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Agenda of the Tenth Annual General Meeting

Date: *June 28, 2025*

Time: *5:00 PM*

Venue: *Renuka City Hotel, Colombo*

1. Reading the notice convening the meeting
2. Welcome speech by the President
3. Congratulatory notes on the achievements of Members and Fellows
4. Confirmation of the minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting
5. Matters arising from the minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting
6. Report of the General Secretary
7. Report of the Treasurer for the financial year 2024/2025
8. Matters arising from the Treasurer's report and approval of the accounts
9. Appointment of Company Secretary and Auditors
10. Appointment of new Members, Fellows, and Promotions
11. Election for the 6th Executive Council
12. Adjournment

Program of the Induction Ceremony of the Sixth President of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons

06:00 PM: Registration

06:15 PM: Arrival of the ceremonial procession

06:20 PM: National anthem and traditional lighting of the oil lamp

06:30 PM: Welcome address and highlights of the College activities by the President

06:40 PM: Address by Dr. Oswin Perera – The Founder President of the College

06:50 PM: Address by the Chief Guest, *Vidya Jyothi* Professor Vajira H.W. Dissanayake.
Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

07:00 PM: College oration by the Guest of Honour, Dr. Dynatra Subasinghe.
*Associate Dean of Education, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences,
University of Surrey, UK.*

07:40 PM: Felicitation of the Past Presidents and Senior Fellows

08:10 PM: Launching of the 10th Anniversary e-souvenir

08:15 PM: Induction of the Sixth President

08:25 PM: Address by the new President

08:35 PM: Induction of the new Fellows and Members

08:45 PM: 10th Anniversary celebration of the SLCVS – Cake cutting

08:55 PM: Vote of Thanks

09:00 PM: Ceremonial procession leaves the Auditorium

09:05 PM: Fellowship Dinner

Message from the Chief Guest



It is a great honour and privilege to have been invited to be the Chief Guest at the Induction Ceremony of the 6th President of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons. I extend my warmest congratulations to Professor Sunil Chandra on his induction and my heartfelt appreciation to Professor Mangala Gunatilake for her outstanding leadership during her tenure as President.

The Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons has, over the years, grown into a respected professional body that upholds the highest standards in veterinary science, education, and practice. Under Professor Gunatilake's able guidance, the College has continued to build on its reputation for academic excellence, professional integrity, and policy engagement. Her commitment to advancing the role of veterinary professionals in public health and animal welfare has been both visionary and impactful.

As we welcome Professor Sunil Chandra to the presidency, we recognize the wealth of experience and academic distinction he brings to this role. A highly respected figure in the field of microbiology and former Chair of Microbiology at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, Professor Sunil Chandra has made significant contributions to medical education and research. His interdisciplinary outlook and collaborative spirit will no doubt enhance the College's efforts to address complex health challenges through a One Health approach.

This ceremony marks more than a transition in leadership—it is a celebration of the College's enduring commitment to excellence and its evolving role in shaping veterinary and public health practice in Sri Lanka. In today's interconnected world, where the health of animals, humans, and ecosystems are closely linked, veterinary surgeons play a pivotal role in ensuring not only the wellbeing of animals but also the resilience of our public health systems.

As the Chief Guest, I take this opportunity to commend the College for its continued efforts to foster professional development, promote research, and engage meaningfully with national and

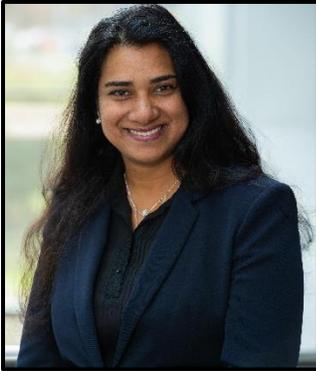
global health priorities. I am confident that under Professor Sunil Chandra's leadership, the College will reach new heights and continue to be a force for positive change.

I wish the incoming President, the outgoing President, and the entire membership of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons every success in the journey ahead. May the College continue to thrive as a centre of excellence and a valued contributor to national development.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Vidya Jyothi Professor Vajira H W Dissanayake
Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
President, Sri Lanka Medical Council

Message from the Guest of Honour



It is with sincere gratitude and great honour that I accept the invitation as guest of honour at the Induction Ceremony of the 6th President of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (SLCVS). I extend my heartfelt thanks to the President, Prof. Mangala Gunatilake, and the Executive Council of the SLCVS for this kind invitation and for the opportunity to be part of this significant milestone.

This Induction Ceremony coincides with the College's 10-year anniversary, a decade marked by steadfast commitment to continuing professional development, leadership, and collaborative progress in veterinary medicine. Over the years, the SLCVS has played a pivotal role in elevating veterinary standards in Sri Lanka. It is both inspiring and encouraging to witness its ongoing contributions to clinical excellence, and knowledge-sharing.

I take this opportunity to warmly congratulate the incoming President Prof. N.P. Sunil Chandra and to express deep appreciation for the outgoing leadership. Their dedication has helped shape the College into a dynamic platform for innovation, dialogue, and professional advancement.

Looking ahead, I am confident that under its new leadership, the SLCVS will continue to strengthen its influence as a catalyst for advancing clinical standards, promoting veterinary specialisation, and fostering meaningful collaborations both within Sri Lanka and internationally.

Once again, I thank the SLCVS for this honour and extend my best wishes to all its members as they continue their vital work in advancing the veterinary profession in Sri Lanka and beyond.

Dr. Dynatra Subasinghe

Associate Dean Education, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey,
United Kingdom

Associate Professor of Small Animal Clinical Practice

Message from the President



It is with immense gratitude, pride, and optimism that I share this message as the 5th President of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons. Serving the College during its landmark 10th anniversary has been both a privilege and a deeply rewarding experience.

Looking ahead, I am especially proud to endorse the College's evolving focus on '*Establishing Veterinary Specialties and Chapters Through Education*'. In alignment with this vision, a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) manual was developed under the

leadership of Dr. Sampath Lokugalappatty, Chair of the Academic Affairs Sub-Committee. We are honoured to have as our Chief Guest, *Vidya Jyothi* Professor Vajira H. W. Dissanayake, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, and as our Guest of Honour and College Orator, Professor Dynatra Subasinghe, Associate Dean of Education, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey, United Kingdom. As esteemed educationists, their presence brings added depth and value to this forward-looking initiative. This emphasis on continuing education recognizes the imperative for veterinary professionals to evolve in step with the rapidly changing landscape of clinical practice, research, public health, and animal welfare. In all these domains, we must be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and vision to lead with both competence and compassion.

