



### 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka



The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (ICSUSL 2019), organized by CRKD, SUSL with the theme of “Frontier Technologies for a Sustainable Future” was held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at Sabaragamuwa

University of Sri Lanka. The conference aimed to provide a platform for researchers in different disciplines, students and industrialists to share knowledge, exchange ideas and promote future collaborations of their research outcomes. The Conference included oral and poster sessions, along with the keynote and plenary talks from prominent scientists. International and local researchers, industrialists and students presented their original research under eight tracks. Dr. Sarath Gunapala, Senior Research Scientist and Fellow of NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California, USA, participated as the keynote speaker of the Conference.



# University Events

## Opening Ceremony

Opening of the “Bharat Ek Parichay” World India Corner Book Shelf at the Main Library was held on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. Mr. Dhirendra Singh, Assistant High Commissioner for India, graced this occasion as the Chief Guest.



## BOC Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bank of Ceylon (BOC) celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 01<sup>st</sup> August, 2019. BOC University Branch made special arrangements to celebrate the anniversary with their distinguished customers, well-wishers and staffers at the BOC premises.



## Awareness Program for Institutional Review

An awareness program was held at the Staff Development Center on 01<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 to discuss the progress of Institutional Review.



# University Events

## SUSL Staffer Shines in Athletics

Mr. W. Jayantha Nandasiri represented the Staff Sports Club of SUSL at the Open Championship Meet 2019, organized by the Sri Lanka Veterans Athletics, held on 03<sup>rd</sup> and 04<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at Bandaragama National Stadium, Colombo became the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up in 5000m and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up in 1500m running events and qualified to participate at the 21<sup>st</sup> Asia Masters Athletics Championship to be held in Malaysia.



## SDC Workshops

A workshop on “Research in Higher Education” for the academics, organized by the Staff Development Centre was conducted by Dr. Pradeepa Bandaranayake on 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. Meantime a workshop on “Academic Portfolio Preparation and an Introduction to Problem Based Learning” was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019 with Dr. Janaki Mohotti as the resource person.



## SUSL Wins the Champion’s Trophy

Staff Sports Club of SUSL competed at the Imbulpe Division games of the Sabaragamuwa Province State Services on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. Members of the Netball and Volleyball (men and women) teams who represented the University won the Champion's trophy in their events. The University Elle team became the first runners-up in the event.

## Postgraduates’ Scholarship Opportunities

An awareness programme on Postgraduates’ Scholarship Opportunities in Japan and an special academic discussion were held on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at the Faculty of Management Studies. Mr. Takahata, Admin Officer, International Relations and Academic Affairs, International University of Japan and Prof. N.S. Cooray, President of the Association of Sri Lankan Academics in Japan participated as the resource persons of this event.



## SUSL Wins Award

The Best Annual Reports and Accounts Award for Public Sector 2017, under Universities category, was awarded to SUSL on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at an award ceremony conducted by the Association of Public Finance Accountants of Sri Lanka.

# University Events



## Vice Chancellor's Challenge Trophy

The Sabaragamuwa University won the Championship of Vice Chancellor's Challenge Trophy, 2019. The staff badminton tournament between the Sabaragamuwa University and Uva Wellassa University was held on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at the Badminton court, SUSL.

## Katina Pinkama 2019

"Katina Pinkama", an annual religious event, was graciously held to invoke blessings to the University under the patronage of Rev. Galagama Buddhanda thero on 08<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.



## Opening of Staff Housing Complex & Cafeteria for Girls' Hostel Complex

The Opening Ceremony of Staff Housing Complex was held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at Non-Perial Estate with the participation of the Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education and Vice-Chairman, UGC.



The opening of new Cafeteria for Walawa Girls' Hostel Complex was also held with parallel to this event.



# University Events

## MOU Between SUSL & StartupX Foundry



An MoU between Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka through University Business Linkage Cell and StartupX Foundry was signed on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. This MoU aims to assist inventors and researchers within SUSL to commercialize their intellectual property, in addition to assist with patent licensing and other related business development activities. Supporting related fund-raising and capacity building activities and providing necessary resources and collaborating to promote entrepreneurship are the other aspects of this MoU. As part of this agreement, StartupX Foundry will facilitate SUSL to create viable partnerships with the private sector and where possible, will open up opportunities for international collaboration.

