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26th ANNUAL REGIONAL CONVENTION AND SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The Philippine Society of Microbiology – Northern Luzon (PSM-NL) will conduct its 26th Annual Regional Convention and Scientific Meeting on March 26-27, 2026 and Philippine Microbiology Olympiad – Regional Round on March 25, 2026 at the Pampanga State Agricultural University in Magalang, Pampanga with the theme “Harnessing Microbial Power: Strengthening Ecosystems and Communities in the North”.

The activity aims to provide eco-friendly and sustainable solutions for revitalizing ecosystems and communities through bioremediation of contaminated areas, enhancing soil fertility and health, accelerating ecological restoration, and other microbiology-related operations.

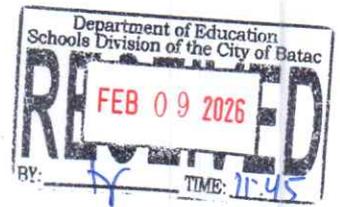
Relative to this, all public and private secondary schools of the Schools Division of the City of Batac are encouraged to participate in the activity on a voluntary basis.

All precautionary and safety measures must be strictly observed and implemented during participation to the activity to ensure the protection and safety of all students and teachers. Likewise, the activity should be guided by DepEd guidelines and guidelines for the off-campus activity and DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled “Instituting Measures to Increased Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.

For further details and queries, please see the letter from the Secretariat of PSM-NL herein attached.

For information.


CID-GE/26th Annual Regional Convention and Scientific Meeting
2602379/26008/February 19, 2026



February 3, 2026

MR. ANSELMO R. ALUDINO, CESO V

School Division Superintendent of Batac City
Asuncion Street, 16-C S. Quiling Sur,
City of Batac, Ilocos Norte

Dear Mr. Aludino:

A blissful new year to you!

The Philippine Society for Microbiology-Northern Luzon (PSM-NL) Chapter will be holding its 26th Annual Regional Convention and Scientific Meeting on **March 26-27, 2026** (Thursday-Friday) and Philippine Microbiology Olympiad-Regional Round on **March 25, 2026** (Wednesday) at the **Pampanga State Agricultural University** in Magalang, Pampanga. The theme of the convention, "**Harnessing Microbial Power: Strengthening Ecosystems and Communities in the North**", focuses on providing eco-friendly and sustainable solutions for revitalizing ecosystems and communities through bioremediation of contaminated areas, enhancing soil fertility and health, accelerating ecological restoration, and other microbiology-related operations. We have five plenary speakers for this year and these are:

1. DR. ANGELO B. BAÑARES
Balik Scientist, Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging
Technology Research and Development
2. DR. JAMES PAUL T. MADIGAL
Director, National Bioenergy Research and Innovation Center, Mariano
Marcos State University
3. DR. MARIA AUXILIA T. SIRINGAN
Head, Microbiological Research and Services Laboratory, Natural Sciences
Research Institute, University of the Philippines Diliman
4. DR. MARIE CHRISTINE M. OBUSAN
Professor, Institute of Biology, University of the Philippines Diliman
5. DR. THOMAS EDISON E. DELA CRUZ
Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Santo Tomas

The regional convention will also have **oral paper competition for professionals/graduate students** and **poster competition for undergraduate** (college and HS) students. The **olympiad**, on the other hand, has two categories—**individual and team of three members—for college** students. The guidelines for the oral/poster competitions and olympiad are attached herewith and the registration links are as follows:

Regional Convention (including abstract submission for oral/poster competitions)

<https://forms.gle/fJLr7tVN5Wg7RSv58>



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In this regard, may we invite your faculty members, researchers, and students to participate at the 26th PSM-NL Regional Convention and Microbiology Olympiad on March 25 to 27, 2026.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

The Secretariat

Philippine Society for Microbiology
Northern Luzon Chapter



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**26th Regional Convention and Scientific Meeting
Pampanga State Agricultural University
March 26-27, 2026**

**ORAL PAPER COMPETITION IN MICROBIOLOGY
Graduate student/Professional Category**

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

I. Abstract Submission

1. All entries shall be submitted via Google Form in the pre-registration link provided. Each abstract shall be created in portable document format (.pdf) with the file naming convention without angle brackets (< and >):

<SURNAME>_ABSTRACT_ORAL2026

It shall contain the title, author/s, body of up to two hundred (200) words only, and keywords.