This past two years have been a time of meaningful growth and outreach. We successfully conducted several collaborative activities with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, other professional associations and practitioners. These efforts reflect our belief that collective engagement strengthens our profession and its societal contribution. A notable milestone during my tenure was the publication of three e-newsletters—a first in the College's history. With the invaluable support of our Editor, Dr. Oswin Perera, and the Chair of the Publication Sub-Committee, Professor Deshapriya, these publications served to inform, engage, and connect our members and fellows across the country and beyond.

Membership growth has also been a significant achievement, thanks to the leadership of Professor Sunil Chandra, Chair of the Membership Sub-Committee. The expansion of our membership base is a cornerstone of our future strength and sustainability.

As I conclude my term, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Council, members, fellows, and all our platinum, gold, and silver sponsors. Your trust and support have made this journey fulfilling and memorable. I am especially grateful to our General Secretary, Dr. Namalika Karunaratne, and Treasurer, Dr. Sanda Kottawatta, for their unwavering support and commitment that helped steer the College into a new era.

The true strength of this College lies in its people—those who contribute, challenge, and champion its mission. Let us continue to build on this legacy and shape a future where veterinary excellence in Sri Lanka is defined not only by clinical expertise but also by lifelong learning, ethical leadership, and collaborative spirit.

Finally, I extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Professor Sunil Chandra, the incoming President of the College. May your tenure be impactful and inspiring.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

Vidya Nidhi Professor Mangala Gunatilake, BVSc, PhD, MLAS, FSLCVS, FELASA, FIUPS

President (2023-2025)

Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons

General Secretary's Report



As the General Secretary of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (SLCVS), it is my honour to present the Secretary's Report for the past two years, which was led by the 5th Executive Council (Ex-Co), at this 10th Annual General Meeting (AGM). Before outlining the key milestones and accomplishments of the year, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to the members of the 5th Ex-Co. Their persistent dedication and tireless service have played a pivotal role in advancing the mission of the SLCVS and in promoting excellence within the

veterinary profession. As we look back on our collective accomplishments, let us take pride in what we have achieved together and renew our shared commitment to move forward with an unwavering determination.

The Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on October 20, 2014, and was formally inaugurated on October 30, 2015. As it marks the conclusion of its tenth year, the College proudly comprises a distinguished membership consisting of ten Honorary Fellows, eighty-eight Fellows, and forty-two Members. These individuals are recognized as accomplished and respected professionals who have made significant contributions to the veterinary profession. Their affiliation with the College greatly enriches its standing and impact within the veterinary community.

Over the past two financial years, the College was actively engaged in a range of continuing professional development (CPD) programs and workshops aimed at its members and the wider veterinary community. These efforts highlight the College's strong commitment to promoting lifelong learning and professional growth within the veterinary field. By providing avenues for veterinarians to stay updated on current knowledge and best practices, the College significantly contributes to the advancement of veterinary standards and the provision of high-quality animal care.

CPD programmes (workshops and seminars)

1. The Sri Lanka Association for Laboratory Animal Science, in collaboration with the Medical Research Institute and the SLCVS, conducted the Certificate Course in Laboratory Animal Science in August and September 2023. The primary aim of this course was to impart fundamental knowledge, principles, and practical training for the ethical handling and care of laboratory animals in research. The course comprised two segments: an online theoretical component and a practical session. Upon successful completion, the SLCVS recognized this certificate course, offering veterinarians 2 CPD credit points.



2. The Sri Lanka Association for Laboratory Animal Science (SLALAS), in partnership with the SLCVS, Medical Research Institute (MRI), 3Rs Centre in Laboratory Animal Science in Sri Lanka, and the Society for Alternatives to Animal Testing in Sri Lanka (SAAT-SL), organized the inaugural Course on Zebrafish as an Alternative Model. The course was held from December 16th to 17th, 2023, and featured online lectures and hands-on practical sessions. The Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons granted 2 CPD credit points to participating veterinarians.



3. From November 7th to November 10th, 2023, a collaborative workshop on the Applications of "Cell Cultures" and "MIQE" Compliance Real-Time PCR (qPCR) Assay took place, organized jointly by the SLCVS, the SLALAS, the Department of Biochemistry at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, and the Department of Basic Veterinary Sciences at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science (FVMAS), University of Peradeniya. The workshop comprised a series of lectures and hands-on practical sessions.



- The Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery Workshop, held in collaboration with the SLCVS, was organized by the FVMAS. Both local and international experts conducted online lectures, which occurred between December 2023 and January 2024. Practical sessions were conducted at the Farm Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital of the FVMAS for 6 days.



- The Sri Lanka Association for Laboratory Animal Science, in partnership with the MRI, Colombo, and the SLCVS, conducted the Certificate Course in Laboratory Animal Science from May 4 to July 27, 2024. The course was delivered in two parts: an online theoretical module followed by a hands-on practical session at the MRI in Colombo. Participating veterinarians were awarded two CPD points, contributing meaningfully to their professional growth.



- The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science at the University of Peradeniya, in partnership with the SLCVS, hosted a special seminar on “Avian Influenza: H5N1 Spillover: Impact on the Cattle Industry.” This seminar was presented by Prof. Udeni

Balasuriya from the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine on May 30, 2024, at the FVMAS.

7. The Equine Oral Care and Sinus Surgery Workshop, conducted in collaboration with the SLCVS, was organized by the Department of Farm Animal Production and Health of the FVMAS, University of Peradeniya. It was held from August 5 to 8, 2024, at the Farm Animal Veterinary Teaching Hospital. The workshop was led by renowned equine dentist Dr. Samantha Baker from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom.



8. A CPD activity on Histopathology and Immunohistochemistry was jointly organized by the SLCVS and the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA) on September 19, 2024, at NCLT, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Colombo. It was comprised of a lecture and a discussion on histopathology and immunohistochemistry for tumor diagnosis and prognosis, followed by clinical case presentations. The resource persons were Dr. Udeni Balasuriya and Dr. Mariano Carossino (Department of Pathobiological Sciences, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University, LA), and the event was sponsored by the Rover Veterinary Hospital, Colombo.

9. A CPD seminar on small animal oncology, focusing on diagnostics, sampling, treatment, and surgery in companion animals, was held on October 18, 2024, at Hotel Janaki, Colombo, which was coordinated by the SLCVS. The program was led by the speaker, Dr. Senura De Silva (Central Veterinary Emergency, South London, UK), and sponsored by Dymec (Pvt) Ltd.



