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3RD PHILIPPINE SYMPOSIUM ON FRESHWATER BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS (PSFBE)

Attached is a letter from *Prof. Hendrik Freitag, Dr.rer.nat.*, Conference Chair, Philippine Society for Freshwater Science dated February 12, 2020, re: **3rd Philippine Symposium on Freshwater Biodiversity and Ecosystems (PSFBE) on November 4-7, 2020** at the Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, content of which is self-explanatory, for information and appropriate action.

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Dear **Dr. Gayola**:

Greetings! The Philippine Society for Freshwater Science is an organization that aims to promote scientific knowledge, contribute to the development of education, and advocate for the advancement scientific investigations in the frontiers of freshwater science or related fields. With this vision in mind, the Department of Biology of the Ateneo de Manila University will host the **3rd Philippine Symposium on Freshwater Biodiversity and Ecosystems (PSFBE)** on **November 4-7, 2020** at the **Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City**. With the theme "**Challenges and prospects for freshwater science at the end of UN Decade on Biodiversity**", PSFBE2020 will serve as an avenue for sharing of updated knowledge on the biodiversity and ecology of freshwater environments in the Philippines and the rest of tropical Asia. In addition, the conference will serve as a platform for networking with researchers on limnology, freshwater ecology, biodiversity, and conservation biology from around the world.

For this year's conference, ***we are opening our doors to high school student participants*** who want to present their research outputs. To honor the exemplary works of our high school participants, we have set up the Best Poster Presentation – High School Category awards. Additionally, authors of accepted papers will also be invited to submit full papers for publication in a special issue of the *Philippine Journal of Systematic Biology*, a Scopus-indexed publication.

In line with this, we cordially invite your students and faculty members ***to submit abstracts for poster or oral (non-competing) presentation in PSFBE2020***. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is on **May 31, 2020**. Registration for non-presenting participants will also open around that time. Abstract submission and registration can be done through our website, <http://psfs.org.ph/>. We believe that participating in PSFBE2020 will supplement the students' Practical Research curriculum, as the conference will provide a snapshot of the actual on-goings in the scientific community. This conference is being organized together with the University of Santo Tomas, University of the Philippines Diliman, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), Department of Agriculture – National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI), and Association of Systematic Biologists of the Philippines (ASBP).

For inquiries and/or concerns, please contact the conference secretariat at psfbesecretariat@gmail.com. Updates about the conference will be provided on the online platforms listed below. Thank you and we look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,


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PSFBE2020 Conference Chair


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