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Promotions: Academic Staff

PROFESSOR MOHAMED ESHAM attached to the Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has been promoted to the post of Professor with effect from 20th April 2015. Prof. Mohamed Esham enrolled at Sabaragamuwa University of



Sri Lanka in 1996 and was an initiating academic staff member. He obtained a PhD in Agribusiness Management at Tottori University, Japan in 2006. He has done post-doctoral research at Tottori University, University of Reading and at the University of Technology Sydney. He has received a number of prestigious international awards including the Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship, Japan Foundation Fellowship, Japan Student Services Organization Fellowship, Australian Endeavour Fellowship, and the Experts for Asia award from the European Union. His research interests include entrepreneurship, agribusiness, climate change and food security. Prof. Esham has published over 35 peer-reviewed papers in the areas of agribusiness and climate change. Further, Prof. Esham has served as the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and the Head of the Department of Agribusiness Management at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.



PROFESSOR ASHA KARUNARATNE attached to the Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has been promoted to the post of Professor in Crop Production Systems and Modelling with effect from May 2015. Currently she is contributing to

the university administration as the Director of Internal Quality Assurance Unit and Coordinator of International Relations.

Prof. Karunaratne attended the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, where she obtained B.Sc. Agriculture (Hons) and M. Phil in Crop Physiology. She enrolled at Sabaragamuwa University in 1998 as a probationary lecturer. In 2005, she was awarded with the Commonwealth Scholarship for PhD at the University of Nottingham, UK. She was awarded with 03 President's awards in 2014 for meritorious research publications. Further, Prof. Karunaratne was awarded Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship in 2011 and 2014.

She has postdoctoral research experience on crop-climate modelling from Walker Institute for Climate System Research, University of Reading and University of Nottingham, UK. She is extending her expertise to wider international research communities, as a research consultant to the United Nations-Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome and Crops for the Future, Malaysia since 2010.

Prof. Karunaratne has more than 10 year experience in predictive modelling of crop production systems under current and future climates through her commitment to series of on-going international research projects and PhD student projects on resolving global food security issues. Over the course of her research arena, she has published more than 10 SCI journal papers along with approximately 65 citations, more than 30 international conference papers and 03 international Book Chapters.

Editors' Note

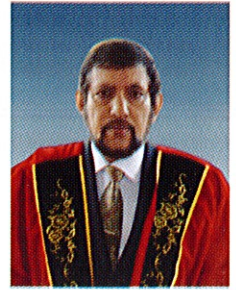
I am proud to introduce this Volume-13, Issue-1 of the Newsletter of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka to the hands of you. The editorial board wish to make the newsletter a regular publication and to use it to keep you in touch with updates and developments in Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

This newsletter has been designed to discuss and disseminate information about ongoing activities of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The current issue highlights main research activities, conferences, workshops, cultural and athletic events which were taken place in 2016 linking the university nationally and internationally. It also briefs the up-coming events.

With this issue and the future issues, we wish to continue reporting the latest events of our University. I trust that the readers will keen on the information included herein.

Retirements Academic Staff: Prof. IK Perera

PROFESSOR IK PERERA was a Professor attached to the Department of Physical Sciences and Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences. Prof. IK Perera has joined the Department of Physical Sciences, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Buttala Campus of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka in December 1996.



He held several senior administrative positions in Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka including the post of Vice Chancellor (Oct. 2001-Oct. 2004), Deputy Vice Chancellor (January-September 2001), Director, Center for Computer Studies, Director, Sabaragamuwa University for Environmental Studies (SUCEDS) and was the first Head of the Department of Physical Sciences (1997-1998). During his stay at the university he was also appointed on secondment from the university as the first CEO of NASTEC, Ministry of Science and Technology. His contribution to Physics is well recognized internationally and he has been admitted as a fellow of the Institute of Physics in London and a fellow of the Institute of Physics in Sri Lanka.

Prof. IK Perera retired from the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka on the 8th April 2016, as a Senior Professor of Physics, to which he was promoted in 2004.

New Appointments: Academic Staff

DR. MSM ASLAM, Senior Lecturer, Department of Tourism Management, Faculty of Management Studies has been appointed as the new Director for the Centre for Research and Knowledge Dissemination (CRKD) with effect from 1st January 2016.



DR. NMP MILINDA PIYASENA, Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of Geomatics has been appointed as the Chairman of the 6th Annual Research Session, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka with effect from 1st March 2016 to 28th February 2017.

DR. (MRS.) RK MUTUCUMARANA, Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has been appointed as the Coordinator of the 6th Annual Research Session, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka with effect from 1st March 2016 to 28th February 2017.