10. The FVMAS at the University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with the SLCVS and the National Zoological Gardens, Dehiwala, organized a CPD seminar on January 15, 2025, at the auditorium of the National Zoological Gardens, Dehiwala. The seminar was conducted by the resource persons from the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois, and the topics covered were Avian Radiographic Anatomy, Rabies: An Old Disease with Many Challenges, and Veterinary Care of Crocodilians.



11. The Pre-Conference Workshop on Rodent Anesthesia and Analgesia, organized by the SLALAS in collaboration with the MRI, Colombo, and the SLCVS, took place on January 23, 2025, at the MRI. The workshop featured resource persons from both local and international backgrounds, including experts from California, USA. Veterinary professionals who attended were awarded 2 CPD points.



12. The Pre-Conference Workshop on Exploring Analgesia and Green Practices in Animal Vivarium was organized by the SLALAS in collaboration with the SLCVS and FVMAS, University of Peradeniya. It was held at the University of Peradeniya on January 24, 2025, and the resource persons were from Stanford University School of Medicine and the University of California, USA.



Webinars

1. The webinar on Equine Colic was organized by the FVMAS, University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with the SLCVS and the Royal Turf Club, Nuwara Eliya. It took place online on January 22, 2025, at 7:30 PM Sri Lankan time. This event was made possible through the partnership between the University of Peradeniya and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Prof. Annette McCoy was the resource person.

2. The FVMAS at the University of Peradeniya, in collaboration with the SLCVS, organized six webinar sessions through the partnership between the University of Peradeniya and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. All the resource persons were from the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois. The webinar details were as follows:
 - Liver and Spleen Cytology, by Dr. Michael Rosser - on February 06, 2025, at 7:30 PM
 - Cytology of Body Fluids and Effusions, by Dr. Samantha Lee - on March 26, 2025, at 7:30 PM
 - Lymph Node Cytology, by Dr. Michael Rosser – on April 30, 2025, at 7:30 PM
 - Exploring Liver Health with Serum Chemistry Panels, by Amy Schnelle – on May 07, 2025, at 7:30 PM
 - Clinical Case-based Discussion, by Taylor Hanson and Aimee Pepper – on May 22, 2025, at 7:30 PM
 - Cytology of Skin and Subcutaneous Lesion, by Kimia Alizadeh – on June 25, 2025, at 7:30 PM

SLCVS Newsletter

We are pleased to announce the release of the 4th volume of the SLCVS newsletter in February 2024, the 5th volume (issue 1) in December 2024, and the 5th volume (issue 2) in June 2025. These editions were distributed electronically as an e-newsletter, ensuring it is easily accessible to our valued Fellows and Members worldwide.

Executive Council Meetings

The Ex-Co of the SLCVS held virtual meetings every two months, amounting to fourteen meetings in total over the past 2 years. Each meeting typically included updates from three key subcommittees: the Membership Committee, the Publication Committee, and the Academic Affairs and Veterinary Specialties Committee, along with the Treasurer's report.

Achievements made by the Subcommittees of the SLCVS:

Academic Affairs and Veterinary Specialties Committee

In the past 2 years, the committee successfully approved twelve CPD programs, including workshops and seminars, as well as seven webinars in collaboration with various institutions, associations, and centers, as previously noted. In addition, the committee has finalized the development of a manual for allocating CPD points for future CPD programs conducted in partnership with the College.

Publication Committee

The SLCVS Publication Committee successfully released three SLCVS Newsletters during the past two financial years, featuring updates on the College activities, Membership accomplishments, and scientific communications.

Membership Committee

At the last AGM, the SLCVS Membership Committee successfully approved a resolution that included amendments to the Membership/Fellowship criteria, designed to expand Membership and Fellowship within the SLCVS, particularly for general veterinary practitioners, while upholding rigorous evaluation standards. Notably, two new Fellows, five new Members have joined the SLCVS over the past two years, highlighting the continued growth of the College, while two Members were promoted to Fellowships.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many corporate benefactors whose generous contributions have greatly benefited the College throughout the past two years. Their continued support has been instrumental in advancing the SLCVS's mission to promote excellence in the veterinary profession.

Dr. Namalika Karunaratne

Introduction to the Orator

Associate Professor Dynatra Subasinghe, BVSc, MRCVS, Pg Dip., MSc, PhD, SFHEA

Associate Dean Education, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences

Associate Professor of *Small Animal Clinical Practice, Department of Clinical Science, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Surrey, United Kingdom.*

Dynatra graduated with a BVSc from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka. She went on to pursue an online Postgraduate Diploma in Toxicology at RMIT, Australia, followed by an MSc in Toxicology Technology and Management from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand. She subsequently read for her PhD at the University of Cambridge, UK, and successfully completed the statutory membership examination to join the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), UK.

Following her doctoral studies, Dynatra undertook a postdoctoral research appointment at the University of Oxford, UK. She then returned to Sri Lanka, where she worked for several years in companion animal general practice, at Pet Vet Clinic and Blue Paw Trust, Colombo. During this time, she also took on academic responsibilities, being appointed as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Colombo and serving as an external examiner for both the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science at the University of Peradeniya and General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. As a member of the Working Group for the Establishment of a College of Veterinarians SLCVS, Dynatra was a founding member of the SLCVS.

In 2018, after gaining further clinical experience in small animal practice in southern England, Dynatra joined the University of Surrey school of veterinary medicine as a small animal practice clinician and academic. Since then, she has held several academic leadership roles within the School of Veterinary Medicine, including Small Animal Clinical Teaching Section Head and Clinical Programme Leader (CPL). As CPL, she played a central role in securing full accreditation for the BVMSci programme from both the RCVS (UK) and the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE). In this capacity, she chaired the Veterinary

Curriculum Committee and the Board of Studies, overseeing curriculum design, quality assurance, and educational enhancement.

With a strong foundation in curriculum development, Dynatra has co-led several institutional curriculum reviews and contributed to external reviews for higher education institutions across the UK. Her research interests span antimicrobial stewardship in human and animal healthcare, as well as pedagogy in higher education. She continues to collaborate on international research projects, working with multidisciplinary teams across various countries.

In her current role as Associate Dean Education within the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences at the University of Surrey, Dynatra provides strategic leadership for teaching, learning, and the student experience across a diverse portfolio of programmes spanning five schools: School of Veterinary Medicine, School of Psychology, School of Bio Sciences, School of Health Sciences and School of Medicine. Her work focuses on enhancing curriculum innovation for both undergraduate and post graduate taught programs, promoting inclusive and research-informed teaching, and ensuring high-quality, data-driven improvements to student outcomes.

