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EDITORIAL

History of Venereal Diseases, or of Sexually Transmitted Infections as they are currently known, dates back to ancient times, as they have been present among populations during the Middle Ages and perhaps even before. Certain historians and physicians in the 19th century opined that syphilis was as old as mankind while others in the later years were of the view that it appeared towards the end of the 15th century.

In 1999, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended that the term Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) be replaced by the term Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI), as it better incorporates asymptomatic infections as well. Historically, venereal disease meant syphilis and gonorrhoea, for which there was no effective cure until penicillin was discovered in the 1940s. Later on, new organisms such as Chlamydia trachomatis, Herpes simplex virus, Human Papillomavirus and Trichomonas vaginalis were discovered to be sexually transmitted. Presently more than 30 different bacteria, viruses and parasites are known to be transmitted through vaginal, anal and oral sex. According to the 2016 WHO global estimates, the prevalence and incidence of four curable sexually transmitted infections; chlamydia, gonorrhoea, trichomoniasis, and syphilis, continue to remain high, with over one million new infections on average, each day. They are among the most common communicable diseases leading to significant morbidity among men and women.

Almost 40 years ago, the Morbidity and Mortality Report of the Centers for Disease Control, in the USA published a report of five cases of Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) among previously healthy young gay men in Los Angeles. Thus, the world was faced with a new Sexually Transmitted Infection of epidemic proportions that came to be called the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome or AIDS. Three years later, the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) was discovered as the cause of AIDS. Globally by the end of 2019, there were 38 million persons infected with HIV. That malady continues to be a major global public health issue, with nearly 33 million lives lost so far. While there is no cure for HIV/AIDS, effective anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) can control the virus and help to prevent onward transmission to others. Globally at the end of 2019, a cohort of 25.4 million people were accessing antiretroviral therapy.

In December 2019, the global pandemic of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID -19), caused by the novel Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV2-), has led to significant morbidity and mortality. Although the virus has been detected in the semen of those recovering from COVID - 19, currently there is no evidence that it is sexually transmitted and further research

is needed to determine if it could be so. According to reported data, COVID- 19 patients who had pre-existing conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, underlying respiratory disease, and cancer, have had worse outcomes. Although a few studies have described the clinical course of co-infection of HIV and COVID- 19, further research is needed to assess the definitive impact of COVID- 19 in people with HIV.

As a result of the COVID- 19 pandemic, there have been reports of stock-outs of ARVs. According to a survey carried out by the WHO, twenty-four countries reported having either a critically low stock of ARVs or disruptions in the supply of these life-saving medicines. Sri Lanka, however, was able to provide ARVs to all those on treatment without any interruptions.

From classical Venereal Diseases to Sexually Transmitted Infections caused by 30 or more different organisms including HIV and the more recent epidemic of COVID- 19, underscores the very real possibility of newer viruses or bacteria looming in the horizon, which may have the propensity to be sexually transmitted. Managing these new infections would be the responsibility of venereologists/sexual health physicians. It is hoped that the members of the Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine will face these challenges with confidence in the next 25 years. It would definitely be food for thought as we take the initial steps towards our Golden Jubilee.

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Founder SLCV, Past President SLCV and Consultant Venereologist

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I consider myself extremely fortunate to hold the office of Presidency of the Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine at this important moment in its history when it celebrates 25 years of excellence. It is indeed a great privilege for the College to publish the Silver Jubilee Souvenir. I wish to thank all those involved in this Silver Jubilee event, especially the sub-committee headed by Dr. Lucian Jayasuriya and Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme, the Secretary of the College and the other members.

The College was established on 7th October 1995 as the College of Genitourinary Physicians of Sri Lanka, which subsequently underwent a name-change in 1996, the same year when the first annual scientific sessions were held. The College broadened its scope over the years and was renamed as Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine in 2014. This journey has been a long but an exciting one, and it would not have been possible if not for the unconditional support of our enthusiastic members and all the other stakeholders.

Sexual Health and HIV Medicine in Sri Lanka is a fast-evolving field with technological advances and the College is prepared to take on future challenges to reach out to the population in all parts of the island. An increasing number of consultant venereologists will ensure the provision of specialised services.

Once again, I would like to thank all the contributors to the publication of this souvenir, including the advertisers. My special thanks to Dr. K. A. M. Ariyaratne, for his valuable contributions on the designing of the publication.

I look forward to the continued support from all concerned to take the College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine to even greater heights in the future.

Dr. Chitran Hathurusinghe, MBBS, PG Dip, MD (Venereology)

President

Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine

HISTORY OF THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV MEDICINE

The Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine celebrates her Silver Jubilee this year 2020. It was inaugurated as the College of Genitourinary Physicians of Sri Lanka on 7th October 1995, and was renamed as the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists (SLCV) in 1998 before adopting its present name that better aligns itself with the global recognition of the need for holistic sexual health services.

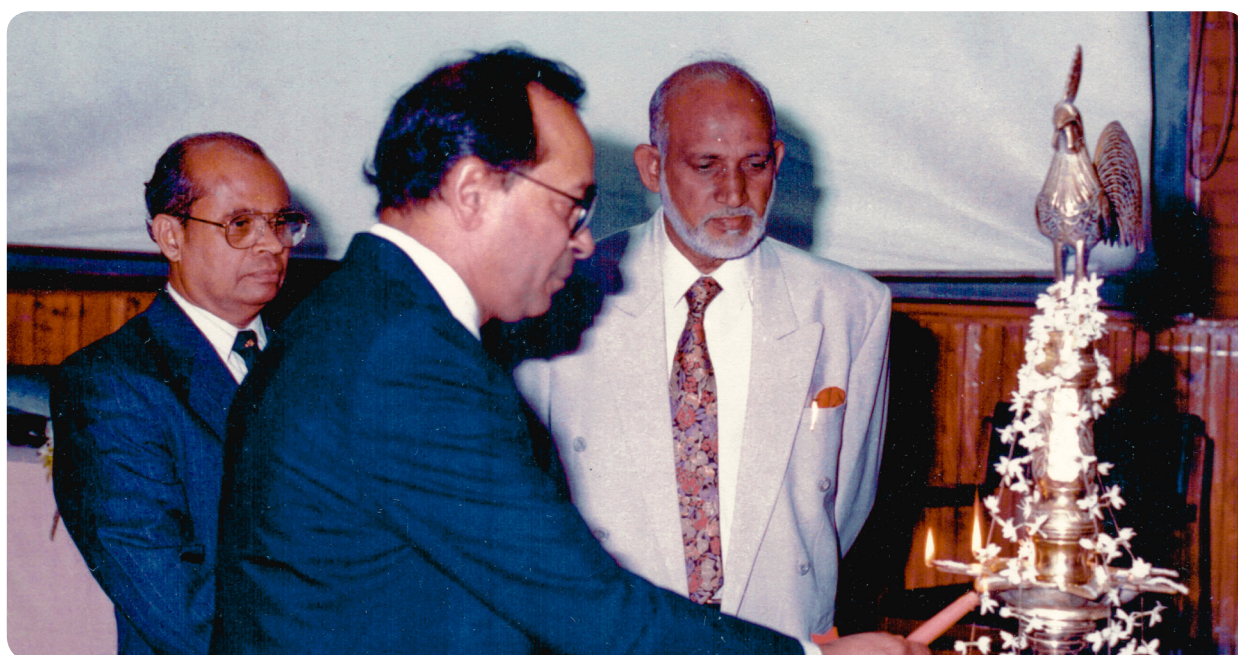
Following the establishment of the Anti-Venereal Diseases campaign in 1952, venereology was considered a public health specialty by the Ministry of Health. The Central Venereal Diseases Clinic (CVDC) was established in Colombo while out-patients departments of provincial hospitals had rooms demarcated for the VD clinic with separate access. A new separate cadre of venereologists was created to provide specialised services. For a career in venereology, applications were called from medical officers who had at least two years of service as a Medical Officer of Health. Following a selection interview chaired by the Director of Health Services, successful applicants were trained for three months at the CVDC and appointed to head the VD clinics at the Provincial hospitals.

