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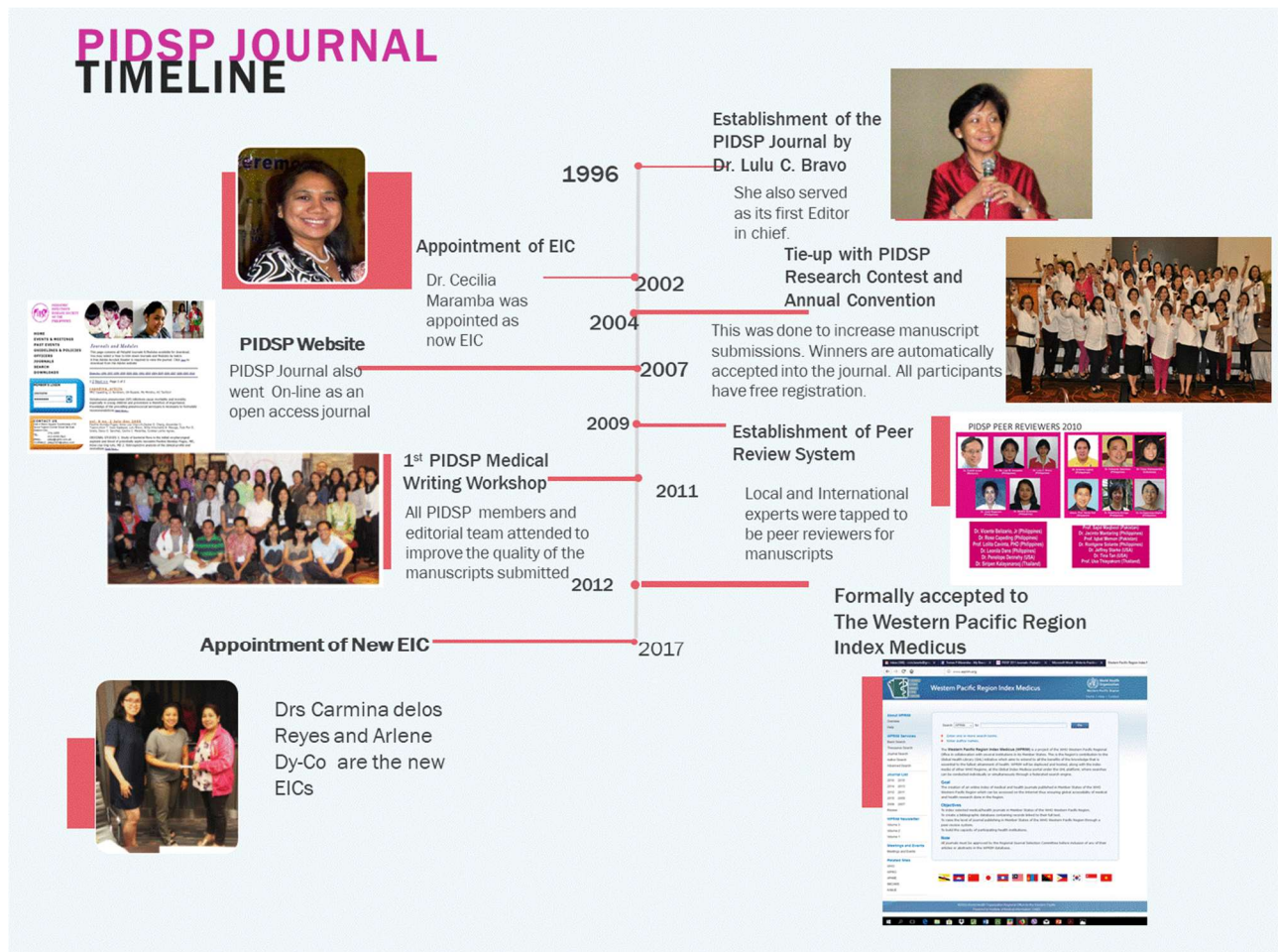
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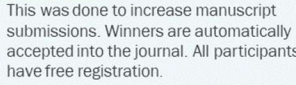



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The PIDSP Journal has been a great part of my life for the past 14 years. This is why I have conflicting emotions as I relinquish my post with this last issue. I am happy to be rid of the tedious work involved in preparing each issue. Yet, I am also sad to leave behind performing tasks I have a passion for as well as no longer experiencing the quintessential satisfaction when an issue is completed and made available online. It was my decision, of course, which was arrived at after a long period of soul-searching.