Oration Summary from the Guest of Honour

Bridging Borders, Building Futures: Advancing Veterinary Medicine in Sri Lanka and Beyond

Dynatra Subasinghe (BVSc, MRCVS, SFHEA, PhD)

In an era defined by rapid change and growing interdependence in global health, continuing professional development (CPD) is no longer optional, it is essential. For veterinarians, CPD underpins clinical excellence, ethical decision-making, and adaptability in a complex and evolving professional landscape. This oration explores the transformative potential of postgraduate veterinary education in Sri Lanka, identifying critical challenges, opportunities for growth, and the power of international collaboration.

Across the globe, veterinary professionals face common obstacles: defining competence across career stages, ensuring CPD drives meaningful behavioural change, and establishing robust systems to assess ongoing proficiency. The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies is reshaping veterinary practice. While AI offers value in diagnostics and administrative efficiency, its limitations in clinical reasoning highlight the enduring need for human judgement. The future veterinary workforce must be equipped not only with clinical expertise, but also with skills in data interpretation, ethical reasoning, and human–AI collaboration, especially in regions where digital inequity risks deepening existing disparities.

In Asia, and particularly in Sri Lanka, veterinarians also contend with unique regional challenges: persistent zoonotic, tropical disease threats, under-resourced rural services, and fragmented regulatory frameworks. These are compounded locally by economic constraints, outdated infrastructure, and limited access to advanced diagnostic tools and clinical literature. Furthermore, the absence of formal specialist pathways and structured CPD frameworks results in a lack of recognition and clear career progression for clinically experienced professionals.

Yet this moment also presents a critical opportunity. By investing in structured postgraduate education aligned with or uniquely developed for Sri Lanka after exploring the international standards, Sri Lanka can cultivate a new generation of veterinary specialists. Strengthening international partnerships particularly with international regulatory bodies could support the co-

creation of locally relevant training programs. Such collaborations could begin with joint CPD modules and clinical placements, co-developed with the University of Peradeniya, the public veterinary sector, and private clinical practices. These efforts would enhance clinical exposure, foster evidence-based practice, and build sustainable capacity.

Public–private collaboration is vital. The private sector can play a leading role in developing specialty services, modernising infrastructure, and supporting long-term training initiatives. However, there may be a need for regulatory reform particularly updates to the Veterinary Surgeons and Practitioners Act. This may assist to establish specialist accreditation systems and define professional advancement pathways.

Raising public awareness is another strategic priority. Educating farmers and pet owners on preventive care, zoonoses, and responsible animal care and management is essential to improving health outcomes and strengthening the veterinary profession's role. National campaigns and accessible educational resources will help build trust and community engagement.

"Bridging Borders, Building Futures" calls for a strategic, inclusive, and future-oriented vision. The development of specialist pathways in collaboration with all stakeholders in veterinary medicine in Sri Lanka could enhance clinical medicine standards and position Sri Lanka as a regional centre of excellence. However, realising this ambition will require navigating financial, political, and structural challenges. With determination, cross-sectoral cooperation, and alignment with international best practices, Sri Lanka can elevate its veterinary profession improving clinical standards at home while contributing meaningfully to animal and human health across the region and beyond.

Report from the Founder President of the SLCVS

The Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (SLCVS) - A brief history of events leading to its establishment and activities during the formative years

Oswin Perera (BVSc, PhD, FSLCVS)



Members of the veterinary profession in Sri Lanka can obtain academic qualifications such as Master's and Doctoral degrees through universities in the country. However, there was no mechanism for veterinary practitioners to obtain certification and qualifications as specialists in the wide range of fields that they work in. Therefore, establishment of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (SLCVS) in 2014, after many years of discussion and planning, can be considered a significant achievement.

The initiation of this process was in February 2009, when a meeting was arranged by the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA), with the participation of senior veterinarians from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science (FVMAS) of the University of Peradeniya, the Ministry of Livestock Development, Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH), Society of Companion Animal Practitioners (SCAP) and others. The meeting included a presentation by Dr. Douglas Bryden, a former President of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, on the role, functions and benefits of a college. The outcome was the formation of a “Working Group for the Establishment of a College of Veterinarians”, comprising senior veterinarians from the state and private sectors.

During the years 2009 to 2012 the Working Group held several meetings, studied the constitutions and activities of veterinary colleges in other countries, and drafted a Constitution that was considered to be appropriate for a college in Sri Lanka. In 2013 the Working Group was reconstituted with additional representation and, with the assistance of a legal consultant, proceeded with further improvements to the Constitution to formulate the Articles of Association in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act of Sri Lanka. A set of draft By-laws was also prepared. The Working Group convened a meeting on 14th July 2014 at the FVMAS for

the purpose of formally establishing the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (SLCVS). It was attended by over 35 members of the profession from a broad range of disciplines in the state and private sectors. The meeting elected the first Executive Council (Ex-Co) of the SLCVS and adopted the Articles of Association that had been drafted by the Working Group. The Ex-Co then undertook the necessary legal procedures and registered the SLCVS as a Company Limited by Guarantee under the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, on 20th October 2014 with the Registration Number GA 2976.

The ceremonial Inauguration of SLCVS was held on 30th October 2015 at the Kingsbury Hotel in Colombo, with induction of the Founder President and award of Founder Fellowships and Memberships to over 60 veterinarians. The Ex-Co proceeded with several Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities, updated the By-Laws, and held the first Annual General Meeting on 18th March 2016 to elect the second Ex-Co and induct the second President. Thereafter, AGMs were held annually, and the election of successive Ex-Cos and induction of their Presidents were held bi-annually. The main activities included the establishment of a Website (<http://www.slvvetcollege.org/>), conduct of CPD programmes (training courses, workshops, seminars and webinars) and publication of Newsletters.

The major challenges ahead include the formalization of procedures for veterinarians to qualify as Members & Fellows of the College in specified areas of veterinary and allied sciences. A manual is being finalized for the approval and assigning of credit for CPD programmes. The next steps will be to establish Chapters for recognized veterinary specialties and to conduct examinations, certify and award qualifications. The ultimate objective is to enhance the professional competence and capacity of veterinarians to increase their contribution to all relevant fields, including companion animals, farm animals, wildlife, aquaculture, food quality and safety, pharmaceuticals, and related industries.

Introduction to the 6th President of the SLCVS



Professor Narapity Punchihewa Sunil-Chandra is an eminent Sri Lankan Medical Microbiologist and Virologist whose distinguished career spans over four decades of academic, research, and clinical contributions in the fields of virology, immunology, and medical microbiology. A graduate of the University of Peradeniya with a BVSc, he further obtained an MPhil in Virology from the same university and earned his PhD in Virology from the University of Cambridge, UK, where he also completed a

prestigious post-doctoral research fellowship funded by the MRC, UK.

