

# Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine



## 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025



**Translating Evidence into Action:**  
Advancing Excellence in HIV/STI Prevention, Treatment, and Care

### PROGRAMME

#### INAUGURAL CEREMONY

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 6:45 p.m. At Hilton Colombo, (By Invitation Only)**

**Welcome Address:** Dr Shyama Somawardhana, President, Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine

**Address by the Guest of Honour:** Professor Matthew Phillips, Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV in Cumbria, United Kingdom, Honorary Professor of GUM and Ethics at the University of Lancashire, President, The British Association for Sexual Health and HIV

**Address by the Chief Guest:** Dr Anil Jasinghe, Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Mass Media, Sri Lanka

**Presidential Address:** "Translating Evidence into Action" - Dr Shyama Somawardhana, President, Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine

**Awards:** Award of Fellowship | Award for the Best Performance in Diploma in Venereology | Award for the Best Performance in MD Venereology

**Felicitation to Dr Jayadarie Ranatunga**

**Vote of Thanks:** Dr Wasanthi Hemamala, Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine

#### 4<sup>th</sup> December

Pre-Congress Session – Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025




Venue: SLMA Auditorium, Colombo

HIV and the Nervous System: Unveiling the Neurological Dimensions

08:30 – 09:00 AM Registration  
09:00 – 09:10 AM Welcome Address




##### Symposium – I

Chairpersons: Dr Shyama Somawardhana and Dr Vino Dharmakulasinghe

09:10 – 09:30 AM Understanding NeuroHIV: How HIV Affects the Brain and Nervous System  
Prof Graham P Taylor, Professor of Human Retrovirology   
09:30 – 09:50 AM Seeing the Unseen: Brain Imaging in PLHIV with CNS Symptoms  
Dr Amila Chandrakumara, Consultant Neuroradiologist   
09:50 – 10:10 AM Cognition Matters: Integrating Neurocognitive Screening into Routine HIV Care  
Dr Emily Clarke, Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV   
10:10 – 10:20 AM Panel Discussion  
10:20 – 10:40 AM Morning Tea

##### Symposium – II

Chairpersons: Dr Priyantha Weerasinghe and Dr Waruni Pannala

10:40 – 11:00 AM Understanding HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorder: The Overlooked Challenge  
Dr Geethani Samaraweera, Consultant Venereologist   
11:00 – 11:20 AM Managing Meningitis in HIV: What's Different, What's Critical  
Prof Thashi Chang, Professor in Neurology   
11:20 – 11:40 AM The Mind and HIV: An Overview of Managing Neuropsychiatric Conditions in PLHIV  
Prof Chathurle Suraweera, Professor in Psychiatry   
11:40 – 12:00 PM Panel Discussion  
12:00 PM Onwards Lunch

#### Faculty

FOREIGN

Prof Matthew Phillips  
Prof Graham P. Taylor  
Dr Emily Clarke  
Dr Dariusz Piotr Olszyna  
Dr Po-Lin Chan  
Dr David Barlow  
A/Prof Carole Khaw  
Dr Ranjababu Kulasegaram  
Dr Mahesh Ratnayake  
Dr Dilmini Mendis

LOCAL

Dr Amila Chandrakumara  
Dr Geethani Samaraweera  
Prof Thashi Chang  
Prof Chathurle Suraweera  
Dr Gayani Nanayakkara  
Dr Jayanthi Elvitigala  
Dr Darshani Wijewickrama  
Dr Inoka Munasinghe  
Dr Kapila Ranasinghe  
Dr Udittha Bulugahapitiya  
Dr Yasas Abeywickrama  
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#### 5<sup>th</sup> December

Conference Sessions, Day 1 – Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Venue: Courtyard by Marriott, Colombo

Symposium I – Redefining Sexual Health: Innovation, Responsibility, and Equity in a Changing World  
Chairpersons: Dr Iyanthi Abeywickrama and Dr Leelani Rajapakse

08:00 – 08:30 AM Registration  
08:30 – 08:50 AM Between Curiosity and Risk: Addressing Sexual Health Challenges in Adolescent  
Dr Gayani Nanayakkara, Consultant Venereologist   
08:50 – 09:10 AM Challenges in Implementation of Doxy PEP  
Dr Mahesh Ratnayake, Senior Consultant Sexual Health Physician  (Virtual)  
09:10 – 09:30 AM Antibiotic Stewardship in STI Management: Preserving Efficacy, Preventing Resistance  
Dr Jayanthi Elvitigala, Consultant Microbiologist   
09:30 – 09:50 AM Detect to Protect: STI Screening: Who, When and Why  
Dr Darshani Wijewickrama, Consultant Venereologist   
09:50 – 10:10 AM United for Zero: Ending HIV, Hepatitis B & STIs Together  
Dr Po-Lin Chan, WHO Regional Advisor Hepatitis/HIV/ST  
10:10 – 10:30 AM Panel Discussion  
10:30 – 10:50 AM Morning Tea