## Discussion with Dr. Sarath Gunapala

A discussion with Dr. Sarath Gunapala, Senior Research Scientist and Fellow of NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California, USA was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Vice Chancellor's Office.



## Establishment of Biomedical Laboratory

Collaborative discussion on establishment of Biomedical Laboratory on the existing MoU between Wuhan University of China and Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Vice Chancellor's office.



# University Events

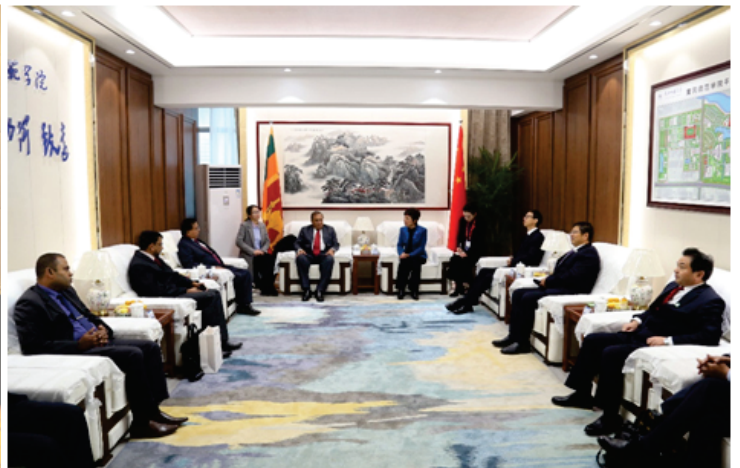
## First Board Meeting

The First Board Meeting for the Confucius Classroom was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Boardroom of the Vice-Chancellor's Office. Prof. Peng Jin, Vice President and Mr. Hu Laisheng, Dean of Foreign Affairs Office of Huanggang Normal University of China, participated in the meeting.



## China - Sri Lanka Communication & Cooperation Forum

The 1<sup>st</sup> China - Sri Lanka Communication & Cooperation Forum was held from 07<sup>th</sup> to 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at Huanggang Normal University, China.



## Career Fair 2019

"Career Fair 2019", organized by the Career Guidance Unit of SUSL was held at the Dayananda Somasundara Auditorium on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.



# Faculty of Graduate Studies

## New Dean for Graduate Studies

Prof. H.M.S. Priyanath officially assumed duties as the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) on 02<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 in the presence of the fellow Deans of other faculties, Registrar, Bursar and faculty staff.



## Inauguration Ceremony

The Inauguration ceremony of the 2019 intake of M.Sc. in Surveying Sciences was held at the Faculty of Graduate Studies on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.



# Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

## Awareness on Fall Army Worm

The students of the 2015/2016 batch of the Department of Agribusiness Management organized an extension program on 05<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, under the guidance of Ms. R.A.N. Perera and Ms. M.S. Elapata, for making awareness among the farmers in the Pambahinna area on the control of the Fall Army Worm.



# Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

## Workshop on Personality Development

A workshop on "Personality Development" was held on 08<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. The objective of this workshop was to enhance the soft skills of the first year undergraduates of B.Sc. in Food Business Management Degree Program. The workshop was conducted by a professional counselor, Mr. Channa Karunaratne.



## Workshop on LMS

The Faculty Quality Assurance Cell organized a workshop on "Learning Management System: An update into 2019", conducted by Dr. Salinda Premadasa, Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Computer Science, on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 for the members of the academic staff of the faculty.



## Visit to Rideemaliyedda

Third year students of the Department of Agribusiness Management visited the rural development projects and programs conducted by World Vision International in Rideemaliyedda area of Mahiyanganaya on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 to learn about the rural development theories, strategies and livelihood activities carried out by the beneficiaries of the program. Two alumni of the faculty, Ms. S.U. Pinnagoda and Ms. T.M.S.K. Tennakoon arranged the trip.



# Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

## HRM for Undergrads

A workshop on "Human Resource Management in Food Business Management" was held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 for the 02<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduates of the Food Business Management Degree Program. The session was conducted by Dr. Chalinda Beneragama, Senior Lecturer and Director of Education Unit of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.



