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50TH SEMINAR SERIES ON FOOD AND NUTRITION RESEARCHES AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T) ACTIVITIES

To **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. Relative to the communication letter from the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) dated June 18, 2024, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division hereby announces the conduct of the 50th Seminar Series on Food and Nutrition Researches and Science and Technology (S&T) Activities with the theme, "The Golden Year of DOST-FNRI Seminar Series," on July 3-4, 2024 at the Sheraton Manila Hotel - 80 Andrews Avenue, Pasay City.
2. Participation in this seminar is entirely voluntary. Interested individuals can register via this link: https://fss.fnri.dost.gov.ph/fss_registration.php. The registration fee for the two-day event is Php 6,500.00, which covers the seminar kit and meals.
3. Please refer to the attached document for more information.
4. For inquiries, please contact Ms. Ma. Lilibeth P. Dasco or Ms. Glenda P. Azana at (02) 8837-8113 local 325 or through the email address fssdostfnri@gmail.com.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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June 18, 2024

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II

Regional Director
Department of Education, Region IV-A
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Dear **Director Escobarte**:

Warm greetings from the Department of Science and Technology – Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) and the FNRI Employees Association, Inc.!

The DOST-FNRI is committed to keeping the research dissemination culture alive by updating the public on the latest food and nutrition undertakings of the Institute through the **50th Seminar Series on Food and Nutrition Researches and Science and Technology (S&T) Activities**.

This year's theme, **"The Golden Year of DOST-FNRI Seminar Series"** will showcase the various R&D products and S&T services in the past year's completed studies. This has six (6) technical sessions and is being applied for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units set forth by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

The Seminar Series will be a two-day face-to-face event from **July 3 to 4, 2024** at the **Sheraton Manila Hotel** - 80 Andrews Avenue, Pasay City (**in front of NAIA Terminal 3**). It will be participated in by government officials, food industry partners, entrepreneurs, nutritionist-dietitians, nutrition workers, public health practitioners, members of the academe, research organizations, nutrition allies in the medical fields, and media practitioners.

In this connection, we are inviting you and your staff to attend this milestone event. You can register via this link: https://fss.fnri.dost.gov.ph/fss_registration.php. The registration fee for the two-day event is **Php. 6,500.00**, which covers the seminar kit and meals (lunch, morning, and afternoon snacks). The **deadline for online registration** is on **June 28, 2024**. You can pay the registration fee through LANDBANK account name: **FNRI EA, Inc.** with account number **1822-1047-34** and account type: **Current Account**.

Please find the attached tentative program for your reference. You may learn more about the event via the FSS website: <https://fss.fnri.dost.gov.ph/index.php>.

For further inquiries, your staff may contact Ms. Ma. Lilibeth P. Dasco or Ms. Glenda P. Azana at (02) 8837-8113 local 325 or through the email address fssdostfnri@gmail.com.

Thank you for your usual support and keep safe.

Very truly yours,

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Encl.: a/s



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 FNRI Employees' Association, Inc. (FNRI EA, Inc.)



50th FSS

GOLDEN YEAR OF DOST-FNRI SEMINAR SERIES

Sheraton Manila Hotel, Pasay City

July 3-4, 2024

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

DAY 1: July 3, 2024

7:00-8:00 am	Registration	
8:00-8:30 am	Doxology	FNRI HapagAwit Singers
	Philippine National Anthem	
	DOST Hymn	
	FNRI Hymn	
	Welcome Remarks	Ms. Marilou L. Madrid Chair, 50th FNRI Seminar Series and Supervising Science Research Specialist
		Ms. Leah C. Dajay President, FNRI-EA, Inc. and Supervising Science Research Specialist
	Introduction of Participants	Ms. Mae Ann SA. Javier Chair, Registration Committee and Senior Science Research Specialist
8:30-8:45 am	Opening Remarks	Atty. Lucieden G. Raz Deputy Director/Director III and OIC, Office of the Director
8:45-9:00 am	Inspirational Message	Dr. Renato U. Solidum, Jr. DOST Secretary
9:00-9:30 am	Ribbon Cutting of Poster Exhibit	
	Media Interviews	Ms. Divorah V. Aguila, Planning Officer IV Emcee
9:30-9:45 am	HEALTH BREAK	
9:45-12:00 pm	FSS Golden Anniversary Lecture & Testimonial	



	<p>1. <i>Evolution of FSS (AVP with clips from Former Director)</i></p> <p>2. <i>Testimonial: The Seminar Series as Continuing Education for Nutrition and Health Frontliners</i> Hon. Presbitero Jose Velasco, Jr. (TBC) Governor, Marinduque</p> <p>3. <i>Global Trends in Food and Nutrition: How Food and Nutrition Research is and should be shared in the Global Arena</i> Dr. Gerard Bryan Gonzales Associate Professor-Nutrition Department of Public Health and Primary Care Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Ghent University, Belgium and DOST Balik Scientist)</p> <p>Open Forum</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Rafael Bosano, Reporter, ABS-CBN (TBC)</p>
12:00-1:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK- POSTER VIEWING
1:00-2:00 pm	Luncheon Symposium: Topic c/o Major Sponsor Moderator c/o Major Sponsor
2:00-3:40 pm	Technical Session I: Undergraduate Research Competition (WINGs: What interests the Next Gen of NDs and Food Techs?)
2:00-2:10 pm	Nutrition Category -Finalist #1
2:10-2:20 pm	Nutrition Category -Finalist # 2
2:20-2:30 pm	Nutrition Category – Finalist #3
2:30-2:50 pm	Q&A
2:50-3:00 pm	Food Technology Category – Finalist #1
3:00-3:10 pm	Food Technology Category – Finalist #2
3:10-3:20 pm	Food Technology Category – Finalist #3
3:20-3:40 pm	Q&A Moderator: Ms. Leah B. Landicho, Science Research Specialist II
3:40-4:00 pm	HEALTH BREAK
4:00-5:00 pm	Technical Session II: TaG These! (Tools and Guidelines)
4:00-4:15 pm	<i>Can maternal characteristics help predict risk for low birth weight?</i> Ms. Ruby D. Frane Senior Science Research Specialist
4:15-4:30 pm	<i>Is diet diversity associated with nutritional adequacy?</i> Ms. Frances Pola S. Arias Science Research Specialist II
4:30-4:45 pm	<i>You are what you eat! What is the link between unhealthy diet and risk for non-communicable diseases?</i> Ms. Chona F. Patalen Supervising Science Research Specialist
4:45-5:00 pm	Open Forum Moderator: Ms. Patricia Isabel G. Amita, Science Research Specialist II

