



Verzosa Presents Paper in Vienna

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Fe Angela M. Verzosa, DLSU Archivist, and PAARL President (2000 and 2004), presented her paper entitled "Increasing access to archival knowledge through archival cooperation and partnerships: a proposal for enhancing networking and linkage capabilities among academic archives in developing countries" at the International Council on Archives- Section on University and Research Institutions (ICA-SUV) Conference on the theme "10 Years of SUV: Past Achievements, Future Strategies". The conference was held at Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria last August 20-21, 2004 in conjunction with the ICA's 15th International Congress in Vienna, August 23-29, 2004.

Verzosa is cognizant of the fact that the SUV has grown over a period of ten years and has been successful in the fulfillment of its primary objective of strengthening relations among its members who are academic archivists in universities and research institutions thru the holding of annual seminars and conferences. However, she commented that little has been done towards the promotion of a very important association objective, i.e., archival cooperation in the fields of documentation, bibliographic access, digitization, open access scholarly publishing, and related activities that would enhance the networking and linkage capabilities among academic archivists, particularly those in the disadvantaged regions as well as in developing nations. The strategic development of archives in these areas through collaboration, partnering schemes, and networking can create an information-rich environment, and wide opportunities to benefit from shared information resources. She contends that part of the success of ICA-SUV will largely depend on how well its members can exploit these networking opportunities, and contribute to the development and growth of archival knowledge on a global scale. Her paper focused on bringing out the spirit of cooperation among the members by promoting the development of sustainable short-term projects that are doable and mutually beneficial, and thereby contribute to the increased access to archival knowledge.