## Workshop on Good Laboratory Practices

A workshop on "Good Laboratory Practices" was organized by the Quality Assurance Cell, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences to provide the basics on general laboratory practices, lab safety management, and welfare of animals used in scientific testing and research. The one-day workshop was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Prof. D.M.A. Gunaratne, Dr. H.A.D. Ruwandepika, and Dr. R.M.A.S. Bandara contributed as the resource persons of the workshop.



## KOHA Workshop

A one-day workshop on "New Trends in Library Automation Based on KOHA System" was held on 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. The workshop was organized by the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell under the coordination of Dr. Lalith Wickramanayake, the Deputy Librarian. Dr. Manjula Wijewickrema, Senior Assistant Librarian, conducted the workshop. The Academic and academic support staff of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was the target group of the event.



# Faculty of Applied Sciences

## 3MT presentation competition

Ms. Gayani Imanthika Dias, a research student from the Faculty of Applied Sciences, won the first runner-up award at the “3-minute thesis presentation competition-3MT” organized by Sri Lankan Academy of Young Scientists (SLAYS) in October, 2019.



## Workshop on Android Application

The Faculty of Applied Sciences organized a workshop on “Android Application” for G.C.E. A/L Students of B/Dharmapala College, Bandarawela. The event was held at the Faculty premises on 05<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.



## Nena Pahasa

The Physical Sciences and Technology students of the Faculty of Applied Sciences organized an event named, “Nena Pahasa – 2019” for the Advanced Level, Science students who follow Physics, Chemistry and ICT subjects. The objective of this event was to inspire their confidence for the examinations. The event was held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Faculty of Applied Sciences.



# Faculty of Applied Sciences

## International Conference on Artificial Intelligence

The 3<sup>rd</sup> SLAAI - International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, organized by Sri Lanka Association for Artificial Intelligence was held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at the Faculty of Applied Sciences.



# Faculty of Geomatics

## Workshop and Discussion with Chinese Delegates

A workshop on “Beidou Ground Based Augmentation System & Software” for members of the academic staff and students of the faculty, conducted by Prof. Zhenfeng Shao and two doctoral students, Xiaoxiao Feng and Lan Shen, of Wuhan University, China, was held on 01<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 at the faculty.



Meanwhile a discussion was also held with the Chinese representatives on the 03<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Analysis, to be held in December, 2019, the agreement between the State Key Laboratory of Information Engineering in Surveying, Mapping and Remote Sensing of Wuhan University on building an International Research Center, and establishing Beidou GNSS system at SUSL.



# Faculty of Geomatics

## Preparations for Program Review

Dr. Upali Mampitiya, Senior Lecturer at the Open University of Sri Lanka, conducted an introductory workshop on Program Review for members of the staff of the faculty on 02<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019 at the Staff Development Centre. The Faculty of Geomatics is expected to undergo its first Program Review in 2020.



## Survey Camp for Moratuwa

The Annual Survey Camp for the students of the Department of Building Economics of the University of Moratuwa, was held between 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019 at SUSL. Personnel from the Department of Surveying and Geodesy of SUSL conducted the event with the participation of more than hundred students.



# Faculty of Management Studies

## Workshop on Examination Process

A one-day workshop on Examination process, "Mapping the procedure, Paper Setting and Moderation" was held on 05<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 with a view to discuss and optimize the examination procedure in line with process mapping standardization. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Chalinda Beneragama, Senior Lecturer/Director-Education Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.



# Faculty of Management Studies

## Discussion with Dr. Veslie Grama

A discussion with Dr. Veslie Grama, University of Oradea on Erasmus+ Mobility programme under the teaching exchange between University of Oradea, Romania and the Faculty of Management Studies, SUSL was held on 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019.



## World Tourism Day Celebrations

Department of Tourism Management organized an event named “World Tourism Day Celebrations” on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at the Faculty of Management Studies and at the auditorium of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The occasion was graced with a number of activities including the awarding of Tourism Excellence Award, launching the second volume of TIP (Tourism in Paradise) Magazine, educational exhibition, and so on. Mr. Nilmin Nanayakkara, Managing Director of NKAR Travels and Tours (Pvt) Ltd and Mr. Harith Perera, President of Sri Lanka Association of Inbound Tour Operators (SLAITO) and the Director of Hemas Holdings PLC participated as the keynote speakers of the event.



