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Philippine Society of Nuclear Medicine (PSNM) Celebrates its 25th year!

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Grotto in Baguio

With the theme "Revisiting Fundamentals and Looking Beyond", the PSNM has just concluded a successful annual convention attended by more than 150 Nuclear Medicine physicians, technologists and allied medical specialists (endocrinologists and oncologists). With our array of international faculty, I would say it was one of the most fruitful scientific meetings the society has ever had.

Prof. Abdelhamid Elgazzar (Kuwait), Prof. M. Fisher (Germany), Prof. Ajit K. Padhy (Singapore), Prof. K. Endo and Prof. Douglas Kieper (USA) were our foreign faculty who delivered lectures on topics related to several fields of nuclear medicine, including Radioiodine treatment of Thyroid Cancer, PET-CT in Lung Cancer and Gastrointestinal malignancies, Scintimammography, Bone Imaging, Molecular imaging, etc. A number of Local speakers from Philippines contributed immensely to the Scientific Programme.

Additional scientific sessions were specifically conducted for the technologists, keeping in view the current trends in Nuclear Medicine, which included "Basic PET for technologists: A technical approach" and "Pitfalls in Radiopharmacy".

One afternoon session was spent holding the research paper reading contest wherein 10 researches were presented by the undergraduates, now a pre-requisite prior to taking the specialty board exams in the Philippines.

The evenings were capped with exciting official and social programs; the first evening devoted to the fellowship night and the dance /talent competition. The First Paulo Campos Memorial lecture honoring a pioneer in Nuclear medicine who established the first nuclear medicine department at the University of the Philippine-Philippine General



New Diplomates who were inducted at this year's Fellowship Night



New Members who joined PSNM taking oath

Hospital was delivered by Prof. Juan F. Torres. This was done as a part of the celebrations related to the 25 years of Nuclear Medicine in the country. The oration was followed by the induction of 2 fellows and 6 diplomates who recently passed the specialty board exams.

With all these, the society is assured of a very bright future; that we are on the right track, with new young energetic members. The camaraderie and friendship also seems to grow each coming year.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the President and other officer bearers of PSNM; as well as Dr. Ruben Ogbac and Dr. Michile Ogbac (Conference Chairpersons) for their outstanding efforts in organizing this memorable 25th Annual Convention.