PROF. PMAS KARUNARATNE, Professor, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has been appointed as the Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Unit, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka with effect from 1st June 2016.

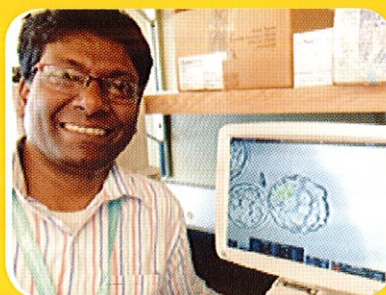
DR. AD AMPITIYAWATTA, Senior Lecturer Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was appointed as the University Coordinator for the proposed Faculty of Technology, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka with effect from 1st August, 2016.



Overseas Training And Conferences Attended

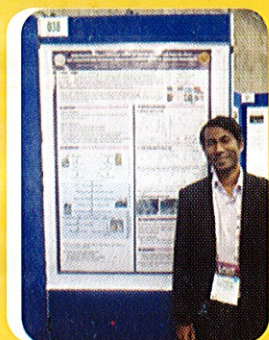
Three Parallel awards for Participating FIR 2016 and FIR International Symposium

DR. MANJULA PS MAGAMAGE, Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Livestock Production, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has participated in the Nineteenth Frontiers in Reproduction (FIR) training 2016 at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL), University of Chicago, Woods Hole, MA, USA from 29th April 2016 to 12th June 2016. Dr. Magamage was the only Sri Lankan scientist who represented at FIR 2016 and the 3rd Sri Lankan who followed this prestigious programme. Dr. Magamage was awarded with National Science Foundation Overseas Travel Fellowship 2016 to participate FIR 2016. He was also awarded Burroughs Welcome fund award and C. Lalor Burdick Scholarship award for solidifying his participation to the programme. He was presented on 'Vascular Markers in Bovine Ovary with differing steroidal Levels' in final FIR symposium. Sabaragamuwa University awarded him a Research Engorgement Award for his participation to FIR symposium as an appreciation.



A Training Program on 'Molecular Biology Techniques for Research in Agriculture and Bio-Medical Sciences' from 29th February to 29th March 2016, India.

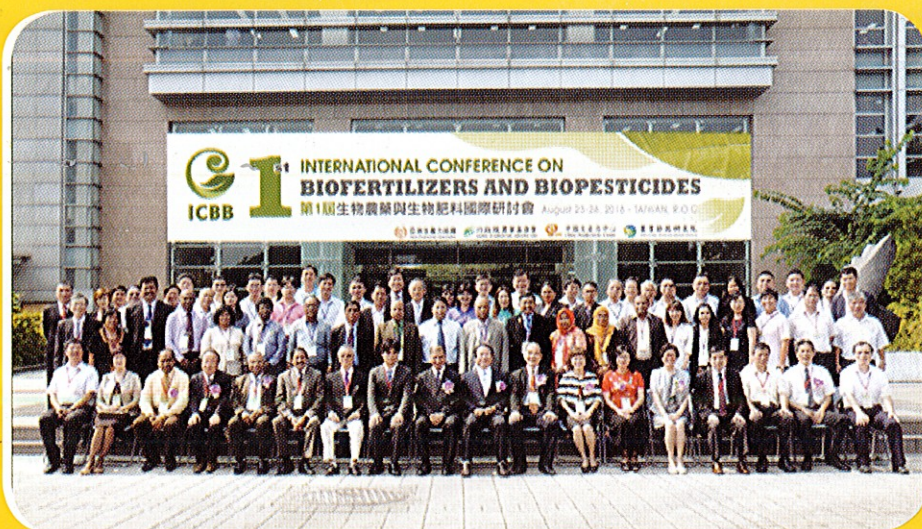
DR. MANJULA PS MAGAMAGE, Senior Lecturer, Department of Livestock Production, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was awarded a Training Fellowship by TCS Colombo Plan, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, Government of India to undergo a training workshop on "Molecular Biology Techniques for Research in Agriculture and Biomedical Sciences". This one month residential training programme was conducted by the Division of Biochemistry, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnager-243 122 (U.P.), India.



MR. JANITHA LIYANAGE, Senior Lecturer, Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences has participated in the 4th ISEKI Food Conference Organized by the European Association for Integrating Food Science and Engineering Knowledge in the Food Chain. This conference was held from July 6th - 8th, 2016, at Vienna, Austria.

Mr. Liyanage has also participated in 18th World Congress of Food Science and Technology organized by the International Union of Food Science and Technology, from August 21st - 25th, 2016 at Dublin, Ireland.