# 21<sup>st</sup> General Convocation of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

The General Convocation 2018 of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held on 19th December, 2019 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall. The Chancellor Prof. Ven Kamburugamuwe Vajira Nayaka Thero commanded the proceedings of the ceremony.



The Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, distinguished invitees, Deans, Heads of the Departments, members of the Academic and Administrative staff and graduands and their parents participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> General Convocation. The morning session of the convocation ceremony saw Prof. Kshanika Hirimburegama, Chair & Senior Professor, University of Colombo and the evening session witnessed Prof. Ananda Jayawardena, Director General, National Science Foundation and Senior Professor, University of Moratuwa as the chief guests.



Ms. Sanduni Keshala Hettikankanamge, Department of Computing & Information Systems, Faculty of Applied Sciences was crowned the Student of the Year.



# Faculty of Management Studies

## Interdisciplinary Conference of Management Researchers

The 4<sup>th</sup> Interdisciplinary Conference of Management Researchers (ICMR 2019) organized by the Faculty of Management Studies was held on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at the Faculty of Management Studies capturing the theme of “Sharing & Inclusion for Shaping the Future”. Prof. Khairil Wahidin Awang, University of Malaysia Kelantan, Malaysia, Prof. Arosha S. Adikaram, University of Colombo, Prof. Brayon Park, a member of the Board of Directors in International Teacis School, South Korea, and Prof. D.A.I. Dayaratna, SUSL delivered the keynote speeches. More than 70 national and international presenters shared their original research findings during this event.



## An Intellectual Dialogue

An intellectual dialogue was organized in parallel to ICMR 2019 on a timely topic of “How to fix the gap between speculative research and industry desires?”. Five experts from both industry and academia contributed and discussed how to bridge the gap that exists between academic research and industrial issues. This event was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Management Studies.



# Faculty of Management Studies

## Management Undergraduates' Research Session

Management Undergraduates' Research Session - MURS 2019 was held on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 at the Faculty of Management Studies under the theme of "Research for Better Future". The undergraduates (2013/2014 batch) recommended by the viva panelists for MURS presented fifty technical papers at the event. Providing the opportunity for undergraduates to present their research findings and exchange knowledge in a formal setting to strengthen the research culture was one of the major objectives of this event. Dr. Ajith Colonne, former Deputy Director of Directorate of Internal Intelligence, Sri Lanka, participated as the keynote speaker of the event.

## Stakeholder Workshop for Curricular Revision

The Faculty of Management Studies conducted a Stakeholder Workshop with the industry experts to get their comments for the process of Curricular revision. The event was held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at Waters Edge hotel, Battaramulla.



## Edu Lane - Talk Series

Edu-Lane, Talk Series, Session II was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Faculty of Management Studies. The talk series intends to bridge the gap between undergraduates and graduates of the Department of Business Management through creating a win-win platform. Mr. Charith Rukshan Denis, the Senior Executive – HRM, Bairaha Farms PLC and Ms. R.R.W.M.M.E.K. Rathnayake, Executive HR, Operations, Hemas Manufacturing (Pvt) Ltd participated as the resource persons of the event.



# Faculty of Management Studies

## Entrepreneurship Day 2019

Entrepreneurship Day of the Faculty of Management Studies was held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.



# Faculty of Medicine

## E-Poster Presentation

An e-poster presentation on “Thorax Gross Anatomy” was held on 09<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at the auditorium of the Faculty of Medicine. The objectives of the event were to improve the knowledge of first year medical students on Thorax Gross Anatomy and to develop their presentation skills. Dr. Nilantha Gamalathge, Ms. Chamalika Weerakoon, and Dr. Yasas Kolambage, Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine contributed as resource persons of the event.



## A Guest lecture on Cardiac Electrophysiology

A guest Lecture on “Cardiac Electrophysiology” was conducted by Dr. Mevan Wijetunga, Consultant Cardiac Electrophysiologist, Altru Health System, USA on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at the Auditorium, Faculty of Medicine. The lecture inspired the students to think out of the box and understanding of ECG.

# Faculty of Medicine

## A workshop on Curriculum Development

A workshop on “Curriculum Development” was held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at the board room, Faculty of Medicine. Prof. Gominda Ponnampereuma, Department of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, conducted the workshop for the academic staff of the Faculty of Medicine, Sabaragamuwa University. Improving knowledge on curriculum development and skills on developing a lesson complying with outcome-based education were the perceived output of this event.



# Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

## Workshop on Examinations

A workshop on paper setting, moderation and marking, organized by the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell, was conducted by Dr. Chalinda Benaragama, Senior Lecturer at the University of Peradeniya for the members of the academic staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at the Staff Development Center.



## IASSL Visits Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

The Executive Council Members of the Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka (IASSL) visited the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. They had discussions with both the staff and students, in addition to a seminar. Also, the Executive Council meeting of IASSL was held during this visit.



## Annual Student Research Symposium 2019

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research Symposium - 2019, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages was held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at the Faculty premises. Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, the Vice Chancellor, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, graced this occasion as the Chief Guest, while Dr. D.B. Subedi, Post-doctoral Research Fellow - Faculty of Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Education, University of New England, Australia participated as the Keynote Speaker. The final year students who completed their dissertations or industrial training presented their research findings and study outcomes.



# Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages

## English Language Camp

The staff of the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, contributed to an English Language Camp organized by the R/ Karagasthalawa Primary School on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 at the school main hall. The objective of the event was to enhance the English language skills of young learners using activity based teaching methods in a language rich environment. All the students of grade four participated in this event.



## Increasing Youth Knowledge on Reproductive Health & Rights



A Workshop on “Increasing Youth Knowledge on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights” was held on 08<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The event was conducted by the Centre for Gender Equity and Equality, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, with the collaboration of The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). This workshop aimed to increase the awareness of the youth on issues related to pregnancy along with the theme of “Pregnancy by choice, not chance”.

## Workshop to Motivate Students to Speak English

A workshop on “Motivating Students to Speak in English” organized by Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages was held from 09<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.



# Faculty of Technology

## Gearing Up for IR

A quality assurance and accreditation workshop was conducted on 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at the Staff Development Center for members of the academic, administrative and academic supportive staff to make them aware of Quality Assurance procedures and prepare them for the upcoming Institutional Review (IR) processes. Dr. T.A. Piyasiri, the UGC Coordinator for Technology Degree Program, contributed to the event as the resource person.



## Pre-Bid Meeting

A pre-bid meeting for the construction of the faculty building complex of the Faculty of Technology was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at the Board room of the Vice Chancellor's Office with participation of ADB and PMU officials along with fifty bidders.



# Faculty of Technology

## Workshop on Process Control & Automation

A workshop on “Process Control and Automation” was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at the Physics Laboratory, Faculty of Technology. The workshop aimed to give a basic understanding and hands on experience on industrial scale process control equipment. Mr. Sachith Nirmal Silva, Senior Application Engineer, Forbes Marshall (Pvt) Ltd. participated as the resource person of the workshop.



## Staff Achievements

### Launching a Book

“Fundamentals of HTML”, a book authored by Mr. R.M.N.B Rathnayake, Senior Lecturer in IT at the Center for Computer Studies, intended for both undergraduates and high school students, was launched on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages.

### Best Research Paper Award at GSUA 2019

Dr. R.M.K.T. Rathnayake, Senior Lecturer, Department of Physical Sciences and Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences achieved the Best Research Paper Award for his outstanding presentation of the submission entitled “Taylor Series approximation based Unbiased GM (1,1) Hybrid Statistical Approach for forecasting Stock Market” at the 2019 International Congress on Grey Systems and Uncertainty Analysis (GSUA 2019), held from 08<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. Further, he has been appointed as the Deputy Secretary General of the International Association of Grey Systems and Uncertainty Analysis.



### Award at International Conference



Ms. K.K.H.M. Rathnayake, Lecturer (Prob.) at the Department of Agribusiness Management, won the best paper award for her paper: “The Impact of Remittances and Gender on Expenditure Pattern on Rural Households in Sri Lanka” at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Business and Information, organized by the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

# Staff Achievements

## Best Presentation at Agro Food 2019

Mr. W.M.T.B Weddagala was bestowed with the prestigious award for the Overall Conference Best Presentation for the paper titled “Investigate the Product Harm Crisis in Ceylon Cinnamon Value Chain” at the International Conference on Agriculture, Food Security and Safety (Agro Food 2019), organized by iconference. Prof. D.A.M. De Silva, Dr. R.K.C. Jeewanthi, and Ms. R.H.N. Rajapaksha from the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences were the cooperative team members of this research. The awarding ceremony was held at the Galle Face Hotel on 08<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.



