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Dear Sir/Madam:

Greetings!

The Visayas–Mindanao Consortium for Journal Publication (VMCJ) of the Republic of the Philippines will be hosting the **1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Methodological Advances in Research (ICMAR2018)** on July 24-26, 2018 at University of San Jose-Recoletos in Cebu City, Philippines with the theme **“Global Challenges through the Lens of Advanced Research Methods.”**

This conference aims to:

- ✓ Provide an avenue for researchers, scientists, educators, students, grassroots leaders, industry practitioners, and policy-makers in and non-government institutions to discuss and share findings and solutions using advanced research methods.
- ✓ Raise awareness on the latest world-changing researches attained through advanced methodologies.
- ✓ Bridge communication between and among individuals and institutions in the promotion of knowledge production through research.
- ✓ Create synergy among higher education institutions to overcome current and future issues baseting internationalization of research.

In this regard, we would like to invite your institution to partake in this conference by sending participants i.e. researchers, practitioners, educators, and students with studies under the following strands:

- ✓ Simulation and Modelling
- ✓ Data Mining and Multivariate Methods
- ✓ Theory Development Methods
- ✓ Other Research Methods

The chosen overall winners will receive certificates plus cash prizes of:

- ✓ 1st prize – 2,000 USD
- ✓ 2nd prize – 1,000 USD
- ✓ 3rd prize – 500.00 USD

Winners per category will also receive a certificate of recognition. You can find pertinent information regarding the conference at [www.icmar.vmcjpi.org](http://www.icmar.vmcjpi.org). For further queries, feel free to get in touch with us at [secretariat@vmcjpi.org](mailto:secretariat@vmcjpi.org) or [icmar2018@gmail.com](mailto:icmar2018@gmail.com).

We anticipate your favorable response to this invitation and hope to meet your participants in the Philippines.

Very truly yours,

  
FRANCIS ANN R. SY  
President,  
*Visayas-Mindanao Consortium for Journal Publication, Inc.*  
Vice-President  
*Office of Research, Development and Extension, Southern Leyte State University*

## PROGRAMME

DAY 1	July 23	
	0900 – 1700	ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
	1900	WELCOME DINNER W/ THE GUESTS
DAY 2	July 24	
	0830 – 0930	WELCOME PROGRAM
		INVOCATION
		PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM
		KEYNOTE SPEAKER
		<b>PROF. DARRYL RAYMUND JOHNSON MACER</b>
		Professor, American University of Sovereign Nations, USA
		WELCOME MESSAGE
		<b>REV. FR. CHRISTOPHER C. MASPARA, OAR</b>
		President, University of San Jose Recoletos, PH
		PRESENTATION OF PARTICIPANTS
		<b>DR. NESTOR C. SEDANZA</b>
		VP for Research & Extension, Leyte Normal University, PH
	0930 – 0945	SNACK BREAK
	0945 – 1145	PROGRAM PROPER
		INTRODUCTION OF DISCUSSANTS & MODERATOR
		<b>DR. JOY M. MIRASOL</b>
		VP for Research, Extension and Int'l Affairs, Bukidnon State University, PH
	1145 – 1200	REACTIONS
	1200 – 1300	LUNCH BREAK
	1300 – 1315	DISTRIBUTION OF PLAQUES
	1315 – 1800	PARALLEL SESSIONS
DAY 3	July 25	
	0800 – 1200	PARALLEL SESSIONS
	1200 – 1300	LUNCH BREAK
	1300 – 1600	PARALLEL SESSIONS
	1600 – 1700	CLOSING PROGRAM
		IMPRESSIONS
		DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES
		ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDEES
		CLOSING MESSAGE
		<b>DR. FRANCIS ANN R. SY</b>
		Consortium Chair / VP for RDE, Southern Leyte State University, PH
DAY 4	July 26	
	0900 – 1700	OPTIONAL TOURS

### DISCUSSANTS

**DR. RINTU BANERJEE**, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, IN  
**DR. DARRYL RAYMUND MACER**, Professor, American University of Sovereign Nations, USA  
**DR. ERIKA FILLE T. LEGARA**, Associate Professor, Asian Institute of Management, PH  
**DR. ANGEL ALCALA**, National Scientist of the Philippines and Professor Emeritus, Siliman University, PH

### MODERATOR

**DR. ROBERTO N. PADUA**, former Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education, PH

### REACTORS

**DR. VICTOR C. CAÑEZO, Jr.**, President, Naval State University, PH  
**DR. JUDE A. DUARTE**, President, Leyte Normal University, PH  
**DR. FILOMENA T. DAYAGBIL**, President, Cebu Normal University, PH

### MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**DR. MONNALIZA M. BOSQUE**, Instructor, Southern Leyte State University, PH

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The First International Conference on Methodological Advances in Research was conceived after two national research conferences on advanced research methodologies were held in Regions 7 and 8 in 2016 and 2017, respectively. Both conferences focused on fractal statistics, data mining and theory building, simulation and modeling, and multivariate methods.

