



Updates on

# BatStateU Research Centers





## VIP CORALS hosts EcoCamp by the Sea for BatStateU IS Teachers



*A photo op with the participants, VIP CORALS team, and SEA-VIP team caps off the ecocamp*

The VIP CORALS team in partnership with the SEA Institute-Verde Island Passage (SEA-VIP) conducted an EcoCamp by the Sea at Cerca Parola Beach Resort, Lobo, Batangas on July 11-12. The two-day EcoCamp was attended by the BatStateU IS Grade School and High School teachers.

Lectures on marine environment and ecosystems, different marine plants and animals, and basic marine field equipment given by the VIP CORALS and SEA-VIP team. A coastal clean-up at Cerca Parola Beach Resort was conducted by the participants to cap off the last day of the ecocamp.

## 15<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Marine Science (PAMS15)



*VIP CORALS focal persons, faculty researchers, and research assistants at the PAMS15*

The 15<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Marine Science (PAMS15) was held on July 4-6 at Aklan State University, Banga, Aklan, with the theme "Fostering synergy of science, community, and governance for healthy seas."

VIP CORALS team represented BatStateU and were among those who participated in the oral and poster presentations at the symposium. Other activities included workshops, plenary sessions, and marine science-related exhibits.

### VIP CORALS focal Person elected Luzon VP for PAMS

VIP CORALS focal person Dr. Jayvee A. Saco was among the newly elected officers for the Philippine Association for Marine Science (PAMS) on July 6.

That day, Dr. Saco took oath as the PAMS Vice President for Luzon.

The election was also a significant part of the 15<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Marine Science (PAMS15).



*Oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected officials of the Philippine Association of Marine Science (PAMS)*



## BatStateU, DLSU host Sagnungan sa VIP 2019; MOA, MOU signing held



On September 20, the symposium dubbed as “Sagnungan sa VIP 2019” was held at the CITE Bldg., Pablo Borbon Main I. The event was a joint effort of BatStateU thru the VIP CORALS and De La Salle University in cooperation with Oscar M. Lopez Center, California Academy of Sciences (CAS), SEA Institute-VIP, Pusod, Inc., Smithsonian Institution, and Old Dominion University.

With the theme, “Building a Sustainable Verde Island Passage through Citizen Science,” the symposium aimed to build a sustainable Verde Island Passage through Citizen Science.

A series of lectures were delivered by guest industry experts: DLSU ShORe Center Director Dr. Wilfredo Licuanan; CAS Science Integration and Operations Director Dr. Meg Burke; CAS Senior Curator for Invertebrate Zoology and Geology Dr. Terrence Gosliner; National Fish Collection Manager for the Department of Vertebrate Zoology at the Smithsonian Institution Dr. Jeff Williams; Executive Director for the Pisces Project Initiative Inc. Mr. Glenn Mariano; and Malampaya Foundation Inc. Biodiversity Conservation Manager Pacifico Beldia II.

Finally, the signing of MOA was conducted between CAS and BatStateU and MOU between DLSU and BatStateU for collaborative research.