He was the Founding Senior Professor and Chair of Medical Microbiology at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, serving from 1997 to 2022. His leadership roles include Head of the Department of Medical Microbiology (1995–2005), Chairman of the University of Kelaniya Research Council (2017–2020), and President of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists (2007–2008). He also held notable visiting professorships and research roles at national and international institutions, including his tenure as Research Professor at SLIBTEC and CSC Academic Fellow at the University of Cambridge.

Professor Sunil-Chandra is a pioneer in the study of viral diseases with public health importance in Sri Lanka. His research portfolio includes groundbreaking work on emerging zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance in wildlife, viral gastroenteritis, Hantavirus infections, and human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) burden, supported by prestigious grants from the Swedish Research Council, NRC Sri Lanka, and the University of Kelaniya. With over 90 research publications and more than 2,000 citations, his scientific contributions have had a significant impact locally and internationally.

A Fellow of multiple professional and scientific bodies including the National Academy of Sciences Sri Lanka (FNASSL), the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (FSLCVS), and the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists (FSLCM), Professor Sunil-Chandra has actively contributed

to shaping the scientific and academic landscape of microbiology and virology in the country. His interdisciplinary work in One Health, spanning human, animal, and environmental health, continues to influence national health policies and research strategies.

His legacy as a dedicated teacher, mentor, and visionary leader continues through his roles as Professor Emeritus at the University of Kelaniya and Professor of Microbiology at the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

Felicitation of Past Presidents

Dr. B.M.A.O. Perera

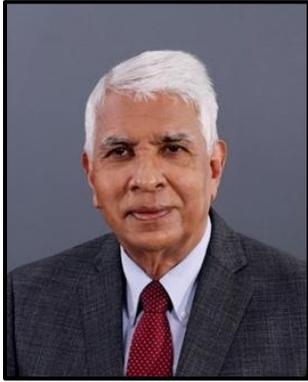


Dr. Oswin Perera graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science, University of Ceylon in 1970 and was recruited to the teaching staff of the faculty. He obtained a PhD from the University of Glasgow, UK, in 1975 and continued teaching at the faculty until 1988. Subsequently, he worked for the United Nations at the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture in Vienna, Austria, for 14 years. His work was on planning and implementing technical co-operation projects to improve livestock production and health in developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

He returned to Sri Lanka in 2005 and re-joined the Faculty as Professor of Farm Animal Production and Health. He retired in 2011 and continued to teach as a visiting Professor until 2021. His teaching and research were focused on reproduction of cattle, buffaloes and elephants, human-wildlife conflicts, and risks from zoonotic diseases. His publications include over 100 full length research and review papers, 25 chapters in books and monographs, and 65 abstracts of presentations.

He is the founder President of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons and is a past President of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association and the Veterinary Alumni Association of Peradeniya.

Prof. H. Abeygunawardena



Emeritus Professor Harischandra Abeygunawardena (BVSc, MSc, PhD & DSc.) is a renowned academic with extensive experience in the fields of animal production and health, and education.

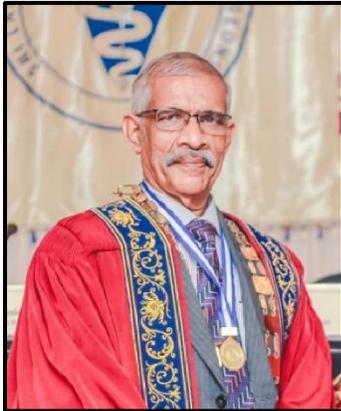
He commenced his academic career in 1978 as an Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science of the University of Peradeniya. He proceeded to the USA in 1981 as a Fulbright Scholar to pursue his postgraduate studies. Upon his return in 1987, he was promoted to the grade of Senior Lecturer, and then he proceeded to become a Professor in 2000, and Senior Professor in 2008. In 2000, he became the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science and continued in this capacity until he assumed duties as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya in 2006. In October 2009, he was appointed as a member of the University Grants Commission and served in that capacity until March 2015. He had also served as a Technical Officer at the Animal Production and Health Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency (FAO/IAEA). He was a prolific researcher, supervised many graduate students, published many research articles, and co-authored many academic publications. He retired from the university service in April 2015 and was conferred the honorary title of Professor Emeritus in 2016.

Since his retirement in early 2015, he has been functioning as a freelance consultant in higher education and provides his expert services in the areas of university governance and management, curricular development, strategic planning, quality assurance, and accreditation. In April 2020, he assumed duties as the Chairman of the National Education Commission, the apex body for national education policy and standards formulation and served in that capacity until April 2024. Emeritus Prof Abeygunawardena also served on the Governing Boards of many universities, government organizations and statutory bodies. He has also been very active in professional activities and held the posts of President (2002/2003) of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association and President of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (2016/2018).

In 2017, Emeritus Prof Abeygunawardena was bestowed with the honour of being one of the most outstanding Alumni of the University of Peradeniya at its Diamond Jubilee Ceremony. In 2022, the University of Peradeniya honoured him again by awarding a DSc (*Honoris Causa*) in

recognition of his excellence in academic teaching and research, his outstanding service to the University, and his contribution to the country in the field of education. Again in 2022, he was felicitated by His Excellency the President by inducting him as the Chancellor of the University of Vocational Technology.

Dr. D.S. Kodikara



Dr. D.S. Kodikara graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree in 1980 from the University of Peradeniya (then Peradeniya campus of the University of Sri Lanka). He is a Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in the UK, has passed the National Veterinary Examination and obtained a professional qualification from the Postgraduate Foundation in Veterinary Science from Australia and is a Founder Fellow of the SLCVS. He served as the 3rd President of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons. Dr.

Kodikara is one of the leading private practitioners in Sri Lanka and a member of several international and national professional bodies. He served as an external examiner for Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at the University of Peradeniya, and a visiting veterinary surgeon for the National Zoological Gardens, Sri Lanka Army, and Sri Lanka Air Force. Dr Kodikara is a recipient of many accolades at the National level, including two patents for his inventions.

Dr. D.D.N. de Silva



Dr. Niranjala de Silva gained admission to the Veterinary Science course at the University of Peradeniya in 1975 and graduated with the BVSc degree in 1979. She obtained her PhD from University of Cambridge, UK in 1988.

She was recruited to the academic staff of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences (DVCS), Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science (FVMAS), University of Peradeniya 1979. For over four decades, Dr. Niranjala served with utmost dedication, imparting knowledge, clinical expertise, and

invaluable soft skills to countless undergraduate and postgraduate students. Her commitment to excellence was evident not only in her teaching but also in the administrative roles she held at the DVCS, FVMAS, and the University of Peradeniya.