After two years of service they were sent abroad for the Diploma in Public Health or equivalent to the UK or USA, and further training in venereology at a centre/s of excellence. On their return they were recognized as part-qualified specialists in venereology. The MD or MRCP was the requirement for a fully qualified specialist.

With the advent of HIV/AIDS in the early 1980's, the Anti-VD Campaign was renamed the National STD/AIDS Programme (NSACP) in 1985, and more attention was given to the prevention of HIV and provision of treatment and care for people infected with HIV.

From 1980, the Ministry of Health decided to recognize only postgraduate qualifications awarded by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM). The postgraduate qualification to be a venereologist was not clearly laid down. The MSc and MD Community Medicine with a dissertation/thesis on a sexually transmitted diseases were recognized as the qualification to be a venereologist.

Although there were many professional colleges and associations dedicated to the development of their specialty, including community medicine there was



Inuguration of the first Scientific sessions held in 1996 at the auditorium of Family Health Bureau by Dr Lucian Jayasuriya (Founder President), Professor A. H. Sheriffdeen (Guest of honour) and Hon. A.H.M. Fawzie, Minister of Health (Chief guest).



Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme, Founder of SLCV

no such college or association for venereology. Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme took the initiative to form a college as she felt that such an organization was necessary to develop venereology as a separate specialty rather than as a subsidiary of community medicine. After much discussions with the consultants and medical officers at the NSACP, the College of Genitourinary Physicians was founded by Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme on 7th October 1995. The infant College was kept active due to the efforts of a small group of doctors at the NSACP lead by Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme, who was ably supported by Dr Thiloma Munasinghe and the late Dr. Sarojini Perera.

The objectives of the College were:

1. To advance the knowledge, promote research and postgraduate education in venereology
2. To act as the authentic body in venereology
3. To promote fellowship among those engaged in the practice and research in venereology

Dr. Lucian Jayasuriya was elected Founder President and the Founder Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme was elected the Founder Secretary. The first Annual academic sessions of the College was inaugurated on 17 August 1996, with the Hon. A H M Fowzie, Minister of Health as the Chief Guest. Due to the efforts of Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme, the Chief Guest at the Second Annual Academic Sessions in 1997 was Dr. George Robert Kinghorn, Consultant Genitourinary Physician and Clinical Director, Department of Genitourinary Medicine, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, UK.

The MSc and MD Community Medicine provided



Dr. Lucian Jayasuriya, Founder President of SLCV

knowledge and training in public health but the SLCV did not consider these as adequate for practising as a venereologist. Therefore, the College prepared a curriculum for a Diploma in Venereology which would give in-depth theoretical and clinical training in STDs and HIV. At the PGIM there was no Board of Study which agreed to take on the Diploma in Venereology. As a result of hard work spearheaded by Dr. Lucian Jayasuriya along with Drs. Gamini Jayakuru, Iyanthi Abeyewickreme and Thiloma Munasinghe for seven years, the SLCV objective was realized on 1st October 2001, when the Board of Study in Venereology was inaugurated. The first chairperson of the Board was Dr. G.N. Jayakuru and the secretary was Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme. Dr. J. B. Peiris, Director, PGIM is gratefully remembered for the unstinted support he gave for the establishment of the Board of Study.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology Course commenced on 19th July 2002. Each batch has six or seven trainees and a total 108 have now obtained the PG Diploma. It is recognized as a qualification for promotion to Grade I of the Medical Officer's Service in the Ministry of Health.

The PG Diploma in Venereology was made the entry qualification for medical officers to follow the MD Course in Venereology, which commenced in 2003. The MD in Venereology with Board Certification as a specialist is recognized by the Ministry of Health as the specialist qualification in venereology. As of end September 2020, there are 73 doctors with the MD and 24 Board Certified specialists in Venereology.

The College has organised annual scientific sessions with the participation of eminent genitourinary physicians/venereologists from the UK, India and Singapore. Some of them from the UK, especially Dr. David Barlow from St Thomas' Hospital, London and Professor Graham Taylor from St Mary's Hospital, London have become regular attendees at the academic sessions.

Advances in science and medicine require inter disciplinary collaboration and networking with national, regional and extra regional professional associations or societies. SLCOSH has considered this as an utmost important area in the professional development and has included it as one of the important objectives of the college. This facilitates to address patients' need that cut across traditional disciplinary approaches in the world of learning, innovations and implementation sciences. The annual academic sessions have been enriched by the participation of other professional colleges such as the Ceylon College of Physicians, Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians to name a few.

At the annual academic sessions, the following awards are presented:

1. The Nihal Perera Memorial Award for the best paper, since 1997
2. The Dr. and Mrs. Lucian Jayasuriya gold medal for the best performance at the Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology, since 2002.
3. The Iyanthi Abeyewickreme gold medal for the best performance at the MD in Venereology, since 2014.

The Overseas Faculty of the College was established in 2008. Dr. G. Weerasinghe was responsible for organizing the consultants from the UK into the Overseas Faculty and they became the 'Overseas Faculty' of the College. They also functioned as the external examiners for the MD Venereology and organized the overseas training attachments for the

post-MD trainees in venereology.

In 2015, then President Dr. Ajith Karawita and the Secretary Dr. Prageeth Premadasa, led discussions on a proposal to change the name of the College to better align it with the global recognition of the need of holistic sexual health services. This would expand the remit of venereology from prevention and control of STD/HIV/AIDS towards delivery of comprehensive sexual health services. The proposal to change the name of the College was proposed at the Annual General Meeting held on 21 January 2015 and approved. After further discussions regarding alternative names it was decided at a Special General Meeting on 25th February 2015, that the College would be known as The College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine (CoSHH).

The College publishes the Sri Lanka Journal of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine which is a member of the Sri Lanka Journals Online.

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The first Scientific sessions held in 1996 at the auditorium of Family Health Bureau. Distinguished Public Health experts such as Dr. A.V.K.V. De Silva, Dr. N.W. Vidyasagara, Dr H.M.S.S.D. Herath and Prof. Dulitha Fernando etc. are seen in the audience.