DR. (MRS.) MLMC DISSANAYAKE, Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has participated the 1st International Conference on Biofertilizer and Biopesticides: Republic of China (Thiwan) from 23rd to 26th August as a representative of Sri Lanka. Dr. (Mrs.) Dissanayake has participated to this conference as a country representative and contributed by presenting the country paper titled 'Development and Use of Biofertilizers and Biopesticides (BP) in Sri Lanka'.



MoU with Korea & Japan

MOU with the Sunchon National University of Korea for Education and Academic Research

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and the Sunchon National University, Korea, was signed on 27th May 2016, to promote the co-operation between the two institutions in education and in academic research. This MoU will continue for an initial period of three years.

MoU with the Shibaura Institute of Technology, Japan

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and Shibaura Institute of Technology, Japan, was signed on 24th August 2016 to promote academic exchange and corporation between the two institutions.

Foreign Delegate Visit

A Distinguished Delegate from HongHe University, Yunnan, China visited Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

MR. PHILIP ZHANG XI, the Director of International Affairs of HongHe University, Yunnan, China visited Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka on 14th June 2016. An important discussion on Academic Corporation was made at the meeting held at the Vice Chancellor's office. Further, the Director met the undergraduates who follow Chinese Language as a subject at the Department of Languages of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. He also met the members of the Chinese Society and had a friendly discussion.

Workshops

Workshop on "Program Review and Self Evaluation Report (SER) Writing"

The Quality Assurance Cell of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences organized a one-day workshop on Self-Evaluation Report (SER) writing for the B.Sc. degree program in Agricultural Sciences and Management. The workshop was conducted on 26th October 2016 at the auditorium of the Staff Development Center, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. All the academic staff members of the Faculty were the target audience of this workshop. Key objectives of organizing the workshop were (i) to have a better understanding about SER of a degree program, (ii) to acquire knowledge on how to write SER of a degree program correctly, (iii) to gain skills to prepare the SER of the degree program of the Faculty.

Prof. Kalyani Perera, Professor, Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya contributed to the workshop as the resource person. The workshop consisted with several group work and presentations performed by the academic staff members to gather information for the initial preparation of the SER. The workshop on "Program Review and Self Evaluation Report (SER) Writing" was coordinated by Dr. (Mrs.) SHP Malkanthi, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.



Workshops Cont.

One-day Workshop on 'Good Laboratory Practices (GLP)'

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in collaboration with the Quality Assurance Cell of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences organized a one-day workshop on "Good Laboratory Practices (GLP)" on 21st September 2016. The workshop was held at the Staff Development Centre (SDC) Auditorium of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, Vice Chancellor Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Dr. HSR Rosairo, Dean Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Prof. PMAS Karunaratne, Director Internal Quality Assurance Unit, and Dr. RK Mutucumarana, Coordinator of Agricultural Sciences, IQAU, graced the inauguration ceremony.

This workshop was designed to address the basic concept of GLP in basic science laboratories. Understanding of the mode of actions of non-clinical and clinical laboratory set up and safety and identifying critical hazardous and emergency applications in general laboratory set up were also in focus. This workshop covered number of important topics including Record Keeping, Laboratory Charts and First Aid.

Around 40 participants from academic staff, academic supportive staff, laboratory staff, graduates and many other interested individuals were participated to the workshop.

Dr. MMP Sumith, Dr. HAD Ruwandepika Senior Lecturers-Department of Livestock Production, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Dr. Scott Gene Cruz, Lab Manager- Physiology Lab, University of Nebraska, USA and Dr. Haritha Baduraliya, Medical Officer, Medical Center, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka contributed to the GLP workshop as resource persons. Good Laboratory Practice workshop was coordinated by Dr. MMP Sumith, Senior Lecturer in Department of Livestock Production.



A workshop on PCR method and Laboratory Equipment Demonstration

A workshop on PCR method and Laboratory Equipment Demonstration was conducted on 16th February 2016 in collaboration with Avon Pharmo Chem. (Pvt.) Ltd for the academic staff and the laboratory staff of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Faculty of Applied Sciences. The workshop was organized and coordinated by Dr. PK Dissanayake and Dr. (Mrs) MLMC Dissanayake of Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.



One-day Workshop on BSc (Food Business Management) Degree Program

The Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, conducted a one-day workshop on 'BSc (Food Business Management) Degree Program' for Academics and Key Industry Stakeholders on 31st August 2016, at the Staff Development Centre (SDC) Auditorium of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The key objectives of the workshop were to improve the awareness level of university academics and industry stakeholders regarding the proposed degree program, finalize the course capsules developed for the proposed degree program, develop strong links with the industry in the delivery of the proposed degree program, and to set the platform to create an excellent learning environment at the Faculty and the Department.

