

WORLD MENINGITIS DAY (PHILIPPINES)

Meningitis is a serious disease that can affect anyone at any age and its impact can last a lifetime. The Philippines, along with other countries celebrated World Meningitis Day last April 24, 2011. To launch this event, PFV (Philippine Foundation for Vaccination) held a press conference last February 2, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila, Quezon City during the PIDSP (Pediatric Infectious Society of the Philippines) annual convention. It highlighted the need to prevent meningitis and described the complications and burden of the disease.



World Meningitis Day Celebration Kick off held at Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila, Quezon City last February 2, 2011



FACES OF MENINGITIS PANELISTS: (From left to right) Prof. Lulu Bravo, MD, Executive Director, PFV (a member of CoMO), Member, Governing Council, CoMO; Dr. David Johnson, a senior medical global director of Sanofi Pasteur, Dr. May Montellano, treasurer (PFV), Immediate Past President of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines (PIDSP)



Dr. May Montellano presents disease fatality and severity to press people in the objective of increasing awareness on meningitis



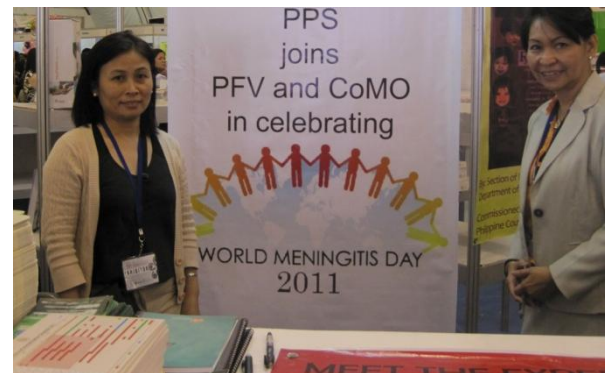
Prof. Lulu Bravo, MD, Executive Director, PFV; Member, Governing Council, CoMO explains World Meningitis Day celebration objectives



Prof. Lulu Bravo cheerfully answers press inquiries on World Meningitis Day and the importance of prevention of meningitis through vaccination

PPS CONVENTION

Still part of the Meningitis Awareness Campaign, PFV took active participation in the recently concluded annual convention of the Philippine Pediatric Society last April 3-6, 2011 at the PICC, Manila. A booth was dedicated wherein a podcast from the Confederation of Meningitis Organizations Inc (CoMO) was continuously played. The video focused on meningococcal disease featuring the experts, survivors and parents from around the world whose lives have been touched by the disease. Banners were put up as well as brochures containing information on meningitis were distributed to >5000 participants. Attendees in the annual convention were also able to meet the experts led by Dr. Lulu Bravo, PFV Executive Director, along with Dr. May Montellano and Dr. Chet Gonzales. They were able to ask vaccine-related questions. 5 winners with the best questions were given book awards and other gifts. It was a fulfilling experience to everyone wherein the participants gained new insights on vaccine preventable diseases especially that of meningococcal meningitis. Meningitis is a menace but if people around the world will work hand and hand, the fight against this dreaded disease is not futile.



PFV booth at the PPS Convention



Podcast featuring meningococcal meningitis played during the entire duration of the annual convention



Distribution of EPI schedule, meningitis brochures and leaflets

Meet our Experts



Dr. May Montellano and Dr. Ma. Liza Gonzales



Dr. Lulu Bravo answering the questions of participants



Awarding of winner for the Best Questions of the Day