FORMATION OF OVERSEAS FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE

On 11th September 2001, Dr. Kulasiri Buddhakorale was attending an International Conference on Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission in Kampala, Uganda. The gentleman seated next to him at the inauguration met him again at the reception hosted by the conference organizers at a resort overlooking Lake Victoria. He introduced himself as Dr. Graham Taylor attached to St. Mary's Hospital in London. The rest is history.

Dr Buddhakorale and Dr Taylor spent some days together attending the meeting, during which time the Sri Lanka post-graduate training programme in Venereology became a point of discussion between them. Having in mind the future needs of training placements for our postgraduates Dr Buddhakorale explored this possibility with Dr. Taylor, who responded positively.

In 2002, Dr. Weerasinghe was looking for a training placement after completion of the MD examination in Community Medicine in 2001. This provided Dr. Buddhakorale the opportunity to remind Dr. Taylor of his response in Kampala.

Dr Buddhakorale e-mailed Dr. Taylor with copy to Dr Weerasinghe, requesting him to accept Dr. Weerasinghe as a trainee at St. Mary's Hospital attached to Imperial College in London. Dr. Taylor responded positively.

Dr Weerasinghe trained for one year (2002 – 2003) at St. Mary's Hospital, Imperial College under the supervision of Dr. Taylor and towards the end of that period, the two of them had a detailed discussion about the post-graduate training programme in Venereology in Sri Lanka. Dr. Weerasinghe recalled that he took detailed notes of what was discussed. At the end of the discussion Dr. Taylor said that he would work with Deaneries in London to secure training placements for future Sri Lankan post-graduate trainees.

During 2004–2003, Dr. Weerasinghe worked at Ambrose King Center, Royal London Hospital with Dr. Beng Goh, another leading expert in Genito-Urinary Medicine.

In mid – 2004, the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists invited Dr. Graham Taylor and Dr. Beng Goh to Sri Lanka to conduct a week long teaching programme in sexually transmitted infections and HIV. This was very successful.

In 2004, Dr. Buddhakorale invited Dr. Graham Taylor as the Guest of Honour for the Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Venereologists and Dr. Veerakathy Harindra (a Sri Lanka trained doctor who was a Genito-Urinary and HIV Medicine Physician at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth in 2005 as a guest speaker.

In 2006, the then President of the SLCOV, Dr. K. A. M. Ariyaratne invited Dr. Beng Goh as a guest speaker for the Annual Academic Sessions.

Dr. G. Weerasinghe invited Dr. Veerakathy Harindra in 2007 and Dr. Beng Goh in 2008 as Guests of Honour for the Annual Academic Sessions.

Dr. David Barlow, Consultant Genito-Urinary Physician, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, was first invited by Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme in 2000 as the chief guest and since then, has been attending the Annual Academic Sessions almost yearly.

Initially, Venereologists were trained in the country through the MD Community Medicine programme. This was replaced by the Venereology training programme that commenced in 2002. The first batch of post-graduate trainees completed the Diploma in Venereology in 2003 and the first MD Venereology examination was held in 2006.

The above developments showed the need for the establishment of an overseas faculty to advance the specialty of venereology. This was discussed by the senior members of the College who agreed to establish a formal or semi-formal overseas faculty having the following objectives;

1. To invite internationally renowned experts as guest speakers at Annual Academic Sessions and to conduct postgraduate teaching as and when possible
2. To invite international experts as foreign examiners for the MD Venereology examination
3. To engage the support of Overseas Faculty members to ensure overseas training placements for Sri Lanka postgraduate trainees in venereology
4. To enhance partnerships between Sri Lankan Venereologists and relevant regional and international experts.

The establishment of the Overseas Faculty was declared at the fellowship dinner that concluded the Annual Academic Sessions held at Waters Edge in November 2008.

The Overseas Faculty has been a semi-formal structure rather than a formal organization. Each year, it meets in Colombo following the completion of the Annual Academic Sessions. Dr. David Barlow, Prof. Graham Taylor, Dr. Beng Goh, Dr. Veerakathy Harindra, Dr. Ranjababu Kulasegaram from the UK have been longstanding

distinguished members of the Faculty, while Dr. Apea Vanessa of Royal London Hospital is a more recent member. There have been other eminent experts of the specialty of GU and HIV medicine from UK as well as Australia, India and Singapore who have been or continue to be as members of the Faculty.

The Overseas Faculty has engaged with the College in many ways.

1. Members of Overseas Faculty have been regularly attending the Annual Academic sessions as Guests of Honour or guest speakers.
2. Members of Overseas Faculty have supported the College in conducting mock examinations for MD postgraduate trainees prior to the scheduled examinations. Members of Overseas Faculty have been serving as the foreign examiners at MD Venereology exams since 2006 to date.
3. Postgraduate trainees in MD Venereology have undergone or continue to undergo their overseas training under the supervision of members of Overseas Faculty, mainly in the UK and also in Australia, India and Singapore.

Dr. G. Weerasinghe coordinated the Overseas Faculty since its establishment until retirement from government service in March 2020.

The Overseas Faculty of the College has contributed immensely to the advancement of the specialty of Venereology (Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV/AIDS) in Sri Lanka and continues to do so. It is our wish and expectation that the good work will continue for many years to come.

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Past President SLCV, Consultant Venereologist



Inauguration ceremony of the Scientific sessions in 2019 at Galle Face hotel, Colombo and the traditional lighting of the oil lamp by the Founder President Dr Lucian Jayasuriya. Overseas Faculty members Dr David Barlow and Dr Beng Goh are seen in the photograph.

OVERSEAS FACULTY MEMBERS

Name and designation	Affiliation
Dr. David Barlow Consultant GU Physician	St Thomas' Hospital, UK
Prof. Graham Taylor Professor of Human Retrovirology	Imperial College of London, National Centre for Human Retrovirology, St. Mary's Hospital, London, UK
Dr. Beng Goh Emeritus Consultant Physician	Ambrose King Centre, Royal London Hospital, London, UK
Dr. Harindra Veerakathy Consultant Physician	Department of GU Medicine, St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, UK
Late Dr. Ravi Sockanathan Lead Clinician in GU Medicine and Sexual Health	South West Essex, UK
Dr. Ranjababu Kulasegaram Consultant GU Physician	Guys and St. Thomas' Hospital, London, UK
Prof. Stephen Green Consultant Physician in Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine	Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, UK
Dr. Russel Waddell Consultant Sexual Health Physician and Clinical Manager- STD Services	Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia
Dr. Charlotte Bell Consultant Sexual Health Physician	Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia
Dr. Katie Conway Consultant GU Physician	Guys and St. Thomas' Hospital, London, UK
Dr. Helen Henzell Sexual Health Physician	Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, Australia
Dr. Sophia Archuleta Infectious Diseases Physician	Division of Infectious Diseases, National University Health System, Singapore
Dr. Mahesh Ratnayake Consultant Sexual Health Physician	Adelaide Sexual Health Centre and Infectious Diseases, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia
Dr. Carole Khaw Consultant Sexual Health Physician	Adelaide Sexual health Centre and Infectious Diseases, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia
Dr. Vanessa Apea Consultant Physician in Sexual Health and HIV, Clinical Lead	Sexual Health, Barts Health NHS Trust, UK

THE WAY FORWARD

The goal of the Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine (CoSHH) is to produce health professionals competent in providing professional services on sexual health, STI and HIV medicine and related prevention and programme sciences, to suit any context of interest at national or global level. There should be a paradigm shift in the future professional developments of the College that encompass all competencies on comprehensive and holistic approach for sexual health in the country. Therefore, the College will have to play academic, authoritative and advocacy roles for the science as well as the structural changes of law, policy, guidelines and health systems in order to establish a comprehensive sexual health service in the country.