How did I get to this position? As a young consultant, under the mentorship of Dr. Lulu C. Bravo, she asked me to be the Editor in chief because she needed to move on to create bigger entities such as the Philippine Foundation for Vaccination and the Immunization Partners in Asia-Pacific. The PIDSP Journal was her brainchild which she created in 1996. Its objective was to provide Filipino practitioners the all-important local data which is essential in the management of infectious diseases in children.

PIDSP JOURNAL TIMELINE



- 1996** Establishment of the PIDSP Journal by Dr. Lulu C. Bravo. She also served as its first Editor in chief. 
- 2002** Appointment of EIC Dr. Cecilia Maramba was appointed as now EIC. 
- 2004** Tie-up with PIDSP Research Contest and Annual Convention. 
- 2007** PIDSP Website. PIDSP Journal also went On-line as an open access journal. 
- 2009** Establishment of Peer Review System. This was done to increase manuscript submissions. Winners are automatically accepted into the journal. All participants have free registration. 
- 2011** Local and International experts were tapped to be peer reviewers for manuscripts. 
- 2012** 1st PIDSP Medical Writing Workshop. All PIDSP members and editorial team attended to improve the quality of the manuscripts submitted. 
- 2017** Appointment of New EIC. Drs Carmina delos Reyes and Arlene Dy-Co are the new EICs. 

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I can honestly say I had a positive overall experience being the EIC and I would encourage others to join this field. Of course, there were numerous challenges. But, I have learned so much during my watch as EIC. Becoming skilled at medical writing, understanding the editorial procedures, revising the peer review process and scrutinizing publication ethics and standards. I have made and maintained many new friends both locally and in Asia because of this position. The moral and financial support of the board members never wavered even as the presidents and officers changed through the years, of which I am most appreciative. I am also indebted to our editorial staff including our Journal Manager and Copy Editor, Rea Epistola-Uy, our other editorial board members (Nancy Bermal, MD, Gyneth Bibera, MD, Mary Anne Bunyi, MD, Elizabeth Gallardo, MD, Jonathan Lim, MD, Xenia Cathrine Fabay, MD, Fatima Jimenez, MD, Nanette Cuady-Madrid, MD, Maria Estrella Balao-Litam, MD, MBA-H, Belle Ranile, MD, Xenia Catherine J. Fabay, MD) and our secretarial staff, Mary, and Jhen

IN GOOD HANDS

This editorial was intended to introduce you to the new editors. (Yes, there are two of them as no one wanted to take the job solo!) They were handpicked because of their excellent performance on the editorial board for several years. Dr. Carmina Delos Reyes, MD or Minette, is a soft-spoken, but effective and organized training officer of the Fellowship program of the Infectious and Tropical Disease Section of the UP-PGH. She is also affiliated with several hospitals such as the Lung Center of the Philippines. Dr. Arlene Dy-Co is statuesque, yet systematic and successful clinician in several tertiary care hospitals such as the Philippine Children’s Medical Center. These women both have all the qualities to continue the goals of the journal as well as to further create innovations to push this journal

to have a presence in Asia. As requested, I will still serve as Adviser to this publication

So as to not overstay in this position, I will bid adieu to my virtual editor’s office, feeling confident that the best years are yet to come for the PIDSP journal.



Above, from L-R: Rea Uy-Epistola (Journal Manager and Copy editor), Carmina delos Reyes, MD (2017 Editor in Chief), Arlene Dy-Co (2017 Editor in chief), Fatima Gimenez, MD (Editorial Board), Cecilia C. Maramba-Lazarte, MD (Editor in chief 2002-2016).

Below from L-R: Mary Ann Bunyi, MD (Editorial Board), Arlene Dy-Co (2017 Editor in chief), Carmina delos Reyes, MD (2017 Editor in Chief) Fatima Gimenez, MD (Editorial Board), Cecilia C. Maramba-Lazarte, MD (Editor in chief 2002-2016).

