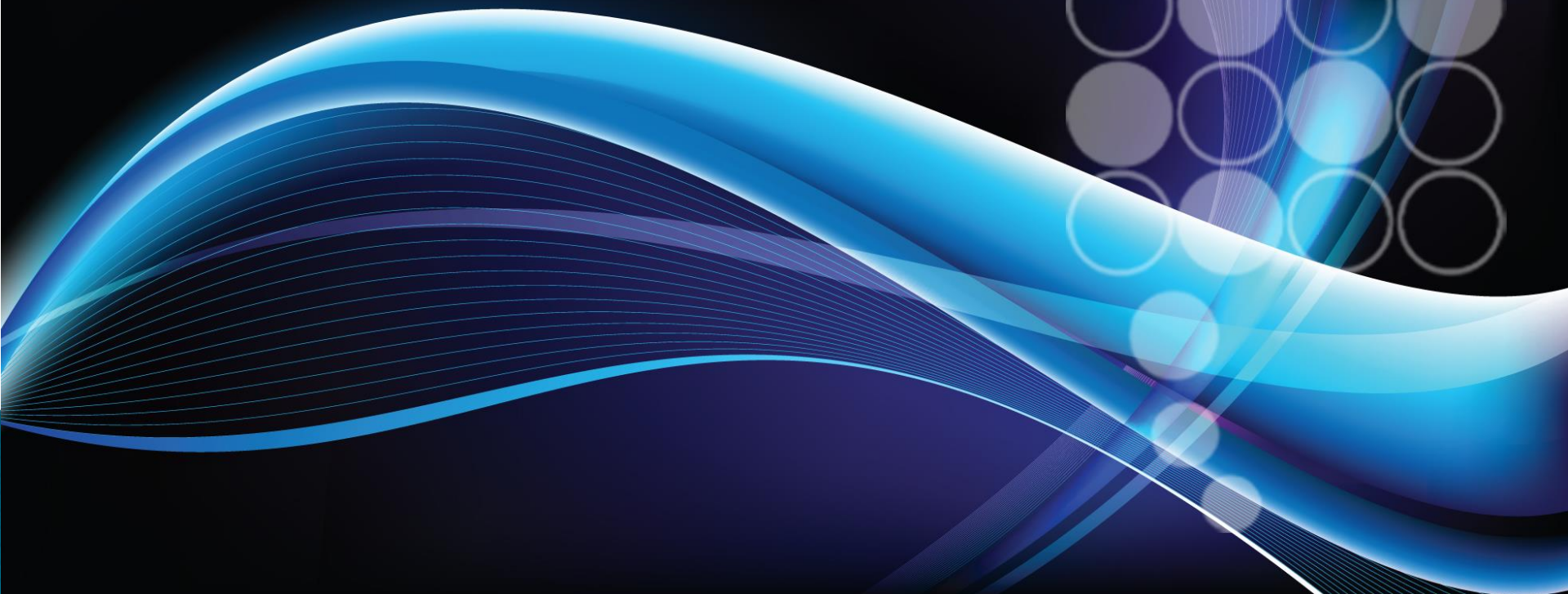


7th Philippine National Health Research System Week

Plaza del Norte Hotel and Convention Center
August 7-9, 2013



Attendance

- ▶ Day 1: 490
- ▶ Day 2: 550

Sessions

▶ Day 1

- Ethics in Health Research
- Student Research Competition
- Indigenous Peoples Health: Research Challenges in IP Communities
- Mentoring Session on National Peer Review, Editing and Train the Trainers
- Regional Project Staff and Regional Health Research and Development Consortium (RHRDC) Coordinators' Meeting
- Roundtable Discussion on Health System Shapers: The Role of Researcher in achieving Universal Healthcare

Sessions

▶ Day 2

- Opening of Exhibits & Opening Ceremonies
- Plenary 1: Research for People's Health
- Regional Research Paper Oral Competition (Professional Category)

▶ Day 3

- Plenary 2: Generating More Quality Proposals
- Special Awards

Highlights & Action Points

▶ **Ethics in Health Research**

- It is important to establish a network among other Ethics Review Committees (ERCs).
- Develop a monitoring system to see how the other ERCs perform. Embark on self-assessment or external independent assessment to improve the quality of research ethics system
- Establish a mechanism by which feedback can be obtained regarding the ERCs
- Quality improvement of research ethics system can be facilitated by assessing indicators of research ethics standards/attributes.