Mr. Sarath Alahakoon (Chairman-Country Style Foods (Pvt.) Ltd.), Mr. Upul Rajapakse (General Manager-CBI, Natural Focus), Mr. YD Chithrananda (Deputy General Manager-Operations, Lanka Spice (Pvt.) Ltd.), Mr. Isuru Ratnayake (Head of Sales, Lanka Spice (Pvt.) Ltd.), and Ms. Dilini Pathirage (R&D Manager, Lanka Spice (Pvt.) Ltd.) participated as Industry Representatives. The target audience of this workshop was university academics and the key industry stakeholders.

This workshop was organized by the Department of Agribusiness Management of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences under the close supervision of Prof. Rohana P. Mahaliyanaarachchi (Coordinator of the Degree Program) and was coordinated by Mr. IC Hettiarachchi, Lecturer (Prob.) of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.



Workshop on Advances Surveying Technologies and Features

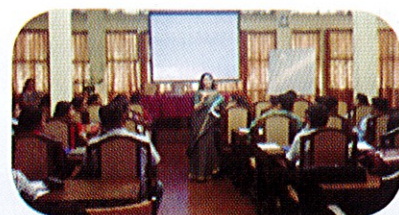
One day workshop on 'Advances Surveying Technologies and Features' was held on 19th March, 2015 at the Faculty of Geomatics.

A Workshop on 'Information Search through Library Resources'

One day work shop on 'Information Search through Library Resources' was conducted on 12th February 2016 at SUSL for the probationary academic staff of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Mrs. TN Neighsoorei, the Librarian, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka contributed to the workshop as the resource person.

A Training Session for library users

The Library of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka organized a training session for Oxford University Press e-Journals for the library users at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The workshop was conducted on 04th July 2016 by Ms. Sumitha Sen from Oxford University Press.



KOHA Implementation at SUSL

The Library of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka organized a series of (18th & 19th May 2016 and 1st & 22nd June 2016) training programmes of KOHA library automation system for the staff of all the libraries of SUSL. Mr. Nimal Hettiarachchi, the Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Ruhuna has participated as the resource person. The objective of this programme was to solve the identified difficulties in the existing system and launch the new system immediately as possible.

A two day Workshop on Financial Regulation, Audit Procedures and Procurement Procedures

The Staff Development Centre (SDC) of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka has organized a two day workshop on Financial Regulation, Audit Procedures and Procurement Procedures for the Senior Academic Staff and Administrative staff members. The workshop was held on 22nd & 23rd of June 2016. Mr. SC Mayadunne (Former Auditor General) and Mr. SM Sabry (Former Chief Accountant and Consultant to the Cope Committee) were participated as the resource persons.

A Workshop on Career Opportunities for Sociology

The Department of Social Sciences of Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages organized a workshop on 'Career Opportunities for Sociology' on 19th February 2016. This workshop was conducted in collaboration with the Sociology Alumni Association of the University of Colombo (SAAUC). The objective of this workshop was to assist the undergraduates in identifying career opportunities in GOs, NGOs, and INGOs related to the fields of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and Social Work. This workshop was supported by the Alumni members. They shared their workplace experiences with the students in order to identify the career paths after the graduation. This initiative received a good feedback from the students in the open forum discussion.



Royal Institution of Chartered Surveying (RICS) Annual Programme Review Meeting - 23rd August 2016

The Faculty of Geomatics has arranged the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveying (RICS) annual programme review meeting at the Faculty premises with the intention of getting information on facilities and quality assurance. A session was arranged with the support of university administration, Librarian, Director Internal Quality Assurance Unit and the Director of Staff Development Center (SDC). The primary objective of this review was to ensure the accredited courses to maintain the minimum standards declared by the RICS.

Workshop on "Development of the Curriculum for Certificate Courses and Diploma in Ecological Agriculture"

The Center for Ecological Agriculture, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (CEASU) organized a one-day workshop on "Development of the Curriculum for Certificate Courses and Diploma in Ecological Agriculture" on 23rd November 2016, at the Auditorium of the Staff Development Center (SDC), Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

The objectives of the workshop were (i) to prepare and finalize the main objective of the proposed Diploma in Ecological Agriculture, (ii) To prepare and finalize the Diploma Holder Profile of the proposed Diploma in Ecological Agriculture, (iii) to get feedback on the level of learning of the certificate Courses, Advanced Certificate Courses and Diploma in Ecological Agriculture.

