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BU conducts GATE Conference



Prof. Daryll R.J. Macer, President of American University of Sovereign Nations, as he discusses Bio-ethics in Education.

Aimed to bring together an estimated 100 academe, researchers, extension service implementers and interested entities to a venue in presenting updates on both local and international education trends in higher education, American University of Sovereign Nations(AUSN) and Bicol University jointly held a Global Alternative Technologies I Education (GATE) Conference at Casablanca Hotel on October 26-27, 2016.

The conference brought in new perspectives and insights on interesting topics to include Internationalization of Higher Education by Ms. Nelly Wadsworth, director of International Education Center, Fitchburg State University, Massachusetts, USA; Bio-ethics in Education by Prof. Daryll R.J. Macer, president of American University of Sovereign Nations, Arizona, USA; HEIs Contribution to Local Development through Research-based Extension Programs by Ms. Agnes M. Espinas,

director Prof. Jonalou S.J. Labor of the University of the Philippines-Diliman. Furthermore, it opened opportunities for partnerships and direction for innovation of policies in instruction, research along publication and extension.

Eleven local researchers presented paper entries along teaching and technology, research-based extension projects, curriculum research and development for best paper competition. Dr. Nicanor B. Balbin of BU College of Industrial Technology (BUCIT) emerged for the first best paper award on “Development and Evaluation of Refrigerant Recovery, Recharge and Vacuum Pump Apparatus with Refrigerated Cooling System. Second in rank was the presentation on “Sex Disaggregated Data of the Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel of Bicol University for 2013: An Explanatory Study” by Dr. Dolores D. Laguilles of BU College of Social Sciences and Philosophy. Prof. Jayson Abrigo of BUCIT obtained third place for “Hydro-Pneumatic Power Brake

BUCAF Conducts Training Workshop on Postharvest Quality Management and Marketing of Upland Rice

The on-going Project of BU College of Agriculture and Forestry (BUCAF) entitled, “Technology Development and Promotion for the Conservation, Production and Commercialization of Indigenous Organic Upland Rice in Selected Areas in the Bicol Region” (Bicol Upland Rice Project) conducted a Training Workshop on Postharvest Quality Management and Marketing of Upland Rice on October 19, 2016 at Barangay Oma-oma, Ligao City.

The training, attended by 50 upland rice farmers, aimed to provide knowledge and skills on different post-harvest technologies on upland rice including packaging and pricing. Accordingly, the topics discussed include: Concept and principles of agricultural product commercialization, Post harvest handling and packaging technology for upland rice, and Marketing and Pricing of Upland Rice Product. For the hands-on activity, the following were done: determining the different grades of milled upland rice, packing rice for market, and determining the marketable price of the product.

The farmer-participants are members of Farmers Associations from the two upland barangays of the City, covered by the said Project: Abella and Oma-oma. These barangays traditionally grow various cultivars of indigenous upland rice as one of their major produce. The team from BUCAF,

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System Trainer”.

The BU Extension Service Center with its Director Dr. Antonio Payonga and Prof. Rowena Zoilo, event coordinator worked collaboratively with the BU Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, through Dr. Helen Llenaresas, Global Linkage Office director Dr. Jocelyn Bartolota, Research and Development Center director Prof. Ronnel R. Dioneda Sr. and College of Education faculty staff in realizing the event.

It is worth noting that in their

messages, Legazpi City Mayor Hon. Noel Rosal said “BU has been in the forefront of innovation and research with countless activities and collaborative undertakings in the past meant to improve educational programs and mentor’s proficiency in which this event can advocate knowledge sharing through collaboration across and beyond borders”. For her part, Vice President for Administration Dr. Amelia Dorosan, in lieu of BU President encouraged each one “ there should be a free flow of information and knowledge to

be relevant and useful to enable transformation into agents of change to produce leaders for bright future”. Prof. Macer affirming functional networking said “we should elaborate wisdom in thinking globalization, education, knowledge, technologies to meet people of the world to create decolonized university”.
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led by Dr. Antonio P. Payonga, the Project Leader, include Dr. Marissa N. Estrella, Project Staff, Angela Joy F. Ragos, Project Research Assistant and Dr. Sylva Elena B. Payonga, faculty member of the Department of Agri-Business of BUCAF, as one of the resource persons.

.As agreed upon and as an output of the training, the Farmers Association of the two barangays will manage the collection, packaging and marketing of upland rice produce for its sustained commercialization. Marketing of the products is targeted to start the coming month of November this year with the BU community as the initial target market..

Bicol Upland Rice Project is a two-year research cum extension undertaking that started in February, 2915 with funding support from the Bureau of Agricultural Research of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BAR) in line with the government’s agenda on food sufficiency and sustained income generation of farming communities.
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