



Professor

Dr. Nelia P. Salazar

Date of Birth November 13, 1933



Educational Background :

1973 Ph.D. (Microbiology), Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand

Position/Experience :

1974 - 1976 Research Consultant in Immunology (part-time), Philippine Eye Research Institute

1975 - 1978 Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Parasitology, College of Public Health, University of the Philippines Manila

1981 - 1991 Chief Science Research Specialist and Head, Department of Parasitology and Medical Entomology, Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, Department of Health, Philippines

Professor Lecturer (part-time), various medical schools

- 1977 - Present Member of National Research Council of the Philippines
- 1978 - 1981 President of Phi Sigma Society, Alpha Chi Chapter
- 1979 - Present Fellow of Philippine Society of Allergology and Immunology
- 1982 - 1983 President of Philippine Society of Microbiology
- 1990 - 1992 President of Philippine Society of Parasitology
- 1991 - Present Deputy Coordinator of SEAMEO TROPMED: A Regional Network in Tropical Medicine and Public Health under the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization

Responsibilities in SEAMEO TROPMED

- Planning and resource management
- Information management, including documentation
- Marketing and public relations
- Coordination of programmes and activities
- Representing the network in SEAMEO meetings

Awards :

- 1961 3rd Prize, Abbott-Philippine Medical Association Research Contest
- 1985 Outstanding Alumna, Department of Zoology Alumni Association
- 1986 1st Prize, PSMID-Hoechst Research Contest

- 1987 2nd Prize, PSMID-Hoechst Research Contest
- 1987 Outstanding Biologist, Phi Sigma Honor Society,
Alpha Chi Chapter, University of the Philippines
- Blue Falcon Award for Science, Manila East
High School Alumni

Contributions to the Development of Science and Technology :

1. The establishment of a core facility and professional staff at RITM primarily responsible for the conduct of research, training, and diagnostic services in parasitology and medical entomology.

2. Conceptualization and development of a multi-disciplinary research program

Important Achievement :

1. The discovery of *Capillaria philippinensis sp. nov.* (Chitwood, Velasquez & Salazar 1968), the causative agent of Pudoc disease or intestinal capillariasis once called "mystery disease" in the Ilocos Region

2. Isolation and identification of *Cryptosporidium* organisms in the first AIDS patient seen at RITM and subsequently among cases of diarrheal disease in children

3. Studies on local medicinal plants such as "makabuhay" in the treatment of scabies and "niyogniyogan" as anthelmintic, in the context of Primary Health Care

Social Service :

Member of screening panels for Fulbright-Hays Scholarship and Grant and Hubert H. Humphrey North-South Fellowship

Philosophy of Life :

"Philosophy in work and life : Believes in serving people and performing one's duties to the best of one's ability without consideration of differences in race, creed or socio-economic status. The greatest gift in life is to share knowledge and fortune wherever and whenever these are needed for the good of humanity.

The most brilliant hypothesis has no meaning these days unless it can be applied to daily life, the most eloquent say, no real substance without deeds."

Marital Status : Single