The workshop was conducted and coordinated by Prof. PI Yapa, Professor, Department of Export Agriculture, and Mr. JBDAP Kumara, Lecturer, Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.



Industry Stakeholder Workshop on “BSc (Food Business Management) Degree Program”

The Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, organized a one-day workshop on “BSc (Food Business Management) Degree Program” for Academics and Industry Stakeholders on 13th October 2016, at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute-Colombo.



Academic staff of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and 25 reputed representatives from the industry participated to the workshop.



The key objectives of conducting this workshop were, to improve the awareness level of industry stakeholders regarding the proposed degree program, to finalize the course capsules developed for the proposed degree program, to develop strong links with the industry in the delivery of the proposed degree program and to set the platform to create an excellent learning environment at the Faculty and the Department. The workshop was successfully conducted as group discussions and the presentations of the participants provided a platform to open up the participant’s expectations about the new degree program. The industry stakeholders explained their expectations from the new degree program and their suggestions were finally concluded in main five areas namely (i) Generic Graduate Skills/ Profile, (ii) Business Management Related Skills, (iii) Science Related Skills, (iv) Industrial training and research Skills, (v) Experts’ Comments.



This workshop was organized by the Department of Agribusiness Management of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences under the supervision of Prof. RP M. Aliyanaarachchi (Coordinator of the Degree Program) and was coordinated by Mr. P. Sivashankar, Lecturer (Prob.) of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.



Geodetic Task - 2016

The year III semester I undergraduates of the Faculty of Geomatics participated in their annual practical program, ‘Geodetic Task 2016’. This was an overnight stay of 10 days period (from 27th June to 06th July, 2016) on the hilltops surrounding the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The final camp fire was held on 06th July evening at the Open Air Theatre of the SUSL.

CRKD Knowledge Dialogue

THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION (CRKD) has launched the CRKD knowledge Dialogue, “Emerging Faculty of Technology in Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka” to provide a media platform for the university community, to enhance their knowledge in diverse disciplines that are imperative for the life. This programme was conducted on 17th May 2016, at the Auditorium of Faculty of Management Studies by Dr. Lasantha P. Aponsu and Dr. AW Wijerathne and the forum was opened for the academics, administrative, non-academic staff and the university students.

Local Training Programmes Attended

MR. NIHAL CHANDRASEKARA, the Machine Operator/cum Book Binder of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka has participated a Book Binding Training Programme conducted by the Department of National Archives, Sri Lanka from 25th April to 04th June 2016.

COVER FEATURE

ICMR 2016

1st Intradisciplinary Conference of Management Researchers 2016

THE 1ST INTRADISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE OF MANAGEMENT RESEARCHERS - 2016 (1st ICMR-2016) was held at the Faculty of Management Studies, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka on August 10th - 11th, 2016.

Academics and industry expertise from and around the world discussed the theme ***"Innovation, Integration and Inspiration towards a Sustainable Future"*** related to the general issues in the field of Management. Idea sessions and dialogs were based on contemporary issues in marketing management, pragmatic approach to banking and insurance, tourism policy and planning, human resource development and organizational changes, sustainable business operations, tourists operations and experience and contemporary issues in finance. As expected, this conference served as an ideal platform for researchers, academicians, practitioners and industry to share ideas, make collaborations and cooperation in the field of Management.

A total of 105 national and international delegates from 32 institutions participated at 1st ICMR -2016.

Senior Professor HHDNP Opatha, Senior Professor, Department of Human Resource Management of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Associate Professor Jamaliah Abdul Hamid, Associate Professor, Faculty of Educational Studies, University Putra, Malaysia, and Professor Sharan B. Merriam, Professor Emeritus of Adult Education at the University of Georgia served as the keynote speakers of the 1st ICMR - 2016.

Conference participants were offered a day tour to Bogandana Villa by a 3 km nature trail to get unique experience of Sri Lankan authentic rural lifestyle and tranquility.

The Conference was chaired by Dr. MSM Aslam and Dr. Thilini Gamage was the secretariat of the conference.



Chinese Day Programme



Chinese Day programme was held on 16th February 2016 at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. This event was organized by the Chinese Society of the university with the expectation of sharing the essence of Chinese Culture and Art with the university community. The programme was themed as 'Wind of Love' and consisted with a Chinese fashion show, a demonstration of Art of Chinese

Tea and many other cultural events depicting the colours of China. The guest lecture was conducted by Dr. Ariyawansa Ranaweera, a renowned poet and a writer. He delivered a speech on the long drawn cultural and historical bond between China and Sri Lanka.

