



Philippine Board of Orthodontics 2011-2012: True Convergence and Change

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The impetus for change to the APO/PBO can be attributed to a convergence from both local and external forces. These include the legislative passage locally of the Philippine Dental Act of 2007, the 2008 PRC Dental Code of Ethics, the availability of university-based graduate orthodontic programs and internationally, the 2010 ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Dental Practitioners and most importantly, the adoption of the *2009 World Federation of Orthodontist's (WFO) Guidelines on Postgraduate Orthodontic Training* by the Philippine Board of Orthodontics. These have all modified the Objectives of the PBO which were:

1. To manage and conduct examinations for testing the qualifications of dentists for the practice of orthodontics and to confer certificates upon those who meet the requirements of the Board.

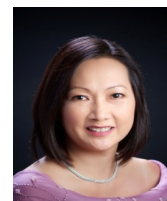
- Chair, PBO Examination Committee: Sandra S. Adriano DMD MS DPBO PABO
- 1980-2010 was 30 years of effort to encourage non-university graduates to participate in the PBO Certifying Examination. Since 2010, to conform to *WFO Guidelines*, the PBO Exams were modified and were offered only to university-based graduating students and graduates to fast track their elevation to Fellowship in the APO/WFO and as Diplomates of the PBO
- Three (3) successfully passed the January 25, 2012 Phase II: Written Examinations.
- Three (3) APO Fellows successfully hurdled the July 27, 2011 PBO Phase IV Examination. The new Diplomates of the PBO (DPBO) are:



Dr. Annabelle Eloise D. Kopio



Dr. Ma. Teresa P. Goduco



Dr. Rachel U. Yang-Lim

2. To stimulate, promote, and support the spirit of self-improvement and research among students and practitioners of orthodontics.

- Though intended for undergraduate Assistant, Associate and Professor, faculty ranking purposes, the CHED Memorandum 33 Series 2006 can be viewed as an external reason to encourage the Active, Affiliate and Associate, and Fellow members to elevate themselves in the APO and into the PBO.
- The PBO Chair sat in as an External Examiner on the masteral thesis defense panel of 15 orthodontic graduate students of the CEU and 1 of the UE.

3. To accredit and approve the different orthodontic programs, i.e. postgraduate programs, preceptorship, examination review course.

- Chair, PBO Accreditation Committee: Katherine C. Ong DMD MS DPBO
- The PBO is also the Accreditation Arm of the APO and after the Oct. 13, 2010 at the Pearl Manila Hotel, where the PBO hosted a meeting with the representatives of the four local university-based graduate orthodontic programs to discuss the *2009 WFO Guidelines*. In April 2011, letters and application forms were sent out to encourage formal partnership with the APO through PBO Accreditation. Only two (2) programs responded and sent in their application, namely the Centro Escolar University (CEU) and the University of the Philippines (UP). The PBO Accreditation Committee conducted on-site visits to both universities on July

18, 2011. The 5-member Accreditation Committee visited the schools together with a checklist in hand formulated on WFO criteria. The two program's recognition was reported to the WFO as well as high-lighted on the APO and PBO websites.

- March 2012 the graduate orthodontic program of the Manila Central University (MCU) submitted their application for PBO Accreditation which awaits confirmation of this new program's status from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).
4. **To made the public aware of the importance of qualified orthodontic pratitioners**
 5. **To raise the level of awareness of the public about orthodontics as a specialty of dentistry.**
- Updated the www.PBO.ph website

Schedule of PBO 2012-2013 Examinations

Phase I: Application and Dexterity Examination

Exam Date: November 27, 2013
Application Deadline: September 25, 2013

Phase II: Written Examination (for Accredited Graduate Programs)

Exam Date: January 30, 2013
Application Deadline: November 28, 2012

Phase III / IV: Clinical Presentation of 5 / 10 Cases

Examination Date: June 26, 2013
Deadline for Application: April 24, 2013

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