The College needs to play a lead role in restructuring sexual health services by introducing "sexual health centres" with multiple responsibilities. These would include beside services, advocacy and lobbying for policy and system strengthening at national, provincial or district levels. Further, sexual health centres should scale up their services to meet the requirement of universal access for sexual health and right to health. The members of the College also need

to develop cultural and social competencies to manage a broader spectrum of issues such as genital dermatoses, sexual dysfunctions, performing genital derma-surgeries, as well as issues related to men's health and andrology in addition to traditional infection prevention and management.

The vision of the College should be to produce culturally and socially sensitive medical professionals capable of providing client centred comprehensive and holistic services for sexual health needs, not merely the management of diseases or infirmity or spread of infections.

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President, CoSHH and Consultant Venereologist

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Past President, CoSHH and Consultant Venereologist



YOUNG MEMBERS' PERSPECTIVES



It is indeed a great honour and privilege to be part of the silver jubilee celebrations of the Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine. Our journey with the College began in 2011 and 2013, when it was known as Sri Lanka College of Venereologists. Since then, we have represented the council in different capacities, and every year, the successive presidents and the councils have worked tirelessly, focusing on training needs of the country, and attempting to transform the college to its present status, through uplifting the image of sexual health and HIV services in Sri Lanka.

A unique feature of the Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine (SLCoSHH) is the continuous involvement of its junior membership in the council and entrusting them with responsibilities and leadership. Our annual scientific sessions have always been of high standards and on par with similar forums locally and internationally, providing the junior membership a platform to present the results of their hard work. We highly value the encouragement and the space given to the junior members by the College for new research. In 2017, the College had a combined scientific session with the International Union of Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) which provided us with so much experience in organizing the event as well as taking the College academic sessions to even higher standards.

The SLCoSHH also collaborates and works with many local and international institutes to develop curricular related to STI/HIV and sexual health, in organizing academic events and policy making.

When the new council was appointed in January 2020 a huge task was entrusted on us – that was to take our College further among the academia in our 25th year since inception. Then came the Covid -19 pandemic, which deviated our initial journey. With physical distancing being the new norm the membership still rallied together through many social media platforms to develop guidelines and policies and continue uninterrupted services to our patients and communities who required our services. The resilience of the membership during these unprecedented times was remarkable.

As we stand here today, we are looking at the future with a strong sense of optimism as the College is now stronger than ever in team spirit, and we look forward to achieving our goals with high standards. While congratulating the SLCoSHH for its great achievements over the last 25 years we wish more success in the years to come and pledge to extend the fullest support in overcoming all hurdles the College has to face in achieving those successes.

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REMINISCENCES OF FOREIGN CONSULTANTS

DR. DAVID BARLOW

Scene: IUSTI Europe's 2000 conference in Budapest
"You won't remember me...but you taught me all I know about gonorrhoea!"

Polite and thoughtful, the young lady noticed my hesitation and re-introduced herself.

Had I ever been to Sri Lanka? "No", I said,

"Why not?"

"I've never been asked."

"Would you like to come?"

"Certainly!"

Two weeks later a formal invitation to be Chief Guest at the 5th Annual Academic Sessions arrived and so began my close connection with the College and Serendib. In truth, my association with Sri Lanka had started some 25 years earlier. Your founding President, Lucian Jayasuriya, and your second President, Gamini Jayakuru, so sadly missed, had both visited St Thomas' Hospital in the early 1970s, when they were guests of Dr. Claude Nicol, my predecessor as Head of Lydia GUM clinic. I was Senior Registrar and deputed to show them around.

The young venereologist who had accosted me in Budapest was also familiar with Lydia clinic, having attended the BPF biannual GUM course, and she, of course, was Iyanthi Abeyewickreme. So, by the time I arrived in Colombo in the Autumn of 2000, I was privileged to know the College's first three Presidents.

A room had been reserved for us at the Galle Face Hotel where, in the downstairs tearoom (I called it the bar), we were greeted by Iyanthi and the then Secretary, Thiloma Munasinghe. Thilo 'had influence' and we found ourselves in one of their vast oak-panelled suites. The Galle Face was to become our Colombo second home for the next several years and was, as now, a popular site for the Academic Sessions.

The College kept its Chief Guest occupied in 2000 with four lectures; not including one in Galle (cancelled lest the Englishman caught dengue), replaced by a talk to the Faculty of Public Health Medicine. I also sat in during clinic sessions – my first exposure to the high standard of medicine practised by the junior staff. Not just well-trained but, by Golly, busy!



That first year opened my eyes to the viability of an alternative (less profligate?) system of healthcare. It also introduced Mrs DB and me to a bevy of smiling, interested, caring, and ever-so-friendly, Sidhaleepan venereologists. And their spouses. And their children.

We renewed friendship with Lucian, Gamini and Iyanthi, and got to know Lilani, Kulasiri, Ari, Chandrika, Sujatha (Ah, gonorrhoea resistance...), and dear departed Sarojini with her paediatric hanger-on, BJC.

We both loved Sri Lanka and next year saw two visits: March for the third test match; England had lost in Galle and won in Kandy; good manners draws a veil over the Colombo result. Later that year the troubles had escalated and our Foreign Office advised against travel. Undeterred, Angie and I arrived for the 6th Sessions where, in addition to Colombo, the Kandy Consultant, Lilani Rajapaksa, invited me to attend her clinic and lecture to the Kandy Medical Society.

At the closing ceremony in Colombo, I was given a signed certificate of Honorary Fellowship of the 'College of Venereologists of Sri Lanka' (I believe it was the first such). It has pride of place on my desk as I write.

So, whether by intent or stealth (or serendipity?), your College and Island had their hooks in Dr. David and Mrs Angela Barlow, our future path now indelibly inked in.

Lilani took over in 2002 by which time the stars of other Council members were rising and in addition to Kulasiri, Ari, Chandrika, we got to know Weera (ah, your curries!), Neelamani, Jayadarie, Himali, Ajith, Darshani (with whom I exchanged Andrew Marvell), the inimitable Dr. de Alwis, and incoming Hathurusinghe. Each had his or her individual style but all were so welcoming and kind to the DBs, aided by a succession of hyper-efficient Secretaries, each of whom lubricated (and often literally provided) the wheels for each visit.