##### Symposium II – Future Prospects in Sexual Health

Chairpersons: Dr G Weerasinghe and Dr S Benaragama

10:50 – 11:10 AM Are We Winning or Losing the Battle, Drug Resistance GC  
Dr David Barlow, Emeritus Consultant Physician  (Virtual)  
11:10 – 11:30 AM Breaking New Ground: An Overview of Landmark STI Clinical Trials  
Prof Matthew Phillips, Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV   
11:30 – 11:50 AM Vaccines Beyond HPV: The Next Wave in STI Prevention  
A/Prof Carole Khaw, Senior Consultant Sexual Health Physician  (Virtual)  
11:50 – 12:10 PM Exploring New Frontiers in Sexual Health: Cosmetic Gynaecology  
Dr Inoka Munasinghe, Consultant Venereologist   
12:10 – 12:30 PM Pregnancy and Herpes Simplex Virus: Managing Risks for Mother and Baby  
Dr Emily Clarke, Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV   
12:30 – 12:50 PM Panel Discussion  
12:50 – 02:00 PM Lunch

##### Symposium III – Beyond the Binary: Addressing the Challenges and Sexual Health Needs in Transgender Populations

Chairpersons: Dr Gayani Nanayakkara and Dr Chitran Hathurusinghe

02:00 – 02:20 PM Mental Health Challenges and Resilience in Transgender Communities: Psychiatric Perspectives  
Dr Kapila Ranasinghe, Consultant Psychiatrist   
02:20 – 02:40 PM Endocrine Dilemmas in Transgender Health: Balancing Affirmation and Safety in Hormonal Care  
Dr Udittha Bulugahapitiya, Consultant Endocrinologist   
02:40 – 03:00 PM Gender Reassignment Surgeries and Complications  
Dr Yasas Abeywickrama, Consultant Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon   
03:00 – 03:20 PM Transgender Health in Sexual Medicine: Principles, Practice, and Progress  
Dr Dilmini Mendis, Consultant in Sexual Health Medicine   
03:20 – 03:40 PM Panel Discussion  
03:40 – 03:50 PM Evening Tea

##### Symposium IV – Integrated Approaches to HIV and Viral Hepatitis in the Era of Curative Therapies

Chairpersons: Dr Geethani Samaraweera Dr Nimali Jayasuriya

03:50 – 04:10 PM HIV and Hepatitis B Co-infection: Advances in Diagnosis and Management  
Dr Ranjababu Kulasegaram, Consultant Physician in HIV/GU Medicine  (Virtual)  
04:10 – 04:30 PM Hepatitis C in the DAA Era: Simplified, Streamlined, and Curable  
Dr Dariusz Piotr Olszyna, Specialist in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases   
04:30 – 04:50 PM Towards EMCTCT of Hepatitis B in Sri Lanka: Progress, Challenges, and the Way Forward  
Dr Po-Lin Chan, WHO Regional Advisor Hepatitis/HIV/ST  
04:50 – 05:00 PM Panel Discussion

#### 6<sup>th</sup> December

Conference Sessions, Day 2 – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Venue: Courtyard by Marriot, Colombo

##### Free Papers

Chairpersons: Dr Jayadarie Ranatunga and Dr Manjula Rajapakse

08:00 – 08:30 AM Registration  
08:30 – 10:45 AM Free Papers  
Poster Presentations  
10:45 – 11:00 AM Morning Tea

Symposium V – Horizons in HIV: Charting the Future of Treatment, Prevention & Cure  
Chairpersons: Dr Umedha Jayasinghe and Dr Kokilanthi Dharmaratna

11:00 – 11:20 AM Monoclonal Antibodies: The Quest for an HIV Functional Cure  
Prof Graham P Taylor, Professor of Human Retrovirology   
11:20 – 11:40 AM Injectable ART: Redefining the Future of HIV Treatment and Prevention  
Dr Dariusz Piotr Olszyna, Specialist in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases   
11:40 – 12:00 PM From Science to Equity: Key Takeaways from ASHM 2025 for HIV Clinicians  
A/Prof Carole Khaw, Senior Consultant Sexual Health Physician  (Virtual)  
12:00 – 12:20 PM HIV and Healthcare: Ethical Duties and Legal Boundaries  
Prof Matthew Phillips, Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV   
12:20 – 12:40 PM Panel Discussion  
12:40 – 01:30 PM Lunch

Symposium VI – Multidimensional Care in HIV: Women, Aging, and Systemic Manifestations  
Chairpersons: Dr Iruka Rajapaksha and Dr Anuruddha Karunaratne

01:30 – 01:50 PM The Journey of Care: A Medical Perspective on Women Living with HIV  
Prof Graham P Taylor, Professor of Human Retrovirology   
01:50 – 02:10 PM The Eye and HIV: Understanding Ocular Manifestations of a Systemic Disease  
Dr Kapila Bandutilake, Consultant Vitreo-Retinal Surgeon   
02:10 – 02:30 PM Caring for the Silver Generation: Clinical Insights into Aging with HIV  
Dr Emily Clarke, Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV   
02:30 – 02:50 PM HIV and the Spectrum of Fungal Dermatoses: Diagnostic Challenges and Treatment Approaches  
Dr Indira Kahawita, Consultant Dermatologist   
02:50 – 03:10 PM Panel Discussion  
03:10 – 03:30 PM Interactive Quiz  
03:30 – 03:40 PM Evening Tea  
03:40 – 04:10 PM Overseas Faculty Meeting

#### Registration



Pre Congress



Main Conference

#### Pre-Congress

Members of SLCoSHH: Free

Non-Members: LKR 2,500

#### Main Conference

Category	Early Bird (Until 15th of Nov. 2025)	Late Registration
Members	LKR 5,000	LKR 7,500
Non-Members	LKR 10,000	LKR 12,500
Overseas Online Participants	USD 60	



**"Participants will be awarded CPD points approved by the Ministry of Health"**