Dr. Niranjala's contributions extended far beyond the university. She has been a guiding force within the veterinary profession, serving as the past President of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA), the immediate past President of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons (SLCVS), and the immediate past President of the Veterinary Alumni Association of Peradeniya. She was also a member of the Veterinary Drug Control Authority of Sri Lanka.

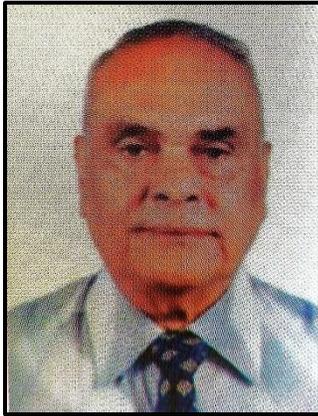
Dr. Niranjala was a pioneering member of the SLCVS working group during its formative years and played a vital role in enhancing its reputation following its establishment. She was instrumental in launching the Moodle platform, hosted as a subdomain of the SLCVS website, made possible through the financial support of a generous SLCVS fellow based in the UK. This platform was developed to facilitate the delivery of educational programmes for veterinarians and allied professionals both nationally and internationally.

Her enduring involvement continues as the current Editor of the *Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal*, an Advisor to the Society of Companion Animal Practitioners of Sri Lanka, and a member of the Veterinary Council of Sri Lanka.

Her passion for nurturing young veterinarians has been truly transformative, shaping a generation of professionals who excel both nationally and internationally. Dr. Niranjala's vision of grooming young talent into leaders across diverse fields of the veterinary profession is a legacy that will inspire generations to come.

Felicitations of Senior Fellows

Dr. S.B. Dhanapala



Dr. Ian Dhanapala was an outstanding Director General of the Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH) and Secretary to the Ministry responsible for animal production and health. During his tenure at DAPH, he was instrumental in establishing the current national capacities for veterinary investigation, research, and continuing professional development (CPD) in the veterinary services of Sri Lanka. His visionary leadership extended beyond national borders as he served as the Secretary General and later President of the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania, and as President of the FAO Regional Commission on Animal Production and Health for Asia and the Pacific, where he also served on the executive committee for five years. He led the task force that evaluated the impact of the First Livestock Development Project funded by the Asian Development Bank and served as the National Project Director for numerous FAO and UNDP initiatives, including the inventorisation of non-conventional feed resources, development of a genetic resources databank, dairy production improvement, and the establishment of the Centre for Reproductive Disorders in Sri Lanka. He also served as a FAO Consultant on Livestock Production in Bangkok and as Chief Technical Advisor for the UNDP/FAO Animal Health Centre Project in the Philippines for three years.

Dr. Dhanapala held many prestigious positions throughout his distinguished career. He served as President of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association, the Veterinary Council of Sri Lanka, and the Veterinary Graduate Association of Sri Lanka. He contributed to the advancement of veterinary knowledge as Editor of the *Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal* and as a long-standing member of its editorial board. For over a decade, he was a Council Member of the University of Peradeniya, and he further contributed to academia as an external examiner in Veterinary Medicine and Parasitology at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, and in Animal Husbandry at the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Dr. Dhanapala proudly represented Sri Lanka at numerous international conferences and seminars, delivering keynote

addresses across a wide array of countries including Australia, Bhutan, Bangladesh, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Kenya, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

Dr. H.P. Premasiri



Dr. H.P. Premasiri received his primary and secondary education at St. Joseph's College, Colombo, where he not only excelled academically but also emerged as a gifted orator and athlete. He captained the school Sinhala debating teams and showcased his talents in athletics, a passion he continued throughout his university life, earning the prestigious title of Freshers' Champion at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya Campus, in 1972.

Graduating in 1975 with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (B.V.Sc.), he began his professional journey in the private sector as Farm Manager cum Resident Veterinary Surgeon at a large-scale livestock project under coconut in Bingiriya. His exceptional service at Heenpannawa paved the way for his entry into the government veterinary service in 1977, where he served with distinction in Dompe and Matale for seven years.

Further advancing his academic credentials, Dr. Premasiri obtained a Master of Science in Reproductive Physiology from the University of Peradeniya. His international journey began in 1984, when he served as an Associate Expert on Farm Management (UNV) in the FAO/UN Integrated Livestock Project under the Royal Government of Bhutan, contributing immensely to livestock development until 1988.

Upon returning to Sri Lanka, he assumed leadership as General Manager of Mahaweli Livestock Enterprises Ltd (1988–1993), and later, as Assistant General Manager of the National Livestock Development Board, where he managed extensive livestock enterprises including coconut estates, pig farms, and poultry breeding units.

Recognizing his outstanding service, he was awarded a prestigious scholarship to pursue postgraduate livestock research at the University of Tokyo, Japan (1996/1997). Upon completion,

he joined Gold Coin (Lanka) Ltd, a renowned Swiss feed mill company, as Senior Technical Manager, serving for a decade.

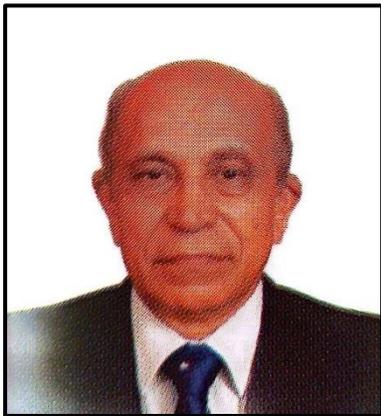
In 2008, Dr. Premasiri was appointed Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) for the FAO/UN Horticulture and Livestock Project (HLP) in Afghanistan. His leadership was pivotal in empowering vulnerable women through poultry initiatives and enhancing the efficiency of breeder farms and feed mills.

Returning to Sri Lanka in 2012, he was appointed General Manager of Pussalla Meat Producers (Pvt) Ltd, now the country's largest fully integrated poultry company. Under his stewardship, the company achieved remarkable growth and prominence in the poultry industry.

Dr. Premasiri has also been a dynamic leader in the professional community. He served as President of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (2004/2005) and as the Sri Lankan Representative to the Commonwealth Veterinary Association. As President of the World's Poultry Science Association, Sri Lanka Branch, he was instrumental in organizing Sri Lanka's first International Poultry Exposition and Seminar (2006/2007).

With unwavering commitment to excellence, Dr. Premasiri has contributed immensely to the advancement of veterinary science, livestock development, and poultry production both locally and globally. His vision, leadership, and lifelong dedication to the field stand as an inspiration to the veterinary and scientific community.