"What's in a name, a rose by any other name...?" The College's modification of titles(s) has reflected alteration in emphasis and direction, an anicca of nomenclature. The 2016 version, the 'Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine', was the third change since the 'genitourinary physicians' of October 1995. But other more substantial changes have characterised the new millennium.

You have held joint meetings with IUSTI, revamped the Journal and website, developed strong ties with other Australasian bodies and contributed importantly to science and knowledge in your Region. I was involved with the original Overseas Faculty set up by the College in 2008; this streamlined the attachment of many of your MD graduates to UK Hospitals, including my St Thomas'. That year I also contributed to your National Guidelines for gonorrhoea and NSU.

We have many interesting memories.

In 2001, when asked to give yet another speech at Saturday's gala dinner, I instead produced my travel guitar and played two songs. BJC kept up the Sri Lankan end - an unexpectedly musical end to the dinner.

We were welcomed one year in our room overlooking Galle Face Green by a magnificent firework display from over the Fort. The rockets achieved great height but lacked any colourful sunburst at their zenith. Next morning the Daily News reported a total absence of accuracy, a) from the Tiger's biplanes trying to bomb Colombo power station and, b) the anti-aircraft guns trying to shoot them down. There were no casualties, no damage, just a shaken Ben Goh from the nearby Cinnamon Grand, ruefully hunched over his egg hopper at breakfast.

In 2011, a certain irony in walking past the Galle Face bust of Arthur C Clarke to lecture on pre-pubertal STIs – he had died 3 years previously, undaunted by tabloid allegations of paedophilia.

I have lost count of my lectures, once as Chief Guest, twice as Guest of Honour at the Sessions and pre-Sessions, but they provided me with the impetus to think, and stimulated me to provoke. Regular chairing of the free papers has provided evidence of the health of the specialty in Sri Lanka.

Stand-out memories are of the evenings as guests of the MD students in a succession of Colombo eateries. We

remain humbled and truly grateful.

Oh, and incidentally, two decades of Inauguration ceremonies have left us nearly tune-perfect with the National Anthem.

Thank you all and may the next 25 years be even better.

Dr. David Barlow MA BM BCh MRCS FRCP FRCPE
FSLCoSHH

Consultant Physician

REMINISCENCES OF FOREIGN CONSULTANTS

PROF. GRAHAM TAYLOR

The Overseas Faculty of the Sri Lankan College of Venereologists was born in year 2008 but from my perception it was conceived several years earlier in Kampala, Uganda. Should we ever wonder, in the post-Covid era, about the value of travelling to conferences and meeting face to face then this chance meeting of a Senior Venereologist from Colombo and a budding Retrovirologist from London at the 3rd (and last) Conference on Global Strategies for the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV, is testament to the long term potential and impact of such gatherings. The year 2001, the month, September, the date 9th. Two days later the world was changed for ever but on that evening, we talked about HIV and PMTCT and a nascent HIV treatment programme.

To me the Overseas Faculty is at first sight the group who would meet once per year at the Annual Sessions to discuss training and in particular overseas training for the registrars but they serve a greater purpose attending Sessions and the pre-session workshops, presenting updates from their own experiences and learning, providing guidance on research design and presentation, gentle questioning from the Chair of speakers young and old, probing interrogation during free paper and poster presentations, and inquisition at the Mock examinations. There are many, I am sure, who whilst standing on the other side of the podium, poster or case presentation will have had their own opinion on the merits of having an Overseas Faculty. However, I hope that all will agree with at least some of the following observations on the evolution of professional development in the field of Sexual Health and HIV that I have observed since 2004 and to which I believe the Overseas Faculty has contributed:

The introduction of the MD in Venereology is a clear landmark in the development of the specialty whilst the addition of the mock examination and the additional general medical training in the preceding period has perceptibly supported the preparation of the candidates.

Providing overseas training opportunities is an obvious area for impact and it is exciting to realise that 52 have completed or are now completing this final component of clinical training with 39 having elected to gain this experience in the UK. More importantly, to know the contributions now being made in clinics across the length and breadth of Sri Lanka.

The sessions are the highlight of academic year and to



observe year-on-year the incremental rise in the standard of all presentations is rewarding, but those who know me best will know that I take most pleasure in seeing past trainees standing up and leading the questioning, for it is our duty to critically appraise the information presented, in whatever format, and to ensure that our practice is based on data not dogma.

Whatever I may have contributed be assured that I have taken far more. I'm proud to be a Honorary Fellow of the College, honoured to join the fellowship gatherings and enthused and educated by participation in the sessions. Happy Silver Anniversary.

Prof. Graham P Taylor MB ChB, DSc, FRCP, FHEA
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REMINISCENCES OF FOREIGN CONSULTANTS

DR. BENG GOH



Sri Lankan Academia: Sri Lanka, Singapore and UK, a personal perspective.

My connection with Sri Lankan academia started with my medical undergraduate education at the University of Singapore, now The National University of Singapore where many of my distinguished professors and lecturers were of Sri Lankan origin. In the UK, when I first started my training as a Registrar in Genitourinary Medicine at King's College Hospital, my mentor was a Sri Lankan Senior Registrar, Dr Samarasinghe. It has always struck me that doctors of Sri Lankan origin shouldered a disproportionate clinical and training responsibilities in the sexual health services in the UK in relation to the population size. When I started training as Senior Registrar at the Royal London Hospital, the late Dr Creasy Ratnatunga, a most pleasant and erudite person was working as locum consultant with us having been a Senior Registrar in the Department in 1967. Over the past three decades, I have had many colleagues as well as trainees of Sri Lankan origin from within UK or abroad.

The Whitechapel Clinic, now the Ambrose King Centre at the Royal London Hospital has always welcomed national and international postgraduate doctors for training in sexually transmitted infections which started with the late Dr Ambrose King and continued with the

late Drs Eric Dunlop and Philip Rodin, followed by Dr Greta Forster and myself. This tradition has continued with Drs Liat Sarner, Vanessa Apea, Andy Williams, Prof Chloe Orkin and other colleagues.

My first direct connection with postgraduate doctors from Sri Lanka was with Dr Sujatha Samarakoon in the 90s. Since then we had a steady stream of trainees from Sri Lanka, including Drs Geeganage Weerasinghe and Himali Perera. I was privileged to be an external examiner for the MD (Venereology), at the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo and enjoyed the rigour of examining with Dr Kulasiri Buddhakorala and his fellow examiners. The formalised one-year training of trainees from Sri Lanka in the UK has been a win-win situation where the trainee received the training as well as providing manpower for the sexual health service in the UK. The training and service provision has been made easier because of the high calibre and good command of English of Sri Lankan trainees. Life is not easy for a trainee from Sri Lanka in the UK; adapting to a new environment, the different nuances of the patients and staff, hospital protocols, food and the high cost of living amongst others, demand dedication, tenacity, budgeting, willing to learn attitudes and flexibility. I always tell trainees that when our nurses or doctors offered you a cup of tea, say "yes please" instead of the "Asian" polite response of "no, thank you"; this facilitates team bonding, otherwise you might be left out and feel awkward while the rest of the team are enjoying a cup of tea! Most trainees passed through with flying colours; the occasional one deciding to return home early. On the other hand, some trainees do not return home to Sri Lanka after their training and the loss to Sri Lanka while regrettable, can be viewed as Sri Lanka's contribution to STI services worldwide.