Agri-Marketing Day

Agri-marketing day (Agromark) of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was held on 05th April 2016 at the Auditorium, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. This is an annual event organized by the 3rd year students specializing in Agribusiness Management under the close supervision of Prof. DAM de Silva.



It is expected that innovation of agribusiness products support to enhance students' creativity, independent thinking and leadership qualities through this event.



AARS Innovation Award



Ms. MGM SAMMANI, a student of the Faculty of Geomatics has been awarded AARS Innovation Award held at 37th Asian Conference of Remote Sensing (ACRS 2016) held in Sri Lanka from 17th to 21st October 2016. The prime objective of this award is to reward Asian young scientists and students who are applying innovative ideas in remote sensing technology and applications. The award is offered to two persons whose papers discuss innovative ideas in remote sensing technology and applications.

Miss. Sammani's research topic was "Building detection using combined Fuzzy C-mean and morphological filtering from Landsat-8 satellite image" and she was supervised by Dr. Duminda R. Welikanna, Senior Lecturer, Department of Surveying and Geodesy, Faculty of Geomatics. ACRS 2016 consisted with a total of 385 posters and oral presentations.

Ceremonial Launch of the 3rd International Conference of Agricultural Sciences - AgInsight 2016

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka announced the 3rd International Symposium "AgInsight 2016" scheduled to be held during 8-9th December, 2016 at the premises of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. This conference is aimed at accommodating quality research findings from both national and international researchers by having a timely important theme of 'Power of Research: Force for Tomorrow's Agricultural Development'.

The ceremonial launching of the 3rd International Conference was held on 5th May 2016 at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. The chief guest, Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, the Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, inaugurated the ceremony by launching the website of the conference 'AgInsight 2016'.

The guest of honours, Dr. HSR Rosairo, the Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Prof. Udaya Rathnayake, the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Dr. Wasantha Rathnayake, the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, Dr. Manoj Ariyaratne, the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, Dr. HM Indika Prasanna, the Dean-Faculty of Geomatics, Mr. MF Hibathul Careem, the Registrar, Mrs. TN Neighsoorei, the Librarian, Mr. KARS Jayakody, the Bursar and the academic and non-academic staff members of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences participated in this event.

The event started at 9.30 am with the welcome speech conducted by Dr. HSR Rosairo, the Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and with lighting the traditional oil lamp. The chief guest, Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, the Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University and Prof. RP Mahaliyanaarachchi, the Conference Chair addressed the audience.



The 3rd International Conference of Agricultural Sciences (AgInsight 2016)-Journal Collaboration

A meeting of journal collaboration for the 3rd International Conference of Agricultural Sciences (AgInsight 2016) was held on 14th June 2016, at Hotel Ramada-Katunayake with Prof. SP Raj.

Prof. Raj is a Professor of Marketing at the Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University, USA and is the founding editor of the

Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies. Dr. HSR Rosairo (Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences), Prof. M. Eham (Acting Chair-AgInsight 2016), Dr. GDK Kumara (Coordinator-AgInsight 2016), Dr. MLMC Dissanayake (Chair-Printing and Publication Committee), and Dr. RK Mutucumarana (Secretary-AgInsight 2016) participated in this event by representing the organizing committee of the 3rd International Conference of Agricultural Sciences (AgInsight 2016), Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

5th Annual Research Session - 2015

Fifth Annual Research Session of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (ARS 2015) was held on 17th February 2016 at the SDC Auditorium, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The objective of ARS was to make an effort to provide a common platform for the newly graduated post-graduates (PhD, MPhil and MSc.) among the academic staff of the university to present their research outputs of varied disciplines. The keynote speaker of the ARS was Prof. SHP Parakrama Karunaratne, Director, National Institute of Fundamental Studies.



Poster session of ARS 2015 provided a great opportunity for undergraduates to present their research findings. The best student presenter award was won by Mr. P.M.T.S. Sirisena, Department of Remote Sensing and GIS, Faculty of Geomatics for his poster presentation titled 'Cultivated Paddy Area Identification and Rice Yield Estimation Using Free Satellite Images.'



ARS 2015, was chaired by Dr. RG Udeni Jayalal, Lecturer-Department of Natural Resources, Faculty of Applied Sciences and coordinated by Dr. HK Salinda Premadasa, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Computer Studies.



Industrial Training Research Presentations-Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Final year research presentations of the Department of Livestock Production, Department of Export Agriculture and the Department of Agribusiness Management of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences were conducted in 04th April 2016 and 08th April 2016 at the Faculty premises.



