martin of the Night was Dr. I. Alejandro, and not to be outdone was Enrique Iglesias of the Night, Dr. J. Patricio. It was a night of feasting, singing and dancing with special numbers from both trainees and consultants.