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Post-Conference Report on the 12th IFCC General Conference  
Madrid, Spain, March 19-21, 2016

The 3-day IFCC General Conference recently held in Madrid, Spain last March 18-21, 2016, undoubtedly provided the member countries and participants with rich insights on the various aspects where IFCC operates. It gave clearer vision on the objectives and strategic direction that it wants to achieve. It conveyed the meaningful message of collaboration, mutual understanding and unity. It underscored the value of being together in order to achieve more.

As a Travel Scholarship Grantee, I am very grateful that I was given the chance to be part of this important gathering of scientists and renowned personalities from all over the world where I was able to better understand and appreciate how laboratory professionals work together and exchange important knowledge and ideas in improving the healthcare delivery system particularly on laboratory services.

It equipped me with fresh and brighter strategies which can be very helpful in implementing the relevant programs of our national organization, the Philippine Association of Medical Technologists where I am currently the National President.

The General Conference was a very good platform in order for member countries to see the wider perspective wherein numerous opportunities are available for laboratory professionals worldwide through IFCC.

The line-up of activities from general meetings, scientific sessions and even social events were very productive and fruitful in terms of updating the participants on latest trends in laboratory science particularly in Clinical Chemistry. It was also an excellent venue to interact with other members who came from different countries worldwide.

The linkages and networking component of the conference strengthened the ties among everyone and could serve as effective tool to better see what is happening globally and what are best practices that can be used as benchmarks in different countries.

Back home, I am pleased to inform IFCC that I have started disseminating the information and knowledge I acquired out of the General Conference.

Specifically, I shared the information I acquired to our national Board which was warmly received. I also convened our Regional Directors to keep them aware on how our organization can better participate and benefit from the various projects and programs of IFCC. Such information will be cascaded to the different chapters nationwide and will be relayed to our thousands of members.

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I have started advocating research by promoting the A Guide to Conducting Research in Clinical Laboratories published by IFCC. That is a very useful reference material for our young scientists who are inclined and engaged in research. After asking permission from one of its authors Dr. Endang Hoyaranda from Indonesia , I plan to reproduce copies of the handbook and distribute it to our members.

Inspired by IFCC's Young Scientist Program, we will be launching a similar program in the Philippines in order to encourage new breed of laboratory professionals to get involve in various scientific activities such as research studies, workshops, trainings and post-graduate programs.

We will also take advantage of the Visiting Lecturer Program being offered by IFCC in order to provide the latest trends to our members through international experts.

The conference also provided us with renewed interest and commitment to be more involved to the affairs of the association. Though my nomination for full membership to the Committee on Laboratory Management, I offered myself to be a Corresponding Member with a wish that hopefully in the future, members from developing countries be given equal opportunity to work in different committees of IFCC in order to encourage more participation.

These and more are results of my attendance to the General Conference.

Rest assured that me and our association, PAMET will continue to be actively involved in IFCC and commits its support to achieve its aspiration of delivering the highest standard of quality in laboratory science.

My best wishes and my heartfelt thanks for the Travel Scholarship Award.

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