

Historic Vigan By Rose Robles

Attended by almost 90 participants from different public and private institutions, a National Seminar-Workshop on “Strategic Organization and Management of Archival Programs” was held at the Multi Media Room of St. Paul College of Ilocos Sur, Bantay, Ilocos Sur last March 21-23, 2005.

The invocation was led by Sr. Ignatius R. Tal Placido, SPC and we were welcomed by Sr. Marie Celine P. Santos, SPC, Directress of St. Paul College of Ilocos Sur. Invited resource speakers were Ms. Salvacion M. Arlante on the topic “Introduction to Archival Principles and Standards of Practice”, and “Arrangement and Description of Archival and Historical Records”. On “IT Training for Practicing Archivists”, the resource speaker was Mr. Edgardo B. Quiros. Ms. Claudine Chamen-Castaneda talked on “Archival Perspectives in Digital Preservation”, Mr. Fernando Ampatin on “Administration of Photographic Collection,” and Ms. Fe Angela M. Verzosa on “Security Management and Disaster Preparedness for Archival Collections”. The panel discussions on “Strategic Collaboration among Libraries, Archives and Museums” were moderated by Ms. Verzosa and Mrs. Arlante. Product presentation was provided by SWETS Information Services Regional Manager, Mr. Wim Van der Putten. Exhibitors were Info Ed and ABS.

On the third day of the seminar, the participants toured the Libraries and museums in Vigan, visited the **Archbishop's Palace**, the only surviving 18th century arzobispado, which houses the Museo Nueva Segovia where ecclesiastical artifacts and relics are displayed. Also part of the cultural tour was a visit to the **Burgos Museum**, the ancestral home of Fr. Jose P. Burgos which houses an extensive collection of Ilocano artifacts, the **Provincial Jail**, where former President Elpidio Quirino was born, and the **Crisologo Museum**. One of

Vigan's most prominent families, the Crisologos, converted their house into a museum, and a mini souvenir shop on the first floor. Some participants went to the Burnayan, where traditional jars were made and the seat of Vigan's jar making industry.

The participants and guests stayed at Gordion Inn and Villa Angela Heritage house. Everyone went home with a nostalgic remembrance of the historic Vigan.