Dr. R.M.P.H. Dassanayake



Dr. R.M.P.H. Dassanayake served in the Regular Force of the Sri Lanka Air Force throughout his career until retirement as the Director of Welfare in 2005. He served as the President of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association in the year 2000-2001. He was the Chairman of Seepet Animal Hospital, the formulator of the tick control medicine "Tixfree" Spot-on Dog & Cat, and the importer of Pet Rearing Accessories, CP Classic Dog Food, and Me-O Cat Food.

Introducing the Newly Inducted Fellows and Members

Fellows

Dr. M.A.R. Priyantha



Dr. M.A.R. Priyantha works as a Principal Scientist, in the Bacteriology Division of the Veterinary Research Institute, Sri Lanka. He earned his PhD in Veterinary Microbiology from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, where he investigated antimicrobial resistance in *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius*. He also holds a Master's degree in Dairy and Meat Product Technology from the University of Peradeniya and a Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Epidemiology. As a Principal Scientist, Dr. Priyantha manages research on veterinary bacteriology, pathology, and antimicrobial resistance. He is also an Adjunct Professor in Veterinary Microbiology at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Canada. His dedication extends to his active participation in national committees focused on antimicrobial resistance, biosafety, biosecurity, and dangerous pathogen inventory, contributing significantly to public and animal health initiatives in Sri Lanka.

Dr. G.S. Pemachandra



Dr. G.S. Pemachandra is a distinguished veterinary professional and leader in Sri Lanka's animal healthcare sector. A 2007 honours graduate of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science at the University of Peradeniya, he holds a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc Hons) and has dedicated over 18 years to advancing veterinary medicine. Dr. Pemachandra currently serves as the Managing Director of Citypet Animal Hospital, Colombo's premier institution renowned for its cutting-edge care and commitment to animal welfare.

Actively engaged in professional leadership, Dr. Pemachandra was the 73rd Secretary of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA) and now holds the role of President-Elect. He further contributes to the field as Vice President of the Companion Animal Practitioners Association of Sri Lanka, advocating for excellence in pet healthcare. A prolific academic, he has authored numerous scientific articles in local and international journals, enriching global veterinary knowledge. His dedication to innovation is reflected in his participation in international conferences focused on small animal medicine, where he stays abreast of global advancements.

Dr. Pemachandra special interest in orthopaedic surgery and veterinary ultrasonography, combining technical precision with a passion for improving animal health outcomes. His leadership, expertise, and research continue to elevate standards in Sri Lanka's veterinary community, inspiring peers and benefiting countless animals. Dr. Pemachandra received Membership of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2018.

Dr. D.W.D. Subasinghe



Associate Professor Dynatra Subasinghe is an accomplished veterinary clinician, educator, and academic leader with a global career. She obtained her BVSc from the University of Peradeniya, followed by a Postgraduate Diploma in Toxicology from RMIT, Australia, and an MSc in Toxicology Technology and Management from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand. She earned her PhD from the University of Cambridge and became a statutory member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), UK.

After completing postdoctoral research at the University of Oxford, she gained extensive clinical and academic experience in Sri Lanka and the UK, including as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Colombo. At the University of Surrey, she has held several academic leadership roles and now serves as Associate Dean Education for the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, where she oversees teaching, learning, and curriculum innovation across five schools. Her research interests include antimicrobial stewardship in human and animal healthcare and pedagogy in higher education, and she actively contributes to international, multidisciplinary research collaborations.

Prof. H.R.N. Jinadasa



Dr. Rasika Jinadasa earned his BVSc from University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka in 2004. He earned his master's degree in veterinary science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2007 and a PhD in Comparative Biomedical Sciences from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University in 2012. He joined the academic staff at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, in 2012 and was promoted to Professor in Microbiology in October 2022. He also serves as the Coordinator of the Postgraduate Education Unit and oversees the Diagnostic Microbiology Laboratory at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science. He is currently attached to the Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Sri Lanka, as the National Pandemic Fund Implementation Specialist. His contribution was instrumental for developing the proposal for the US\$ 18.6 million Pandemic Fund grant, "One Vision, One Shield: Sri Lanka's Integrated One Health Pandemic Preparedness & Response" to Sri Lanka. He previously held a V.K.F. Jubb Fellowship at the Melbourne Vet School and was a consultant to the World Health Organization, Sri Lanka. Dr. Jinadasa is a Life Member of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists. He is also a Council Member of the Sri Lanka Society of Microbiology and a Member of the Research Committee of the National Science Foundation and the National Advisory Committee on AMR for Sri Lanka. He served as the Founder General Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons. He was a past Secretary of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association.

Members

Dr. H.E.L. De Seram



Dr. H.E.L. De Seram is a Senior Lecturer (Grade II) in the Department of Farm Animal Production and Health at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya. He earned his Master's degree in Dairy Nutrition from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, in 2016. In 2021, he completed his PhD at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, focusing on beef cattle parasitology and epidemiology. Dr. De Seram currently teaches courses in Ruminant Production, Veterinary Epidemiology, and Farm Animal Medicine to veterinary undergraduates and postgraduates. His research interests include ruminant nutrition and production.

Dr. P.G. Eshwara



Dr. Pavithra Gyanthi Eshwara is a highly accomplished veterinary professional and the Director of CityPet Animal Hospital. A graduate with honours (BVSc Hons) from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science at the University of Peradeniya in 2007, she has dedicated her career to advancing animal health and welfare. Dr. Eshwara has authored numerous scientific publications presented at the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association's scientific sessions, showcasing her expertise and contributions to veterinary research. Passionate about small animal medicine, she has actively participated in international congresses to stay at the forefront of veterinary advancements, ensuring the highest standard of care for pets. Her commitment to the well-being of animals and her leadership in the field make her a respected figure in veterinary medicine.

Dr. T.J. Withanage



Dr. T.J. Withanage is a veterinary surgeon and a lecturer in the Sri Lanka School of Animal Husbandry (Department of Animal Production and Health), Kundasale and currently on study leave. In 2021, he graduated from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka with a Master's degree in clinical Biochemistry. He studies for his PhD (to be completed in May of 2025) at the Department of Chemical Sciences, Ariel University, Israel, focusing on "Purification of Biopharmaceuticals". His research interests focus on the purification of antibodies & biopharmaceuticals and preparation of supramolecular biomaterials. He used to teach the modules in Animal Nutrition, Anatomy & Physiology of Farm Animals and Animal Breeding & Fertility Management for National Diploma Course in Livestock Production Technology.