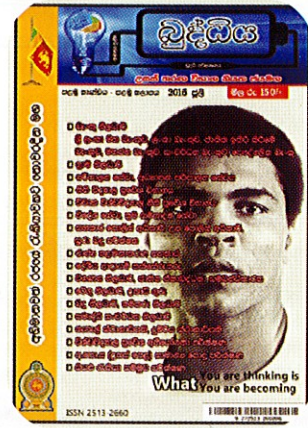
The objective of the event was to encourage undergraduates in research activities in the field of agriculture and livestock. A total of 67 undergraduates presented their research findings at this presentation series. Dr. HSR Rosairo, Dean-Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Heads of three Departments, and all the academic staff members of the Faculty participated at this event.



'Buddhiya' was launched at Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

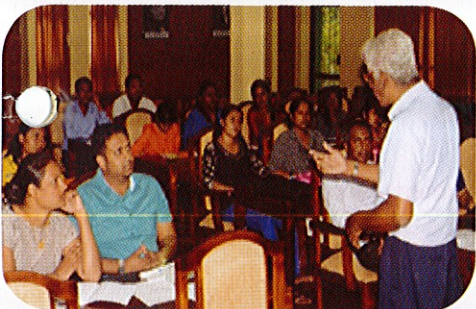
'Buddhiya', a bi-monthly magazine edited by Mr. Indika Ranasinghe Gunasekara, a 3rd Year student of the Department of Livestock Production, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences was launched on 25th July 2016 at the Main Auditorium, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Dr. HSR Rosairo, Dean-Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, academic staff members and undergraduates participated in this event.

This magazine is written in Sinhala medium and it is the first and only IQ magazine in Sri Lanka. The objective of the magazine is to provide a broad spectrum of general knowledge and timely important news to the readers.



Induction Programme - 2016

Induction Programme of the Staff Development Center (SDC), Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka commenced on 11th February 2016. The introductory lecture was conducted by the Director of SDC, Dr. (Mrs.) Nirmali Wickramaratne on 'Program aims and objectives, matching program objectives with participants' expectations'.



Prof. Deepthi Bandara, Prof. HDDNP Opatha, Prof. Namal Priyantha, Prof. Sagarika Ekanayake, Prof. BD Nandadeva, Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, Prof. Udaya Rathnayake, Dr. PI Yapa, Dr. Jayalath B. Ekanayake, Dr. Prathiba Mahanamahewa, Dr. HK Senaka Amarakeerthi, Dr. Chalinda Benragama, Dr. BMK Perera, Mrs. JAS Jayakody, Mr. ALC Janitha Liyanage, Mr. MFH. Careem, Mrs. Neighsoorei, Mr. KARS. Jayakody and Mr. Lalith Warnasooriya, contributed this programme as resource persons. Induction Programme was designed for academic staff members of the University.





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Indrachapa - 2016



The undergraduates of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences organized their cultural program 'Indrachapa-2016'. This undergraduates' talent show was held on 5th September 2016 at 'Panibharatha' Open Air theatre of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

The key objective of organizing this event is to motivate the undergraduates in extracurricular activities and bring up their hidden artistic skills to the audience. Singing, dancing and performing skills of the undergraduates of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences were marked at the event.

The agriculture magazine 'Sasrika' edited by Mr. Dumindu Nayanajith Bandara was launched with parallel to the cultural show.



**Launching of the official website of the
6th International Conference of the
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka -
ICSUSL - 2016**

The Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka announces the 6th International Conference of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka "ICSUSL 2017" scheduled to be held during 3rd, 4th and 5th May, 2017 at the Grand Kandyan Hotel, Kandy.

The ceremonial launching of the 6th International Conference of Sabaragamuwa University was held on 29th September 2016 at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The chief guest, Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, the Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, inaugurated the ceremony by launching the website of the conference "ICSUSL 2017".