Highlights & Action Points

- ▶ **Indigenous Peoples Health: Research Challenges in IP Communities**
 - Arrange a meeting with the NCIP and come up with practical solutions to difficulties experienced by researchers in conducting researches involving IP communities.
 - Involve the LGUs in the research process – inform the LGUs on the plan to conduct research so they could assist; and coordinate the results with them as well.
 - Researchers should see to it that the participants (IPs) are benefitted from the research. They must be considered as partners and considered as “co-owners” of the research and be entitled with any benefits that may be obtained from research.
 - Partner with policy makers and recognize the possibility of marrying research outputs and indigenous practices.

Highlights & Action Points

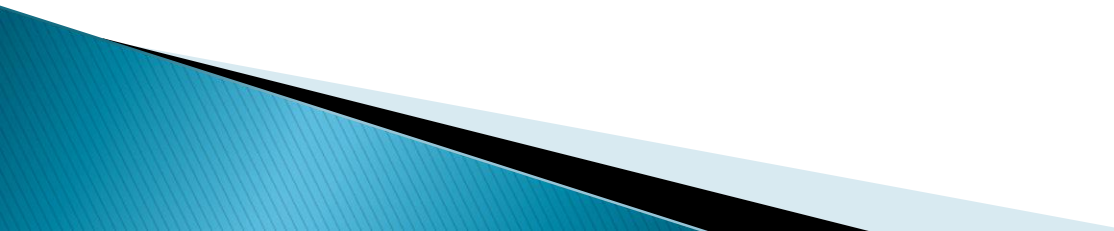
- ▶ **Mentoring Session on National Peer Review, Editing and Train the Trainers**
 - The session highlighted the importance for journals use peer review, which promotes originality, academic rigour and improves critical thinking/writing skills of editors, reviewers, authors (mechanism for improvement of manuscripts)
 - It is important to be very particular with details; otherwise readers might question the accuracy of the paper's content.
 - Make additional explanations in the write up to avoid/minimize confusion or questions from readers.

Highlights & Action Points

- ▶ **Roundtable Discussion on Health System Shapers: The Role of Researcher in achieving Universal Healthcare**
- ▶ The participants were divided into groups to discuss answers to the following:
 - How is UHC being implemented in the locality
 - Current efforts in research
 - Contribution to advancing UHC and other DOH programs
 - Current issues in implementing research
 - Possible solutions to these challenges

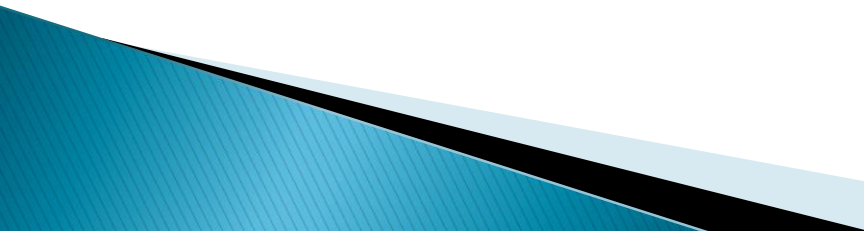
Highlights & Action Points

- ▶ **Student Research Competition**
 - ▶ 8 researches from different regions were presented

 - ▶ **Regional Research Paper Oral Competition (Professional Category)**
 - ▶ 6 researches from different regions were presented
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Highlights & Action Points

▶ **Plenary 1: Research for People's Health**

- ▶ 2014 is the year of health; as the health research community will be receiving more funds – 2% from DOH MOOE, from sin tax, and from PNHRs law
 - ▶ UHC must be available, accessible, and appropriate for all Filipinos
 - ▶ Marginalized communities, especially IPs, should not be left behind just because they are hard to reach
 - ▶ Focus at sustaining partnerships at the LGU level
 - ▶ Engage in more action research
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In summary

- ▶ There is a strong call for collaboration – have more researches coming from the ground.
 - ▶ Involve people in meaningful policies, and provide prompt and appropriate response to people's health needs.
 - ▶ Prepare for the challenge of communicating the work done and facilitating equitable access for all.
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