Dr. A. de Lima



Dr. Alexandria de Lima obtained her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from University Putra Malaysia in 2017, where she was awarded the Gold Coin Award (Excellence in Pre-Clinical) from Gold Coin Feedmills (M) Sdn Bhd. After graduation, she joined a premier veterinary hospital in Colombo where she worked for three years as a small animal practitioner as well as worked to develop and build the equine medicine industry in Sri Lanka.

She has been trained in Malaysia and Thailand in equine medicine and surgery which are her main interests. She has several local and international presentations and publications. She is currently pursuing her Master's in veterinary science (Equine Medicine) under the guidance of the head of the Department of Farm and Exotic Animal Medicine and Surgery at University Putra Malaysia.

Dr. Alexandria is a loving and caring veterinarian who treats all her patients like they are her own. Additionally, she is a strong advocate for fear free approaches to ensure all pets experience a positive visit at every visit.

Dr. M.R.B.G.T.K. Jayasinghe



Dr. Jayasinghe graduated with BVSc (Hons) from the University of Peradeniya, The Faculty of Vet Medicine, in 2013 and obtained an MSc in Poultry Science from the same university and worked as an Intern at the Colombo Municipal Council and the Rikillagaskada V.S. office. Dr. Jayasinghe started his career at PetVCare and worked for one year. He then joined City Health and worked as a territory manager for five years. Presently, he has been a Veterinary Consultant at Dymec (Pvt) Ltd. since June 2019. He has thorough hands-on expertise in drug registration, small and companion animal medicine, as well as in the poultry sector and large animals.

Acknowledgement

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Fellows and Members of the College, whose enduring support and commitment continue to form the cornerstone of the institution's strength. Their active participation in the proceedings not only underscored their dedication but also played a vital role in shaping discussions on the future of veterinary medicine in Sri Lanka.

The presence of *Vidya Jyothi* Professor Vajira H. W. Dissanayake, as Chief Guest, was an immense honour. His thoughtful reflections and gracious participation added great significance to the event, for which deep gratitude is extended. Equal appreciation is due to Dr. Dynatra Subasinghe, the Guest of Honour and Orator, whose inspiring address enriched the academic and professional value of the gathering.

Appreciation is also due to all attendees, whose enthusiasm and active engagement made the AGM a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange and professional interaction.

The dedicated efforts of the Executive Council deserve special recognition for the seamless planning and execution of the event. Their commitment ensured the AGM met the highest standards of organisation and professionalism.

Gratitude is extended to Dr. Anil Kalupahana, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science (FVMAS), and Prof. Anil Pushpakumara, former Dean of FVMAS, for their valuable support and encouragement throughout the planning process.

Appreciation is also extended to the temporary academic staff of FVMAS, including Dr. Vidura Gajanayake and Dr. Hasanthi Rathnadiwakara, for their generous contributions of time and expertise.

Special thanks to Dr. Lalanthi De Silva from the Veterinary Medical Education Unit, FVMAS, who served as the compere for the evening.

Gratitude is extended to Ms. Vindya Wasana, who documented the day with skill and artistry, capturing its most meaningful moments. Appreciation is also due to Mr. Manjula of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, who carried the ceremonial mace with dignity and pride.

Appreciation to the talented group of undergraduate dancers from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, for their captivating performance, and to Dr. Vidura Gajanayake for his excellent choreography.

The support of Renuka City Hotel, Colombo, is also warmly acknowledged for their excellent hospitality, venue arrangements, and catering services.

The generous contributions of sponsors made a vital difference in the success of the AGM. Special acknowledgement is extended to the Co-Platinum Sponsors: Rover Veterinary Hospital, Battaramulla, with appreciation to Dr. Eranda Rajapakse, and Nutri Veto Pvt Ltd, coordinated by Dr. Sanjaya Wasala. Gratitude is also extended to the Gold Sponsors: Pussalla Meat Producers, Seepet Animal Care, Battaramulla, with special thanks to Dr. R.M.P.H. Dassanayake and Dymec Pvt Ltd; as well as the Silver Sponsors: City Pet Animal Hospital, with special thanks to Dr. Sugath Pemachandra alongside Farmchemie Pvt Ltd and Hayleys Animal Health.

In reflection, the success of the Annual General Meeting stands as a testament to the collective spirit and dedication of all those who work toward the progress of veterinary science in Sri Lanka. The College extends its heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed to making this event a truly memorable and meaningful occasion.

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<p>INTRAFER -100 B12 ඉන්ට්‍රාෆර් 100 ඩී12</p> <p>Iron (as iron d extran)100mg/ml Vitamin B12 100mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 100ml</p>	<p>XYLA සයිලා</p> <p>Xylazine 20mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 50ml</p>	<p>INTROVIT E SELEN ඉන්ට්‍රොවිටී E සෙලින්</p> <p>Vitamin E 50mg/ml Sodium selenite....0.5mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 100ml</p>	<p>GLUCORTIN 20 ග්ලුකෝර්ටින් 20</p> <p>Dexamethasone 2mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 50ml</p>
<p>BANIXIN 50 බැනික්සින් 50</p> <p>Flunixin(as flunixin meglumine) 50mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 50ml</p>	<p>INTROVIT ඉන්ට්‍රොවිටී</p> <p>Vitamins & Essential Amino acids</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 100ml</p>	<p>IMOCHEM 120 ඉමොකෙම් 120</p> <p>Imidocarb dipropionate....120mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 50ml</p>	<p>LIMOXIN 50 ලිමොක්සින් 50</p> <p>Oxytetracycline base 50mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 100ml</p>
<p>BUTASAL-100 බුටාසාල් 100</p> <p>Butafosfan 100mg/ml Vitamin B12 50mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 100ml</p>	<p>OXYTOCIN-20 ඔක්සිටෝසින් 20</p> <p>Oxytocin 20 IU/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 50ml</p>	<p>KETOSOL 100 කෙටසෝල් 100</p> <p>Ketoprofen 100mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 100ml</p>	<p>LIMOXIN 200 LA ලිමොක්සින් 200 LA</p> <p>Oxytetracycline base 200mg/ml Long Acting</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 100ml</p>
<p>INTERFLOX 100 ඉන්ට්‍රොෆ්ලොක්සන් 100</p> <p>Enrofloxacin 100 mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 100ml</p>	<p>MACROLAN 200 මැක්‍රොලන් 200</p> <p>Tylosin base ...200 mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 50 & 100ml</p>	<p>INTERTRIM LA ඉන්ට්‍රිම් LA</p> <p>Sulfadoxine200 mg/ml Trimethoprim ...40 mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 100ml</p>	<p>MACROTYL 300 මැක්‍රොට්‍රිල් 300</p> <p>Tilmicosin base300 mg/ml</p>  <p>ඇසුරුම් : 50 & 100ml</p>

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