These local initiatives reflect the strong determination of higher education institutions to break new ground in scientific investigation in this part of the world. The convergence of experts and avid researchers in this international conference will help institutions materialize the needed scaffolding for advanced methodologies to thrive and become useful in the academe and in communities. It is expected then that research practices across nations will strike more critical questions on the relevance of knowledge production to the world.

## PAPER ENTRY GUIDELINES

Abstracts should have a maximum of 150 words. Identify the paper's keywords, separated by a semicolon, and include the name(s) and title(s) of the author(s), institutional affiliation(s) and official email address(es) at the bottom of the page. All papers will undergo a double blind peer review. Notice of acceptance will be received not later than June 1-15, 2018.

Those whose abstracts are accepted for paper presentation will be requested to submit two copies of the full paper in Word and PDF format on or before June 16-30, 2018, following these guidelines:

1. Maximum of 5,000 words (excluding tables, figures and references)
2. APA Style of Referencing (6th edition)
3. Double-spaced, one-inch margin on all sides, page numbers at the bottom center of each page
6. Title, authors, institutional affiliation, email should be included in page 1
7. Graphs, and visuals can be reproduced electronically

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### Important Dates

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts	– May 30, 2018
Notification of Acceptance	– June 1-15, 2018
Submission of Full Paper	– June 16-30, 2018
Deadline for Early Bird Registration	– June 18, 2018

## REGISTRATION

Delegate	Early Bird Rate	Walk-In Rate
PROFESSIONALS	275 USD	300 USD
STUDENTS	175 USD	200 USD

In an international group delegation, for every five (5) participants, the 6<sup>th</sup> participant is free.

Fees are inclusive of conference kit, ID, access to all sessions, snacks and lunches and can be paid via wire transfer to:

Bank Name: **LANDBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
 Bank Branch: **Sogod, Southern Leyte, PH**  
 Account Name: **Visayas Mindanao Consortium for Journal Publication, Inc. (VMCJPI)**  
 Account Number: **3321-1243-98**  
 International Swift Code: **TLBPPHMM**

Email a copy of the wire transfer confirmation receipt to the secretariat. Alternative payment options can also be arranged. Official receipts will be provided on the date of the conference but an e-copy can be sent ahead upon request.

## ACCOMODATION OPTIONS and CONFERENCE LOCATION

The University of San Jose Recoletos is one of the oldest institutions in the Philippines situated in the heart of Cebu City in the Philippines. The nearest airport is Mactan International Airport in Lapu-Lapu City. Cebu City can also be accessed via boat from various islands in the country. Dubbed as the Queen City of the South, Cebu is a popular tourist destination in the Philippines, hence there is an abundance of accommodation options available for international delegates. Please get in touch with the secretariat to discuss these options and we will try our best to accommodate your preferences.



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## ABOUT VMCJPI

The Visayas-Mindanao Consortium for Journal Publication, Inc. is a non-stock corporation composed of higher education institutions in the Visayas and Mindanao areas in the Republic of the Philippines. It was established on January of 2016 with the purpose of establishing an organization of researchers, scientists and scholars to promote publication of quality academic journals with the following specific objectives:

- ✓ to facilitate the delivery of support mechanisms, such as but not limited to training and conferences to develop members' potentials and capabilities; and
- ✓ to affiliate, linkage and network with other institutions, local and international with similar purposes and objectives.

Current member HEIs:

- ✓ AgusanDel Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology
- ✓ Bohol Island State University
- ✓ Bukidnon State University
- ✓ Cebu Normal University
- ✓ Cebu Technological University
- ✓ Eastern Visayas State University
- ✓ Jose Rizal Memorial State University
- ✓ Leyte Normal University
- ✓ Naval State University
- ✓ Negros Oriental State University
- ✓ Northwestern Mindanao State College of Science and Technology
- ✓ Samar State University
- ✓ Southern Leyte State University
- ✓ Surigao Del Sur State University
- ✓ Surigao State College of Technology
- ✓ University of San Jose Recoletos

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- ✓ Vice President: **Angeline Pogoy**, Cebu Normal University
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Address your communication simply to **The Conference Secretariat** or specific committee members namely:

- Chairperson: **Francis Ann Sy, Ph.D.** President, VMCJPI  
Coordinators: **Joy Cotanda**, Philippine Coordinator  
**Anton Borines**, International Coordinator

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