

Philippine League Against Epilepsy 2021-2022 Report

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Officer Election Date: October 2021

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 19 January 2022: Strategic Planning
- 14 February 2022: International Epilepsy Awareness Day celebration
- “Epilepsy TikTok Challenge Philippines”: The challenge involved submitting either a story time about the person with epilepsy’s experience with epilepsy (Epilepsy Warrior) or a TikTok dance to the music entitled “Happy Lepsy”, a song about epilepsy
- 24, 31 May 2022: The Ketogenic Diet Educational Series involved teaching participants on the principles and manner of preparing a ketogenic diet specifically for the treatment of epilepsy
- 25 June 2022: Epilepsy Exemplar Awards
 - This activity paid tribute to persons with epilepsy with exemplary achievements in their own fields either career-wise or in school
 - There were three pediatric and three adult winners from the three main islands of the Philippines, each of whom received PhP 25,000
 - The keynote speaker and one of the judges were previous Exemplar Awardees
- 4, 11, 18, 25 August 2022: Philippine League Against Epilepsy Lecture Series about epilepsy designed for neurologists and other physicians
- 3 – 9 September 2022: 21st National Epilepsy Awareness Week Celebration
 - Bridging the Gaps in Epilepsy Care: The Silver Lining - This lecture series aimed to educate the lay and other general physicians about epilepsy, including their rights, responsibilities, and privileges

- Each day had about 2-3 hours of lectures from various speakers from the different neurology training hospitals in the country
- 10 September 2022: Philippine League Against Epilepsy 25th Founding Anniversary Celebration was held in Seda Vertis North with multiple virtual parties all over the Philippines
- Resource speaker/institution for lobbying towards rational use of cannabis for epilepsy (meetings with the Congress committee regarding the Medical Marijuana Act)
- Collaboration with the Department of Health regarding the Mental Health Gap Action Program (mhGAP)
- Philippine League Against Epilepsy Biennial Congress 2024 planning

CHALLENGES FACED IN 2021 AND 2022

- Limited face-to-face meetings due to lack of funding and COVID-19 restrictions
- Four out of the five officers are all newly elected and were never before in any committees of the Philippine League Against Epilepsy

FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023

- Epilepsy Awareness Day Celebration
- Philippine League Against Epilepsy Biennial congress in September 2023

MEETINGS

August 2022 - Business Meeting



Epilepsy TikTok Challenge



2022 Epilepsy Exemplar Awards



25th Anniversary of the Philippine League Against Epilepsy

2022 Epilepsy Awareness Week

DAY 1: KARAPATAN AT EPILEPSY

Moderators: Dr. Marilyn Ortiz and Dr. Joyce Ann Macasaet-Smit

Speakers: Dr. Leonor Cabral-Lim, Ms. Frances Prescilla Cuevas and Dr. Jeannie Marie Ahorro

Participants: Zoom 146, FB Livestream 40



PHILIPPINE LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY
25th Founding Anniversary

**Bridging the Gaps
in Epilepsy Care:
THE SILVER LINING**

21st National Epilepsy
Awareness Week Celebration

SEPTEMBER 3: DAY 1

KARAPATAN AT EPILEPSY
Mga Tagapangulo at Tagapamagitan: Dr. Malen Ortiz and Dr. Joyce Ann Macasaet-Smit

5:15-5:30 pm	PANIMULA AT PAGPAPAKILALA NG MGA TAGAPAGSALITA Dr. Joyce Ann Macasaet-Smit
5:30-5:50pm	MGA KARAPATAN NG MGA TAONG MAY EPILEPSY (PWES) Dr. Leonor I. Cabral-Lim Chair, PLAE mhGAP Task Force on Epilepsy
5:50-6:10pm	ANG EPILEPSY SA PAMBANSANG SISTEMA NG PANGANGALAGA NG KALUSUGAN Ms. Frances Prescilla L. Cuevas Former Chief Health Program Officer Disease Prevention and Control Bureau Department of Health
6:10-6:30pm	PAGTATAG NG MGA GRUPO NG SUPORTA SA EPILEPSY Dr. Jeannie Marie A. Ahorro Pediatric Neurologist, Child Neuroscience Division Philippine Children's Medical Center
6:30-7:10pm	BUKAS NA TALAKAYAN Mga Tagapamagitan: Dr. Marilyn H. Ortiz & Dr. Joyce Ann Macasaet-Smit
7:10-7:15pm	HULING-PANGUNGUSAP Dr. Marilyn H. Ortiz



**21ST NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS WEEK CELEBRATION
BRIDGING THE GAPS IN EPILEPSY CARE: THE SILVER LINING
By Philippine League Against Epilepsy**

DAY 1: OPENING CEREMONIES

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21st National Epilepsy Awareness Week Celebration
SEPTEMBER 3-9, 2022 | 5PM

via **zoom** **LIVE**
fb.com/BeyondTheShake

Register using this QR Code

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5:00 - 5:15 PM **National Anthem**

Invocation

Opening Remarks - Dr. Katerina Tanya Gosiegngiao
President, PLAE

Message from DOH - Beverly C. Ho, MD, MPH
OIC-Undersecretary
Public Health Services Team
Director IV, Health Promotion Bureau
Department of Health

Overview of the Webinar Series - Dr. Joyce Ann Macasaet-Smit
Overall chair, National Epilepsy Awareness Week 2022

Report submitted by Bernadette Macrohon