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Message from the President, SLACPT



I am pleased to send this message as the President of the Sri Lanka Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (SLACPT) for 2017 and 2018. This year too, it is my intention to continue with activities commenced in 2015 to promote rational use of medicines and to promulgate the role of Clinical Pharmacologists in our country. Towards achieving such aims the main event planned for this year would be to conduct an academic session in October. The theme of these sessions would be ‘*Clinical Pharmacology for Safe Use of Medicines*’. Details of the academic sessions, other events and activities planned will be notified in newsletters and other communications. I am certain that team work by members of the Council and other members of SLACPT will provide assistance to further the aspirations of our Association. I thank the Editor for the effort she has taken to compile this newsletter.

Emeritus Professor Gita Fernando

The Annual general meeting of SLACPT 2016

The Annual general meeting (AGM) of the association was held on 4th November 2016, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm at the Seminar Room of the Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

Minutes of the Inaugural AGM held on 11th June 2015 were confirmed.

Annual report of the Secretary: Annual report for the year 2015 – 2016 was presented by Honorary Secretary SLACP, Prof. Priyadarshani Galappatthy. She highlighted the main events of the period – viz Induction of the President and the Annual Scientific Sessions, both of which were well attended by members and PG trainees. The Secretary thanked the SLACPT council, SALCPT members and the staff of the Department of Pharmacology, University of Colombo for the support given to carry out all activities effectively.

Annual report of the Treasurer: The Treasurer's report for 2015-2016 was presented by Dr Nirmala Wijekoon, Honorary Treasurer SLACPT. The accounts were proposed as correct by Dr Sujeevani Kurukulasuriya and seconded by Prof Menik Hettihewa.

Address by the outgoing President: Prof RL Jayakody, addressing the gathering stated that the activities of SLACPT would not have been possible if not for the support of the Council and the Staff of the Department of Pharmacology, especially during the first half of his tenure as he was busy with the activities of the NMRA. Prof Jayakody highlighted the importance of soliciting members among those attached to the Ministry of Health. He then invited the President Elect Emeritus Professor Gita Fernando to the Chair and to elect the new Council for 2017-2018.

Election of Office bearers:

Emeritus Professor Gita Fernando perused the nominations submitted by members in response to the notice circulated previously. The following were elected uncontested. (Please see page 5)

Sri Lanka Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics

New council for year 2017 and 2018

Office bearers

President	Professor Gita Fernando
President-elect	Professor Rohini Fernandopulle
Vice-president	Dr Sarath Gamini de Silva
Secretary	Professor Chandanie Wanigatunge
Treasurer	Dr Pradeepa Jayawardane
Editor	Dr. Chamari Weeraratne
Assistant secretary	Dr. Solith Senanayake
Assistant treasurer	Dr. Sachith Abeyratne
Social secretary	Dr Sudheera Jayasinghe

Council members

Professor R L Jayakody
Professor Menik Hettihewa
Professor Kusum De Abrew
Professor Priyadarshini Galappatthy
Professor Shalini Sri Ranganathan
Dr. Nanada Amarasekara
Dr. Nirmala Wijekoon
Dr. Channa Ranasinghe
Dr. Thiyahini
Dr. Sunil Navaratinarajah
Dr. Gayani Liyanage
Dr. Roshini Murugupillai

Important dates to remember

Academic sessions 2017 - SLACPT

The theme for the sessions would be *“Clinical Pharmacology for Safe Use of Medicines”*

Would be held on

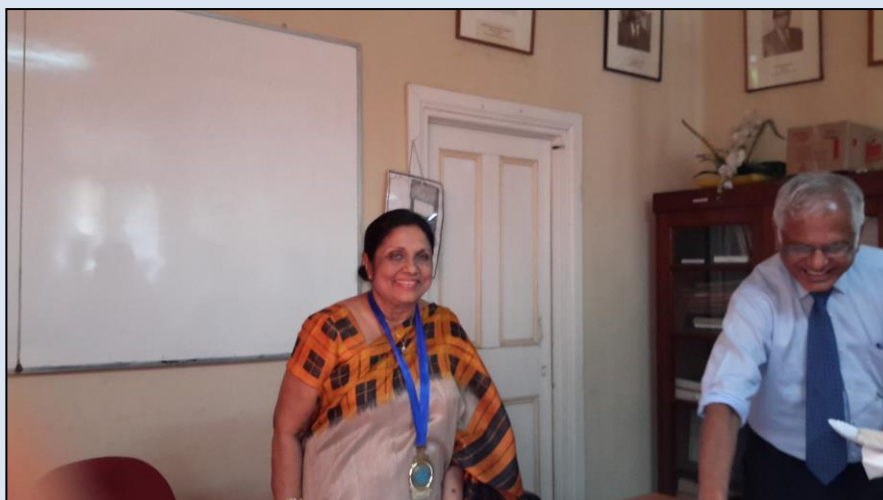
13th and 14th October 2017 at the SLMA Auditorium



Please keep the 2 days free for this very important event.

PICTURE GALLERY

Annual General Meeting 2016



Inaugural Academic Sessions of the SLACPT

Inaugural Academic Sessions of the SLACPT was held on 10th & 11th June 2016.

The inauguration ceremony was held at the New Building Lecture Theater of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was **Dr. Palitha Maheepala**, Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.



The Guest of Honour was **Professor Kalle Hoppu**, Professor in Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology, University of Helsinki, Finland.



Inaugural SLACPT Oration titled ***“Pharmaco-epidemiology: the search for answerable and clinically relevant questions in ‘big data’*** was delivered by **Professor Nicholas A Buckley**, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, School of Medical Sciences, University of Sydney, Australia.



PICTURE GALLERY

Inaugural Academic Sessions of the SLACPT: Inauguration ceremony



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Inaugural Academic Sessions of the SLACPT Inauguration ceremony continued



PRE CONGRESS GRiP ROAD SHOW



Pre congress training course conducted by the GRiP ROAD SHOW team was held at the Faculty Board Room, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo on 10th June 2016.

The theme for the workshop was “What Every Paediatrician and Pharmacologist Should Know about Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology”.

The workshop was organized and conducted by Professors Kalle Hoppu, Evelyne Jacqz-Aigrain, and Shalini Sri Ranganathan.

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Professor Kalle Hoppu



Prof Evelyne Jacqz-Aigrain



Professor Shalini Sri Ranganathan





Academic Sessions of the SLACPT 2016

Academic Sessions of the SLACPT were held at Professor Rezvi Sheriff Auditorium, Clinical Medicine Academic and Research Center (ClinMARC), National Hospital of Sri Lanka on 11th June 2016. The theme for the academic programme was '*Clinical Pharmacology for improving healthcare in Sri Lanka*'.

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Academic Sessions of the SLACPT 2016: continued



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Academic Sessions of the SLACPT 2016: continued



Down memory lane:

Induction ceremony of the Founder President of the SLACPT

The induction ceremony of the Founder President of the SLACPT Prof. R. L. Jayakody was held on 3rd October 2015 at the New Building Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. Professor Jayakody was awarded the president's medal. He made the presidential address on the title of "Challenges to medicines regulation in Sri Lanka".



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Induction ceremony of the Founder President of the SLACPT



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Induction ceremony of the Founder President of the SLACPT: Continued

