

RICARDO S GUINTO MD, MPH 1907–1983

It is with deep regret that the Leonard Wood Memorial announces the death of Ricardo S Guinto, MD, MPH, on 9 January 1983. Dr Guinto was the Chief Epidemiologist of the Leonard Wood Memorial Laboratory for Leprosy Research and Cebu Skin Clinic in Cebu, Philippines. He had served at the LWM since 1935. Dr Guinto conducted many of the most classic studies in the epidemiology of leprosy, and was considered a foremost expert in the field.

Dr Guinto received his MD degree in 1932 from the University of the Philippines, and his CPH degree from there in 1933. He also was a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University MPH programme in 1940. Additionally, he attended extensive postgraduate courses in dermatology and general medicine in the United States and Asia. Over the years he served as a member on numerous World Health Organization Committees for leprosy, was a Counsellor to the International Leprosy Association, was elected President of the Philippine Leprosy Society, was maintained as Fellow of the Philippine Dermatological Society and most recently was active as a member of the International Coordinating Committee for the Joint Chemotherapy Trials and Lepromatous Leprosy, conducted in Korea, Philippines and Thailand with assistance from Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation.

The records indicate that he attended more than 50 major international meetings during his extensive career, which included consideration of leprosy research problems, immunology, and epidemiology. He is credited with 59 publications, beginning in 1936 (*International Journal of Leprosy*, Volume IV), and an additional 20 miscellaneous reports.

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