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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-0029

**TO : All PDA Members, Dental Partners, Traders and Sponsors**

**FROM : General Chair, 111<sup>th</sup>-112<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

**DATE : March 30, 2021**

**SUBJECT : 111<sup>th</sup>-112<sup>th</sup> PDA Annual Convention Updates**

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Greetings to all! I hope this letter finds you well.

After the huge disruptions caused by the COVID-19 crisis in 2020, several professional organizations are looking to get back on course and importantly, build for the future. The past year has poked holes in our long-standing norms about how each organization operate and how people tried to live with it. Then came about the postponement of the 111th PDA Annual Convention on May 2020, which created a huge impact in our association. While it will be tempting for PDA to remain passive or retreat, we instead saw the need to continually tread a different path and thus, evolved in so many ways. PDA became resilient and continued to keenly focus on the expedited digital transformation. This brought to light , a different concept on the way we promote, organize and pursue our programs and projects. This was a way for us to transcend to the new challenges through the leadership of PDA President Dr. Alvin Laxamana.

The organizing committee of this upcoming 111<sup>th</sup>-112<sup>th</sup> PDA Annual Convention this May 11-14, 2021 was to commence with what we call “**blended learning**” or “**Hybrid**” convention. Which means we will combine a face-to-face activity and a virtual platform which will allow participation of those who could not join us in Manila. Despite the limitations brought about by this pandemic, I believe that pursuing the holding of our annual convention manifests our hope and optimism as a vibrant and healthy association.

The arrival of the much awaited vaccines brought so much expectation, however, concurrent to this, a sudden surge of covid cases has brought about new restrictions from our government which made us steer the plans to a more compliant, safe and accessible platform. Technology will take centerstage as we deliver this year’s annual convention.

In this regard, the Organizing Committee and the PDA Executive Board deemed it best to go for a “Limited” Hybrid Type which would mean that participation to any face-to-face event will be on a limited capacity basis but the VIRTUAL PLATFORM will proceed without limitation.

The annual convention at this point, continues to be a work in progress as we aim to fully subscribe to the government’s safety protocols in these uncertain times. But one thing remains clear is that we are moving forward , head on with a clear vision towards the fulfillment of our goals for the future of the association.

The following is a list of events and their modes of delivery

Event	Mode of Delivery
111 <sup>th</sup> & 112 <sup>th</sup> PDA Annual Convention Scientific Lectures (May 11- June 15, 2021)	Virtual Platform via the Convention Platform
PDA Dental Trade and Exhibit (May 11- June 15, 2021)	Virtual Platform via the PDA E-Marketplace

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PDA HOD Annual Session Day 1&2 (May 11&14, 2021)	Virtual Platform via the PDA HOD Delegates site
PDA Elections (May 13, 2021)	Virtual Platform via PDA COMELEC e-voting platform
PDA Opening Ceremonies (May 10, 2021)	Limited Attendance with RSVP and Recorded
PDA Presidents' Night (May 14, 2021)	Limited Attendance with RSVP and Recorded
Dr. Diampo Lim Memorial Lecture on the PDA Student Congress	Virtual Platform
PDA Presidents' Dialogue	Virtual Platform

We believe that this is the most feasible, practical and the most moral thing that we can do as of the moment. We all agree that our members' safety should be our primary concern.

Because of your support to the association, all those who have registered and those who will register until April 5, 2021, will be given "FREE VIRTUAL ACCESS" to all our upcoming Hybrid Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao Area conventions and all its activities. We believe that this is an appropriate gift to all of you during this time of recovery.

To all those who those who previously registered under the early bird and pre-registration schemes to the 111th annual convention and converted their registration to a Hybrid platform, and to those new registrants of the 112th Annual Convention who went for the hybrid platform, we will REFUND the extra amount that you have paid. We will start facilitating the refund after the annual convention until July 30, 2021. Please contact your respective Chapter President - Elect and the PDA 112th Registration committee.

As your President-elect, and in this unique moment in our history, I strongly urge you to all move FAST FORWARD with me, and together let us rebuild our future in practice through PDA.

Manatili tayong matatag at magdasal para sa bawat isa.

God bless us all and Mabuhay ang Dentistang Pilipino!

Yours Truly,

Dr. Jose Angelo G. Militante  
President-Elect and General Chairman  
111th and 112th Annual Convention and Scientific Conference

Noted by

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President  
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