PAARL SARANGANI CONFERENCE

PAARL conducted a summer national conference in cooperation with Soccsksargen Librarians Association on the theme “The Role of Libraries and Library Professionals in E-Learning: Issues and Concerns” on April 19-21, 2004 at Isla Parilla Resort, Alabel, Sarangani Province.

The topics covered the following: for Session 1 – Panel Lecture-Discussion on Empowering the Library Users for the Disadvantaged Library, with Mr. Arturo O. Barbosa (Library Director of the Mindanao State University at Fatima Campus, GenSan) and Ms. Fraulein A. Oclarit (Faculty of Library Science Department, Notre Dame University, Koronadal); for Session 2 – Marketing and Promotion for Libraries, Big and Small with speaker Ms. Rainera C. Boholst (Chief Librarian, Cebu Institute of Technology); for Session 3 – The Management of E-Libraries: the Mindanao Experience with speaker Mrs. Victoria R. Santos (Library Director of Notre Dame of Dadiangas College); for Session 4 – Flexible Library Services: Revolutionizing our Readers with speaker Dr. Marianita D. Dablio (faculty member of Mindanao State University, Marawi City); for Session 5 – The Academic Library Users’ Expectations and Needs in the Digital Age with speaker Mr. Jozon A. Lorenzana (faculty member, Department of Communication, School of Social Sciences, Ateneo de Manila University); for Session 6 – The Philippine E-Library Project and E-Learning with speaker Mrs. Prudenciana C. Cruz (Director of the National Library of the Philippines); for Session 7 – Library Education and Training: Where Do We Go From Here? With speaker Mrs. Corazon M. Nera (Director of Libraries, Lyceum of the Philippines); and for Session 8 – Keeping the Balance: Traditional vs. Electronic with speaker Ms. Sharon Henry (Chief Librarian of the Asian Development Bank). The final session was a panel discussion on RA 9246: Modernizing the Practice of Librarianship: Issues and Concerns by Mrs. Corazon M. Nera, who also talked on the new CPE Guidelines.

The conference was attended by participants coming from as far as the University of St. Louis, Tuguegarao City; Philippine Military Academy, Baguio City; Central Luzon State University, Nueva Ecija; Ateneo de Manila University; Centro Escolar University; Lyceum of the Philippines; Philippine Women’s University; San Beda College; University of the Philippines; University of Manila; University of Sto. Tomas; and neighboring provinces such as Bukidnon, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, and Zamboanga.