DAY 2: July 4, 2024

8:00-9:30 am	Technical Session III: Nutrition for All Ages: Inclusivity in Nutrition Research
8:00-8:15 am	<i>How nuclear science be used to measure body composition and energy expenditure among infants and young children?</i> Mr. Carl Vincent D. Cabanilla Senior Science Research Specialist
8:15-8:30 am	<i>What are the nutritional status, dietary intake, and health-seeking behavior of pregnant teens?</i> Ms. Emily O. Rongavilla Science Research Specialist II
8:30-8:45 am	<i>SAGIP: Modelling a school-based nutrition intervention program tailored for Filipino adolescents</i> Mr. Jason Paolo H. Labrador Science Research Specialist II
8:45-9:00 am	<i>Is height associated with blood pressure level?</i> Ms. Maria Stephanie N. Parani Science Research Specialist II
9:00-9:15 am	<i>Is Presence of Sarcopenia Associated with Quality of Life among Community-Dwelling Older Filipinos?</i> Mr. Robby Carlo A. Tan Senior Science Research Specialist
9:15-9:30 am	Open Forum Moderator: Mr. Michael E. Serafico, Supervising Science Research Specialist
9:30-9:45 am	HEALTH BREAK
9:45-11:00 am	Technical Session IV: Unraveling Hidden Hunger
9:45-10:00 am	<i>How is vitamin A linked to type 2 diabetes?</i> Mr. Johanne B. Guilaran Science Research Specialist II
10:00-10:15 am	<i>How prevalent is anemia among Filipino households?</i> Ms. Glenda P. Azana Senior Science Research Specialist
10:15-10:30 am	<i>Are there differences in the prevalence and causes of anemia among school-age kids?</i> Mr. Kim Irvin Protacio Science Research Specialist II
10:30-11:00 am	Open Forum Moderator: Dr. Marie Bugas, Senior Science Research Specialist
11:00 am-12:15 nn	Technical Session V: Ensuring Food Safety and Quality through Innovation
11:00-11:15 pm	<i>Finding Salmonella in Store-Bought Eggs and Chicken</i> Ms. Rose Elaine P. Guilaran Senior Science Research Specialist

11:15-11:30 pm	<i>Paving the Way for Safer Diets: Results from Total Diet Study on Transfat (TFA) and Minerals</i> Ms. Kristine B. Nacionales Supervising Science Research Specialist
11:30-11:45 pm	<i>Fostering Well-Nourished Learners: Innovating Food Products for School-Based Feeding Programs</i> Ms Carissa Saldaña-Tanda Science Research Specialist I
11:45-12:15 pm	Open Forum Moderator: Ms. Elyss G. Billedo, Senior Science Research Specialist
12:15-1:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK- POSTER VIEWING
1:00-2:00 pm	Luncheon Symposium: Topic c/o Major Sponsor Moderator c/o Major Sponsor
2:00-3:00 pm	Technical Session VI: A Closer Look at Food Environment vis-a-vis Nutrition
2:00-2:15 pm	<i>Is the food environment associated with mothers and kids' food intake and nutritional status during the Covid-19 pandemic?</i> Dr. Mildred O. Guirindola Supervising Science Research Specialist
2:15 -2:30 pm	<i>Sub-national metrics for food system assessment in the Philippines</i> Dr. Maria Julia G. Gubat Senior Science Research Specialist
2:30-2:45 pm	<i>FRESH Initiative: Understanding and Influencing Consumer Behavior towards Increasing Fruits and Vegetables Intake in the Philippines</i> Dr. Eva Goyena Senior Science Research Specialist
2:45 -3:00 pm	Open Forum Moderator: Ms. Maja Bethzaida Decena, Science Research Specialist I
3:00 3:30 pm	HEALTH BREAK
	CLOSING CEREMONY Ms. Kryztalyn Mae R. Dilag Emcee Science Research Specialist II
3:30-3:45 pm	Let's wrap it up! Mr. Salvador R. Serrano Chair, Scientific Technical Program Committee and Supervising Science Research Specialist
3:45-4:15 pm	And the winners are... Ms. Vannizza I. Ramas Chair, Undergrad Thesis Competition and Senior Science Research Specialist Mr. Michael G. Pelagio Chair, Scientific Poster Committee and Science Research Specialist II

		<p>Atty. Lucieden G. Raz Deputy Director/Director III and OIC, Office of the Director</p> <p>Ms. Marilou L. Madrid Chair, 50th FNRI Seminar Series and Supervising Science Research Specialist</p> <p>Ms. Leah C. Dajay DOST-FNRI EA President and Supervising Science Research Specialist</p>
4:15-4:30 pm	Message of Appreciation	<p>Mr. Alexis M. Ortiz Chair, Ways and Means Committee and Chief Administrative Officer Finance and Administrative Division</p>

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