## Best Paper Presenter at SACMR 2019

Dr. T. C. S. Weerakoon was awarded as the best paper presenter at the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Asia Conference on Multidisciplinary Research 2019 held on 08<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo for her paper titled “Relationship of pain duration and pain intensity with disability among chronic neck pain patients in Sri Lanka: a cross sectional study”.



## NRC Merit Award

Prof. A.S. Karunaratne of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was awarded NRC merit award for scientific research for the paper titled “Accounting for both parameter and model structure uncertainty in crop model predictions of phenology: A case study on rice, published in European Journal of Agronomy”. She was also awarded by the Fellowship of The Matsumae International Foundation Tokyo, Japan for the year 2020.

# Staff Achievements

## Doctoral Degree Completion

Dr. R.M.A.S. Bandara, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Livestock Production completed her Ph.D in Animal Biosciences at the University of Guelph, Canada.



Dr. G.K.C.S. De Silva, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Languages completed her Ph.D in Sinhala at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.



Dr. Nishamanie Ranasinghe, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Surveying & Geodesy completed her Ph.D in Remote Sensing at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.



Dr. P.K.C.M. Wijewickrema, Senior Assistant Librarian completed his Dr. phil in Library and Information Science at Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.



Dr. P.G.R.N.I. Pussella, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Remote Sensing & GIS completed his Ph.D in Cartography and Geographical Information Engineering at Wuhan University, China P.R.



# Student Achievements

## Sports

Silver medalist at South Asian Games, Omayya Udayangani, and World University Games participant Gihan Ranaweera set six new meet records at the Sri Lanka University Games Athletics Championship 2019. Dilhani Fernando won the Gold medal in her 800m event with a new meet record. The sports event was held in July and August, 2019 at the Sugathadasa Stadium.

The SUSL Women's Hockey team became Champions in Women's Hockey Championship of the Sri Lanka University Games held on 03<sup>rd</sup> and 04<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at Uyanwaththa Stadium, Matara.

Students representing the University Baseball, Elle, and Football teams became the runner up of the 13<sup>th</sup> Sri Lanka University Games 2019, organized by the University of Ruhuna. These events were held from August to September, 2019 at Kotavila Stadium and Uyanwaththa Stadium, Matara.

Roshan Ranathunga won the gold medal in 110m hurdles at the National Athletic Championship - 2019.

The SUSL rugby team won the Plate Championship of the Leo Rugby 7's – 2019, an invitational university rugby tournament organized by the University of Colombo. Meanwhile, the university table-tennis team became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up in the MORA SMASHES – 2019 table-tennis tournament.

## New Appointments

Prof. Nirmali Wickramaratne has been appointed as the Dean, Faculty of Medicine.



Dr. Janya Jayawardena has been appointed as the acting Head of the Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine.



Dr. W.M.J. Welgama has been appointed as the Director of Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and community Studies.



Dr. N. D. A. Wageesha has been appointed as the Head of the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine.



Mr. Saman Handaragama has been appointed as the Chairman of Board of Studies, Centre for Open and Distance Learning. At the same time he has been appointed as an Advisor, Action Committee for the Institutional Review.



Mrs. R.S. Sabaragamuwa has been appointed as the Head of the Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences.



Dr. Saman Koswatte has been appointed as the Head of the Department of RS & GIS, Faculty of Geomatics.



Dr. E.P. Kudavidanage has been appointed as the Head of the Department of Natural Resources, Faculty of Applied Sciences.



## Promotions

Dr. G.S.N. Perera, Dr. H.A. Nalani, Ms. S.D. Wickramasinghe, and Dr. P.G.R.N.I. Pussella, Department of RS & GIS were promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer Gr. I.

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Celebration of the 24<sup>th</sup> University Day will be held on 05<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. A number of awards and appreciations including Best Students in the year 2019, Best sportsman & Best sportswoman in the year 2019, Long Service Awards, Appreciation of retired personnel in the year 2019, Best Researcher in the year 2019, and Service Appreciation for Administrative/Non-Academic staff members will be presented with parallel to the University Day.



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