Deadline of submission shall be February 20, 2026

2. Authors whose entries are accepted for oral or poster presentations will be notified and shall submit to their expanded abstract **PSM-NL secretariat at psm_nl18@yahoo.com** in the same format (.pdf) with the file naming convention without angle brackets (< and >):

<SURNAME>_EXPANDED_ORAL2026

Deadline of submission shall be February 29, 2026

II. Oral Presentation

1. Qualified oral presenters shall submit copies of PowerPoint Presentations during the REGISTRATION PERIOD before the contest proper using the file naming convention (without angle brackets):

<SURNAME>_PPT2026

2. The presentation shall be done within fifteen (15) minutes only and shall include: (1) background of the study, (2) objectives, (3) methodology, (4) results and (5) conclusion.
3. The following time cards will be flashed, 5 minutes left, 2 minutes left, TIMES UP.
4. After 15 minutes, another fifteen (15) minutes shall be allotted for the question and answer (Q & A) session from the board of judges (officers of PSM, Inc. and PSM-NL Board of Directors).
5. Presenters shall be dressed in decent casual wear.

III. Criteria for Judging

A. Scientific thought- 40%

- Application of research methods
- Establishment of concrete results
- Cohesiveness of the research

B. Content of the presentation- 30%

- Organization
- Clarity
- Design

C. Delivery of the Presentation- 20%

- Self-confidence
- Grammar and fluency
- Q&A

D. Overall impact - 10%

- Significance of the work in the society
- Relevance of the research



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POSTER COMPETITION IN MICROBIOLOGY
High School/Undergraduate Category

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

I. Abstract Submission

1. All entries shall be submitted via Google Form in the pre-registration provided. Each abstract shall be in portable document format (.pdf) with the file naming convention:
<SURNAME>_ABSTRACT_POSTER2026
It shall contain the title, name/s of author/s, a body of up to two hundred (200) words only, and keyword/s. **Deadline of submission shall be February 20, 2026**
2. Once entries for oral and/or poster presentations are accepted, author/s will be notified and shall submit to **PSM-NL secretariat at psm_nl18@yahoo.com their expanded abstract** in the same format (.pdf) with the file naming convention:
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II. Poster Presentation

A. Format

A poster shall answer three (3) attributes. It shall be attractive or eye-catching, well prepared and self-explanatory. It shall, in one passing, give the readers one or two important conclusions; hence, it shall only present one or two major ideas. It shall not overwhelm the audience with too many data or explanations. Caption of texts of the posters shall give outright interpretations and significance of results of the study. The message shall be encapsulated in one poster only.

The following are the specific guidelines for the preparation of poster.

Size: Use a standard **30 in x 40 in (75 cm x 100 cm)** size. Poster must be converted to JPEG format for uploading during the poster pitch presentation.

Orientation: The poster shall be laid out in portrait orientation.

Title and Author/Agency. The title shall occupy the top portion of the poster. The author/agency and the agency's seal/logo, shall occupy the bottom part, either right or left depending on the discretion of the artist.

Type or Letter Size. Use a simple type face for the title with a maximum height of 5 cm (2") and a minimum of 3.75 cm (1.5"), **bold or medium**. Capital letters or a combination of caps and lower cases (capital and small) can be used for the title. On the other hand, font size for the body text/caption shall be at least a 1.5 cm (0.6").

Body Texts/Caption. Minimize words, maximize visuals.

Illustration/Photographs. Illustrations and photographs are allowed. They shall, however, be clearly visible within 2 m distance. Hence, size of photographs shall at least be 5R (5"x10"). However, 3R photographs can be used if collaged.

Colors. Limit the number of colors to be used into three, except for the picture.



B. Guidelines of the Presentation

The presenting author with their co-authors (if present) must proceed to their respective poster for evaluation. Panel of evaluators will ask random questions from the presenters.

III. Criteria for Judging

A. Content - 50%

- Features a breakthrough or an important technology emphasizing its economic benefits
- Message is relevant to the needs of the target audience
- Message has comfortable rhythm, uses common words/terms not cluttered by complex details or technical expressions
- *Message is presented in short and easily understood sentences*
- Relevant data are complete and sufficient

B. Design - 20%

- Appropriateness of the visuals and layout
- Clarity of visual/photos and typefaces used
- Coherence of the elements presented

C. Q and A- 20%

- Self-confidence
- Grammar and fluency

D. Overall impact - 10%

- Relevance of the research in the new normal
- Significance of the work in the society