

EDITOR'S NOTE

The felt need for interaction among anthropologists has brought about the organization of the UGNAYANG PANG-AGHAMTAO (UGAT), INC. This association of students, teachers, and workers in anthropology in the Philippines aims to: a) promote, develop, and disseminate anthropological knowledge; b) promote and deepen the knowledge, understanding and participation of and among different ethno-linguistic groups in working towards an integrated national consciousness and development; and c) promote and forge linkages among anthropologists and those doing related work within the country and other parts of the world. In the pursuit of these objectives, UGAT held its First National Conference at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños from April 14 to 16, 1978 with the combined assistance of the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Resources Research, the Philippine Social Science Council, and Mindanao State University. This Conference, which had "Philippine Anthropology Today" as its theme, was specifically organized with the end in view of assessing what has been done so far in the field of anthropology.

The papers read during the Conference were divided into two main concerns: Teaching and Research. For the session on Teaching, Jules de Raedt of U.P. Baguio read a paper on Social Anthropology and Jerome Bailen of U.P. Diliman on Physical Anthropology. The bulk of the conference papers were on anthropological research with Israel Cabanilla of U.P. Diliman reading a paper on Archaeology, Francisco Datar of U.P. Diliman on Physical Anthropology, Jonathan Malicsi of U.P. Diliman on Ethno-Linguistics, E. Arsenio Manuel of U.P. Diliman on Philippine Ethnography, Celia Antonio of U.P. Diliman on the Lowland Group, Juan Francisco of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation on the Muslims, June Prill-Brett of U.P. Baguio on the Cordillera, Jesucita Sodusta of U.P. Diliman on Ecology, Francisco Demetrio of Xavier University on Folklore, Leticia Lagmay of U.P. Diliman on Culture and Personality, Mariflor Parpan-Pagusara of the Institute of Philippine Culture on Applied Anthropology, Carlos Fernandez of the Development Academy of the Philippines on Ethnic Relations, and Prospero Covar of U.P. Diliman on Religion.