The training and provision of STI Services in Sri Lanka is of the highest standard; the driving force being the Sri Lanka CoSHH underpinned by the University and Government. The results achieved using limited resources and yet providing free and confidential services is the envy of many countries.

I am honoured to be a Fellow of the Sri Lanka CoSHH and cherish the friendship forged over the years and always look forward to meeting friends from Sri Lanka.

**Dr. Beng Goh, FRCP,
Emeritus Consultant Physician,
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London E1 1BB.**

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DR. VEERAKATHY HARINDRA

I have the honour of been associated with Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health & HIV Medicine since 2006 when it was known as the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists (SLCoV). During this period, I was able to observe the dedication and outstanding contributions of the members of the Board of Study in Venereology (BOS) of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo towards developing the venereology services in Sri Lanka. I have fond memories working closely with many members of the BOS and trainees in my department in Portsmouth, UK. It also gives me great pleasure to see the young doctors who were trained in overseas institutions return to Sri Lanka to contribute to the development of the service.

In medieval times, syphilis and gonorrhoea were two of the most prevalent of STIs. The 1960ies saw a steady increase in STIs with a levelling off or decline of most of the bacterial STIs. During the 1970ies and 1980ies, there was a steady increase in viral STIs and genital chlamydial infections. The emergence of HIV in the 1980ies demanded from us a rapid learning process and implementation of new ways of working with clients. The Sri Lanka College of Venereologists stood head and shoulders above most other Asian countries in their ability to respond and cope with this devastating disease process.

On the occasion of the silver jubilee, I would like to thank all the members of the BOS, the College, and my international colleagues who have worked closely with the College for their dedicated efforts to develop quality STI/HIV services in Sri Lanka

We look forward to the next twenty-five years in the belief that training and education will continue to be of great importance both individually and collectively in facing the emerging challenges in the sphere of venereology.

Warmest Congratulations

Dr. Veerakathy Harindra
Retired Consultant GU Physician
Portsmouth, UK



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DR. RANJABABU KULASEGARAM



It is an honour and gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Sri Lankan college of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine in their Silver Jubilee Year.

My experience with the college started when I was first invited as a Chief Guest for the 16th Annual Scientific Sessions in 2011. Since then I have delivered invited lectures in annual sessions and was an external examiner for the MD (Ven) for 3 years. We are delighted to have post MD trainees as International Training Fellows in our hospital since 2011.

I have seen the high standards of teaching, integrated themes of the Scientific Sessions, the quality of the Sessions and presentations, year on year, and this has become a progressive and advanced scientific session in the field of HIV and Sexual Health medicine. The warm welcome and excellent hospitality shown by the organisers every year has been greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to say the trainees have high academic standards, show great team spirit and have an excellent work ethic. They have received very good feedback from patients and their colleagues in the UK. We are also pleased to hear from the trainees that they feel very welcome and supported during their training period and thank you to my colleagues at Guy's and St Thomas' for their support.

I am very impressed with the teaching and training standards of the trainees. This is very evident both in their

MD examination and in their overseas post MD training. This shows the commitment of the trainers to the trainees to attain very high standards.

I am very impressed with the commitment of the College Presidents, past and present, and the Committee in continuing to maintain and improve the standards of the Scientific Sessions. And as mentioned the hospitality shown in second to none, it has been a great opportunity to share ideas and knowledge over the years and get to know this dedicated team of specialists.

HIV is a multi-system disease; we have combination antiretroviral therapy to control the viral replication to achieve undetectable HIV viral load.

Undetectable HIV viral load in the blood equates to untransmittable HIV virus (U=U). This has helped to reduce stigma and has improved life expectancy to near normal.

HIV has become a long-term chronic condition and as a result we have challenges that face the aging population. Chronic inflammation and chronic immune activation are also attributed to accelerated the aging process. We are managing comorbidities, polypharmacy, drug interactions, drug toxicities, Non-AIDS infections and malignancies.

We like to congratulate the Sri Lankan college of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine and the members for their hard work in achieving a very good progress the field of HIV and Sexual Health in Sri Lanka. Public health and other medical and surgical specialties are highly involved in the care of the people living with HIV and I appreciate their contribution to the MD exam, and it was a pleasure working with the team. The Director and staff of PGIM contribute to the standards and support during the MD examination. We have noticed how closely you all work with National STD/AIDS Control Programme of Sri Lanka, WHO, UNAIDS, charity organisations and pharmaceuticals to provide the best possible care to your patients. We should aim to achieve all people with HIV are tested and treated to achieve undetectable viral load and to achieve zero new infections. HIV should be included as a differential diagnosis to unexplained medical presentations, and offer prevention support including pre-exposure prophylaxis to high risk populations. We wish the college all the success and continue with the vision to achieve UNAIDS target of ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

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Consultant Physician in HIV/GU Medicine,
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust,
London, UK.

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2004 to 2005	Dr. K. Buddhakorale
2006	Dr. K. A. M. Ariyaratne
2007 to 2008	Dr. G. Weerasinghe
2009	Dr. Neelamani Punchihewa
2010 to 2011	Dr. Chandrika Wickramasuriya
2012 to 2013	Dr. Jayadarie Ranatunga
2014	Dr. Himali Perera
2015 to 2016	Dr. D. A. Karawita
2017	Dr. Darshani Wijayawickrama
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2020	Dr. C. Hathurusinghe

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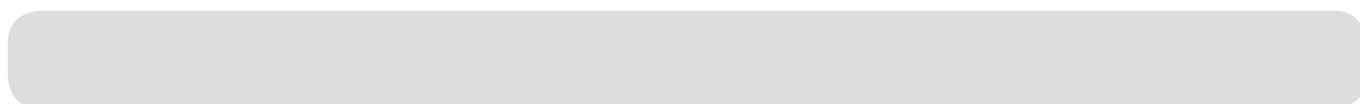
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Dr. Kanthi Senanayake (**Treasurer**), Dr. Tinakaran Arulanandan (**Vice President**), Dr. Sujatha Samarakoon.

