Biography

Gelo dela Cruz is the Flow Cytometry Platform manager at the Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Stem Cell Medicine (reNEW) in Copenhagen, Denmark. Prior to reNEW, Gelo worked at the flow cytometry core facilities of the German Cancer Research Center and the New York University Cancer Institute. His work in the past 10 years or so has been in the field of developmental biology and stem cell research and has been co-author and acknowledged in several publications.

Gelo has been an active ISAC member since 2011 and was an ISAC SRL Emerging Leader from 2015 to 2019. Since then, he has served in different committees including the Education Committee, the Meetings Committee, CYTO Youth and the Associated Societies subcommittees. Currently, he is the chair of the Education Shared Resource Laboratory Content subcommittee. At the local/national level, Gelo is also active in the Danish Society for Flow Cytometry and has been chair of the board since 2019.

Statement

The current pandemic has highlighted the importance of STEM education not just to scientists but also to the general public. As an elected Councilor, I will promote and further the society’s education goals and build on the programs we currently have (CYTO Youth, CYTO U, etc) to widen their reach and adapt to the changing education landscape. I will also represent, promote and protect the interests of SRL personnel by advocating for programs that will provide opportunities and advancement to all. Furthermore, as an LGBTQI+ person of color from the Philippines, I will support programs that will promote diversity and inclusion in the society.