World Tourism Day 2016: Keynote Address

DR. MSM ASLAM, the Director of Centre for Research and Knowledge Dissemination (CRKD) delivered the keynote address at the World Tourism Day 2016 held in the Eastern Province on 27th September 2016. The theme of his speech was "Tourism for All, Global Trends in Tourism and Eastern Province of Sri Lanka". The event was organized by the Ministry of Local Government & Tourism and Eastern Province Tourism Bureau in collaboration with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and was held at the East Lagoon Hotel in Batticaloa. Mr. Nazeer Ahamed, the Chief

Minister of Eastern Province, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. More than 75 tourism stakeholders in the Eastern Province were presented at the forum. Dr. Aslam is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department Tourism Management, Faculty of Management Studies, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

**Symposium on Unlocking Economic Potential for Women in
Tourism Sector**

DR. MSM ASLAM, Senior Lecturer, Department of Tourism Management and the Director, CRKD was invited to contribute as a Guest Speaker at the Symposium on Unlocking Economic Potential for Women in Tourism Sector. The symposium was organized by the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) on 17th of March 2016 in collaboration with Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA). The symposium was held at Trinco-Blu Cinnamon hotel, Uppuveli. This event brought the industry leaders, private sector employees, and researchers together to promote female participation and leadership excellence among women. The major objective of this symposium was to explore the factors those can act as barriers for women empowerment in Hospitality and Tourism. The speech was delivered covering the topic "The empowering women in Hospitality and Tourism: Strategies and solutions to issues affecting women's participation in the sector".



"WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO. THEREFORE EXCELLENCE IS NOT AN ACT BUT A HABIT"

- ARISTOTLE (384 - 322 BC)

Sports Highlights



The 12th Sri Lanka University Games (SLUG) 2016 12 New Records in Athletics

A team of undergraduates participated for the 12th Sri Lanka University Games (SLUG 2016) which was held from 27-28 August 2016 at Diyagama Mahinda Rajapakse stadium representing Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL). Of the 19 new records kept at SLUG 2016, the athletes of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka were able to host 12 new records.



SUSL athletic team won the First place of the championship scoring a total of 262 points leaving Sri Jayewardenepura University and University of Peradeniya in the second place and the third place at the championship, respectively.

Sachithra Wijesundara, PV Udayanga, Chanuka Nawasinghe, WCP Wijesinghe, SL Vidanaduruge, UPLJ Ranasinghe and RVK Hasini of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka graced Sri Lanka University Games by keeping new records in Year 2016.



Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was able to win the 1st and 3rd Places from the Road race (Individual) and road race (Overall), respectively which was held on 9th and 10th September 2016.

The students who participated to Karate events were able to win the 2nd place (Karate-women), 4th place (Karate-men) and 3rd Place (karate-overall). The basketball team (men) of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was able to win the 4th place from the basketball competition held from 4th to 7th September 2016. In overall Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was able to rank at its 7th Place at SLUG 2016.



Fourteen Sri Lankan universities were participated in SLUG 2016 and this event was organized by Wayamba University.

An Undergraduate of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka won the 1st Place for Taekwondo at National Sport Festival - 2016

Ms. WM Shanika Warnakulasooriya, an undergraduate of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka has won the First place of the Inter Provincial Taekwondo (women-weight category 67-73kg) competition of the XLII National Sports Festival-2016, held at the Indoor Stadium-Torrington, Colombo from 19th to 21st September 2016.



Ceremonial Launch of the Web Page and the Open Access Online Journal "Akyana" - (CIKCS)

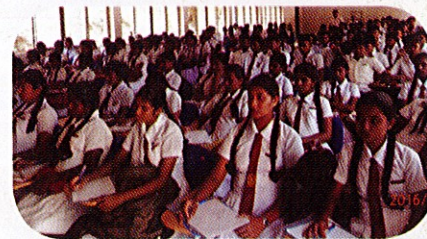
The Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Community Studies (CIKCS) launched its webpage and the e-journal "Akyana" (Narrations) on 9th September 2016 at the premises of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

Dr. Manoj Ariyaratne, Dean- Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages, inaugurated the ceremony by launching the webpage of the CIKCS. The e-journal "Akyana" was launched by Dr. A. Sarath Ananda, Director- CIKCS.

Seminars for GCE O/L Students

Series of seminars were conducted by the Zonal Educational Office, Balangoda and Dr. TSP Jayaweera, Senior Lecturer of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences for O/L Agriculture students. The main objective of conducting the workshops was to prepare the students for the forthcoming ordinary level examination.

Three seminars were conducted at Udagama MMV, Divisional Secretariat Auditorium, Balangoda and Walagamba MMV with the participation of more than 300 students.



Upcoming Events



3rd International Conference of Agricultural Sciences - AgInsight - 2016

Date : 8th and 9th December 2016

Organized by : Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Venue : Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

6th Annual Research Session - ARS 2016

Date : 15th December 2016

Organized by : Center for Research and Knowledge Dissemination (CRKD)

Venue : SDC Auditorium

18th General Convocation of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

Date : 20th December 2016

Venue : Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall



National Conference on Rural Tourism - 2017

Date : 23rd - 24th February 2017

Organized by : Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Venue : Sri Lanka Foundation



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