Year	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
1996	Sexually transmitted disease control in Sri Lanka past and present	Hon A. H. M. Fowzie, Minister of Health
1997	Developments in the field of Genitourinary medicine	Dr. G. R. Kinghorn, Clinical Director and Consultant Genitourinary Physician, Communicable Disease Directorate, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, UK

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Editor	Dr Pani Somaratne
Council members	Dr. Kulasiri Buddhakorale Dr Lanka Senaratne Dr Chandrika Wickramasuriya Dr. Mahal Fernando Dr M. C. M. Refai



Year	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
1998	The management of sexually transmitted diseases- Aetiological diagnosis or syndromic diagnosis	Dr. T. Mayuranathan, Consultant GU Physician, London, UK
1999	Venereology - the evolving scene	Dr. Subash Hira, Consultant Physician in AIDS Medicine, Mumbai, India and Senior Lecturer, University of Texas, USA

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Absent

Dr. K. A. M. Ariyaratne, Dr. Lionel Halahakoon

Year	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2001	AIDS in the new millennium	Dr. David Barlow, Consultant Physician, Department of Genitourinary Medicine, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, UK
2002	Sexually transmitted infections in HIV prevention	Dr. Gavin Hart, Director, STD Services, Adelaide, Australia

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Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2002	Human Papilloma virus infection and Cervical cancer	Sexual Health and women in Sri Lanka	Dr. Anura Alawattagama, Genito-Urinary Physician, Royal Liverpool Trust Hospital. UK
2003	Sexuality transmitted disease re-visited in an HIV era	Sexual health progress in fifty years	Dr. Michael Waugh, Consultant Genito-Urinary Physician, Centre for Sexual health, General Infirmary, Leeds, UK

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Absent

Dr. S. Mananwatte

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2004	Chest infections and HIV/AIDS in health care setting	The panorama of STD/AIDS disease through the lens	Dr. Graham. P. Taylor, Imperial College School of Medicine and St. Mary's Hospital, UK
2005	Comprehensive care in HIV	The third decade of HIV/AIDS pandemic. Global and local response	Dr. Agostino Borra, Country Representative, WHO

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Dr. S. Perera, Dr. N. Punchihewa.

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2006	Responding to the challenge of STIs and AIDS	STD and AIDS: Challenges for the future	Prof. Dulitha Fernando, Professor in Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo

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Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2007	Syphilis in the era of HIV	Syphilis in the era of HIV	Prof. H. Seneviratne, Professor in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo

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Dr. D. Arambage, Dr. G. Pathirana

Absent

Dr. K. A. M. Ariyaratne (**Immediate Past President**)

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2008	Responding to HIV by promoting sexual health	Responding to HIV by promoting sexual health	Prof. Savithri Gunasekara, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Colombo

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Absent

Dr. G. N. Jayakuru, Dr. K. A. M. Ariyaratne, Dr. A. Karawita

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2009	Tracking the HIV epidemic	Surveillance: tracking the epidemic	Prof. Narada Warnasuriya, Professor of Paediatrics, University of Sri Jayawardenapura

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Dr. Dilmini Mendis

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2010	Women and children in the era of HIV	Preventing HIV in Women	Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme, Regional Advisor, HIV/AIDS WHO/SEARO

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Absent

Dr. Lucian jayasuriya, Dr. D. O. C. de Alwis.

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2011	Challenges in implementing HIV prevention interventions among high risk groups in Sri Lanka	Challenges in implementing HIV prevention interventions among high risk groups in Sri Lanka	Dr. Ranjababu Kulasegaram, Consultant Physician (GU/HIV Medicine), Guy's and St. Thomas, Hospital, London, UK

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Absent

Dr. M. P. W. Gunathilaka (**President Elect**), Dr. R. Liyanage

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2012	HIV and it's multiple dimensions	HIV and it's multiple dimensions	Dr. Nihal Jayathilaka, Secretary, Ministry of Health

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Dr. Lilani Rajapaksa, Dr. Nalaka Abeygunasekera (**Vice President**), Dr. N. Punchihewa

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2013	Journey Towards 2 Achieving 3 Zeros	Journey Towards 2 Achieving 3 Zeros	Dr. Sujatha Mananwatta, Consultant Microbiologist

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Absent

Dr. D. A. Karawita (**President Elect**), Dr. N. Abeygunasekera (**Vice President**), Dr. L. Rajapaksa, Dr. G. Weerasinghe

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2014	Moving towards an era free of HIV	Moving towards an era free of HIV	Prof. Athula Kaluarachchi, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist

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Dr K. Buddhakorale, Dr. D. N. Wijayawardena.

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2015	Sexual health in the era of HIV	Sexual health in the Era of HIV	Prof. Ranjith Wijayawardena, Vice-chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

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2016	Towards Ending AIDS in Sri Lanka	Towards ending AIDS in Sri Lanka	Dr. Palitha Mahipala, Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health

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Dr. C. Dodampegama

Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2017	Stepping into the future	Stepping into the future	Prof. Harendra de Silva, Consultant paediatrician

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Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2018	Towards Professional Excellence in Sexual Health and HIV care	Towards professional excellence in sexual health and HIV care	Dr. Kulasiri Buddhakorala, Consultant Venereologist

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Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address	Chief guest
2019	Reaching the Unreached in STI and HIV	Reaching the unreached in HIV and STI care	Dr. Anil Jasinghe, Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health

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Year	Theme of the scientific sessions	Title of the presidential address
2020	Creating enabling environment for optimal HIV response	Creating enabling environment for optimal HIV response

APPRECIATIONS



DR. GAMINI NIHAL JAYAKURU

undergraduates, public health inspectors, nursing officers and private sector health personnel have benefited from his expertise. He was a trainer for postgraduate students in Community Medicine and Venereology. He also served as an external faculty member of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo.

Dr Jayakuru played a major role in the establishment of the College of Venereologists in 1995 to advance the specialty, which spearheaded the establishment of the Board of Study in Venereology at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM), University of Colombo in 2001. This not only ensured that the Ministry of Health would have adequate numbers of specialists to deal with the emerging HIV /AIDS epidemic but further opened up a new path for professional advancement for young doctors. Today, the Board of Study in Venereology conducts courses conferring the Postgraduate Diploma and the Degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) in venereology. He served as the Chairperson, Board of Study in Venereology and as an examiner as well.

His expertise in the sphere of STI/HIV /AIDS has been recognized both regionally and internationally. He served as a Temporary Advisor to the World Health Organization (WHO) and as Short Term Technical Advisor on STI/HIV /AIDS to the South East Asia Region of the WHO. He has represented the country at many regional consultative meetings related to the control and prevention of STI/HIV AIDS. A committed professional, he was also active in many professional bodies both locally and internationally.

In 2003 Dr. Jayakuru was elected a Fellow of the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the specialty.

Dr Jayakuru passed away peacefully in 2010. May he attain the supreme bliss of Nibbana.

Dr. Gamini Nihal Jayakuru, had his education at Royal College, Colombo and Faculty of Medicine, University of Ceylon. He qualified MBBS in 1964 and obtained the Diploma in Public Health from the University of Liverpool in 1974. After serving the Anti-VD Campaign for several years initially as a medical officer and later as a consultant venereologist in many parts of the country, he assumed duties as the Director of the NSACP in 1985. His tenure as Director, saw the NSACP reach its heights as a premier public health programme not only in Sri Lanka but also in the South-East Asia Region. As the pioneering leader in the control of HIV/AIDS in Sri Lanka he initiated the National Task Force which was later renamed the National AIDS Committee. This allowed the country to mount a concerted campaign against HIV/AIDS that has been instrumental in Sri Lanka continuing to maintain its position as a country with a low prevalence in the region.

His most outstanding contribution undoubtedly was the pivotal and lead role he played in transforming the AVDC into the National STD/AIDS Control Programme in Sri Lanka in 1985 to respond to HIV/AIDS.

