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GS DEAN REPRESENTS PHILIPPINES AND ASIA AT 2ND AGRINATURA CONFERENCE

Graduate School Dean, Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, represented Asia and the Philippines during the Roundtable Discussion of the 2nd Agrinatura Conference 2023 held at Faculty of Tropical Agriculture, Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague on May 11-12, 2023. She was privileged to represent our country and the whole Asia in the two-day event accompanied by the VSU President, Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin.

The dean presented to the conference the livelihood opportunities for women in disaster-prone areas through micronutrient biofortification. She also presented the graduate school degree programs offered, as well as scholarship grants foreign students may avail, our international linkages and milestones in our internationalization efforts.

Agrinatura is an organization of prestigious European universities and research organizations in Europe. It currently has 35 members, research institutions/universities from 16 European countries. After Dr. Tulin's roundtable presentation, two MS students, one from Czech Republic and Ukraine, have expressed their interest to conduct their thesis in VSU.

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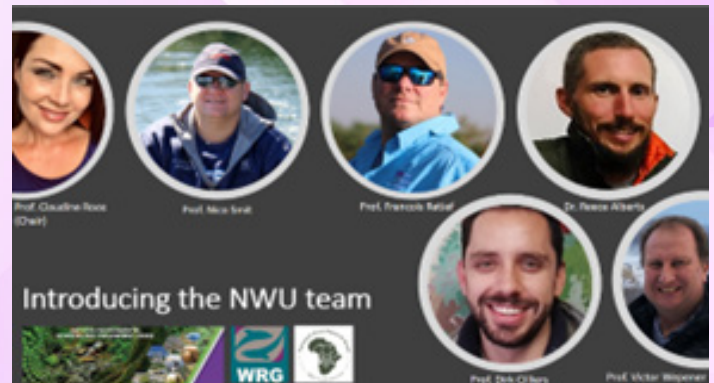


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CELESTE NETWORK COLLABORATES WITH VSU



The University of Leuven in Belgium partners with VSU through their CELESTE network project which was launched on January 16, 2023. The virtual launching of the project was attended by other academic partners namely, North West University in South Africa, Pontificia Universidad Cattolica del Peru, VNU of Hanoi, Vietnam and the Visayas State University represented by Graduate School, Dr. Anabella B. Tulin. The CELESTE network which stands for “society, EcoLogy, space and SusTainable development” is a partnership originating from the Masters in Sustainable Development and is expected to evolve over time through new collaborations. It gathers in an international learning community academics, students, alumni and practitioners co-producing inter/transdisciplinary, gender-sensitive, decolonial and research-driven education for sustainable development. Among its main goals and activities for the next five years is to facilitate the exchange of students and staff as well as co-supervise thesis and internships, actively connect and involve different non-academic actors and institutions interested in sustainable development and co-create new educational modules and digital material that can be used by all partners in the curricula of their programs.

Each member of the network has its various field of expertise. As for VSU, areas of specialization will be

on climate change, disasters, resilience, gender, food, marine science, tropical ecology and forestry. These will be managed by the concerned institute/college namely, College of Forest and Environmental Science (CFES), Institute for Strategic Research and Development Studies (ISRDS) and Institute for Tropical Ecology and Environmental Management (ITEEM).

One of the proposed activities by the CELESTE network will be a three-day workshop that will be held in Kruger National Park, South Africa on June 13-16, 2023. This activity aims to produce a joint publication and set the CELESTE network agenda for the next four years. The CELESTE network will be chaired in a rotating manner by the different partners who will set the agenda and organize activities in line with the specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and regions they wish to focus on. It is intended to provide graduate students from UC member institutions with a valuable opportunity to share fresh insights, research concepts, and personal experiences in an inclusive environment. Its fundamental objective is to cultivate interdisciplinary studies and stimulate the merging of research efforts through strategic alliances among UC members. Furthermore, the forum strives to enhance connections both within and between UC member institutions, fostering a culture of collaboration and cooperation.

GRADUATE STUDENTS ATTEND 8TH UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM GRADUATE FORUM

Four of our graduate students namely: Ms. Rochelle Aragon (PhD Animal Science), Ms. Jessa May N. Veril (MS Soil Science), Ms. Griezsa J. Apao (MS Horticulture) and Mr. David Mark B. Diaz (MS in Food Technology) participated in the recently held 8th UC Graduate Forum on May 18-19, 2023 at Furama Hotel in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The forum themed "Future of Agriculture Sustainability: Organic Intelligent Agriculture" was jointly organized by Maejo University and the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC) was also attended by research experts, practitioners, policy makers, and students from Indonesia, Japan and Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Taiwan. The UC Graduate Forum serves a free yearly gathering intended to provide graduate students from UC member institutions with

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The VSU International Affairs Office initiated a week-long celebration for welcoming our new international students celebrated on March 20-24, 2023. The activities held included an orientation, campus tours, cultural and traditional sharing and fun workshops to allow them to know more about our country and VSU.

A welcoming dinner hosted by the University President, Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin, along with the VSU officials and other international students organized by the VSU International Affairs Office was also held. The graduate students welcomed were exchange students from Masaryk University of the Czech Republic (Karolina Cyprisova - MS in Development Sociology, and Filip Svehelka - MS in Language Teaching), while the other two are graduate students from Ghana (Sylvia Agyemang Annor - MS in Agricultural Economics and Bismark Arthur - MS in Soil Science) who are both Graduate Teaching Assistanship Scholars.

VSU WELCOMES FOREIGN GRADUATE STUDENTS





GS WELCOMES NEW FOREIGN STUDENT

Graduate School Dean, welcomes Mr. Filip Švehelka from Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic. The foreign student is currently taking up MS in Language Teaching under the Erasmus and ICM programme and will be on campus for six months.

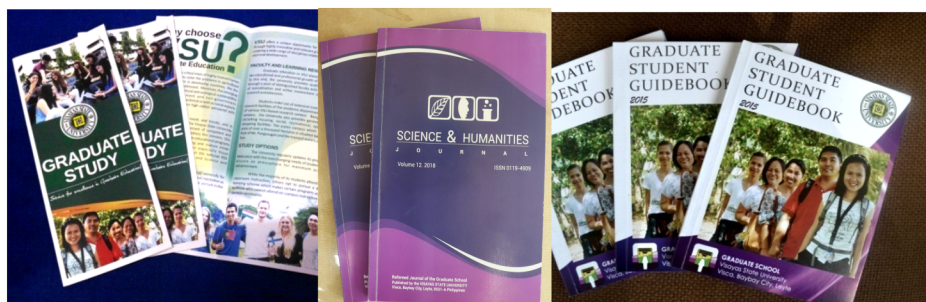
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GRADUATE SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

Here's the list of ODGS publications:

- Graduate Student Guidebook
- VSU Graduate School Code
- Graduate School Program Manual of Operations
- GradNewsLine
- Science and Humanities Journal
- Graduate School Information Bulletin





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