As Director he worked closely with other national programmes in the health sector dealing with blood transfusion, health of the mother and child, media and communication, tuberculosis and medical research institute and UN agencies.

Many categories of health professionals including medical



DR. THINAKARAN ARULANANTHAM

Dr. Thinakaran Arulanantham graduated with MBBS from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ceylon and later obtained the DPH. He was the Director of the National STD/AIDS Control (NSACP) from 1997-1994.

He served the Anti-VD Campaign for several years in many parts of the country including STD clinics Jaffna and Anuradhapura as a consultant venereologist. From 1978 to 1980 while working as the consultant venereologist he also served as the acting medical superintendent of General Hospital Anuradhapura. During his tenure as Director/NSACP he strengthened links between the maternal and child health services and STD services and played a significant role in steering the national programme to maintain a low HIV prevalence in the country during the early years of the epidemic.

As the Director NSACP, he drew on his vast experiences in the provinces to improve the quality of STI care services in the country. He reinforced the public health aspects of STI management by strengthening the training of public health inspectors of the STD clinics and improving contact and defaulter tracing. He streamlined service delivery at STD clinics by developing a simple guide assigning job responsibilities to the workforce. He initiated measures to strengthen the link between the NSACP and the district team and encouraged medical officers of the STD clinics to regularly participate at the quarterly meetings chaired by

the Regional Director of Health Services.

As the Director NSACP, he had oversight of the first World Bank funded HIV project and the development of country action plans to face the emerging HIV pandemic on the Asian continent. As the Director he maintained a healthy relationship with many stakeholders within the health sector and as well as other sectors tourism and labour that were important for control of HIV.

Dr. Arulanantham's expertise has benefitted many categories of health professionals ranging from medical undergraduates, public health inspectors, nursing officers, to private sector health personnel. He also served as an external faculty member of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo. Dr Arulanantham represented Sri Lanka at many regional consultative meetings related to the control and prevention of STI/HIV/AIDS. He retired from government service in 1997, after which he devoted his services to the needy in the war affected areas of the North and East of Sri Lanka for many years.

Dr Arulanantham was an active member of the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists and its Vice president from 1995 to 1997. In 2003 Dr. T. Arulanantham was elected as a Fellow of the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the specialty.

He passed away peacefully in May 2014. May he rest in peace.



DR. SAROJINI PERERA

Dr. Sarojini Perera, was a founder member of the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists later renamed the Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine (SLCoSHH).

Sarojini played a significant role in the establishment of the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists in 1995 following the advent of HIV to Sri Lanka. The aim was to provide adequate number of venereologists to fight the emerging epidemic of HIV/AIDS. The strategic mechanism was the establishment of the Board of Study in Venereology at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM), University of Colombo.

Sarojini was a life member of the College and was an active Council member serving as the Assistant Secretary from 1996 to 1998 and Treasurer from 1999 to 2000. Her hard work and determination supported the college through many difficult times during its infancy.

She continued to work on behalf of the college after retirement and never failed to be present at the College functions with her family.

Sarojini was educated at St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo. She entered the Faculty of Medicine University of Colombo in 1966, from where she graduated in 1971. Sarojini served in different capacities at the Lady Ridgway Hospital, Colombo, Badulla, Ratnapura and Kurunegala General Hospitals before joining the National STD/AIDS Control Programme (NSACP) in 1990.

Sarojini was awarded the Diploma in Child Health (1991), Diploma in Family Medicine (1992) and the Master of Science in Community Medicine (1993) by the PGIM.

Sarojini contributed to the advancement of the NSACP in many ways. She was closely involved with activities related to the advancement of the programme and also served as the training coordinator for the second World Bank HIV Prevention Project.

After retirement in 2008 she worked as the Director, Programmes and Research of the National AIDS Foundation, a non-governmental organization that addresses the health and welfare of persons living with HIV. She continued to maintain her links with the NSACP and this enabled her to help many persons living with HIV who were referred from the programme to the Foundation including pregnant women and children.

In 2014, Sarojini was elected a Fellow of the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists in recognition of her dedication and outstanding contribution to the specialty.

Sarojini passed away in early 2020 after a brief illness. May she rest in peace.

**Dr. Lilani Rajapakse, MBBS, MSc, MD, FSLCV,
Past President SLCV and Consultant Venereologist**

(All three appreciations were written by above author)

WINNERS OF AWARDS

Year	Dr. Nihal Perera memorial Award	Dr. and Mrs. Lucian Jayasuriya Gold Medal
	For the recipient of the best oral presentation at the Annual Scientific Sessions	For the recipient of the best performance at the Diploma in the Venereology examination
1997	Dr. Lilani Rajapaksa	-
1998	Dr. Kulasiri Buddhakorala	-
1999	Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne	-
2000	Dr. K. A. M. Ariyaratne	-
2001	Dr. P. Thayaparan	-
2002	Dr. Sujatha Mananwatta	Dr. Nalaka Abeygunasekera
2003	Dr. Ganga Pathirana	Dr. Manoji Gunathilake
2004	Dr. Thiloma Munasinghe	Dr. E. G. R. Samaraweera
2005	Dr. Ajith Karawita	-
2006	Dr. Himali P. Perera	Dr. Thilini N. Hettiarachchi
2007	Dr. Rasanga Liyanage	Dr. M. S. Shimali Fernando
2008	Dr. Sathya Herath	Dr. Aruni De Silva
2009	Dr. S. N. D. Ranasinghe	Dr. S. H. W. S. Nanayakkara
2010	Dr. D. O. C. de Alwis	Dr. Manori Bandara
2011	Dr. Shyama Somawardhana	Dr. L. N. Siriwardena
2012	Dr. P. S. K. Batagalla	Dr. P. S. Premadasa
2013	Dr. P. S. Premadasa	Dr. D. I. Rajapaksha
2014	Dr. Niroshan Jayasekara	Dr. Waruni Pannala
2015	Dr. P. A. D. M. P. Perera	Dr. P. A. D. M. P. Perera
2016	Dr. Chandrica Jayakody	Dr. Vindya Perera
2017	Dr. Manjula Rajapaksha	Dr. P. M. H. Colombage
2018	Dr. Iresh Jayaweera	Dr. Udari Gallage
2019	Dr. P. A. D. M. P. Perera	Dr. Yuwani Attanayake

Year	SLCoSHH Award	Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme Gold Medal
	For the best poster presentation at the Annual Scientific Session	For the recipient of the best performance at the MD Venereology examination
2013	-	Dr. L. N. Siriwardena
2014	-	Dr. Ahamed Azraan
2015	Dr. Iresh Jayaweera	Dr. Buddhika Perera
2016	Dr. Darshanie Mallikarachchi	Dr. Vindya Kaluarachchi
2017	Dr. Shyama Somawardhana	Dr. P. A. D. M. P. Perera
2018	Dr. Waruni Pannala	Dr. Vindya Perera
2019	Dr. Dileka Sonnadara	Dr. Heminda Wijayasinghe



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