

Sri Lanka College of Sexual Health and HIV Medicine



30th ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025



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

PROGRAMME

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Thursday, 4th 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

Felicitations to Dr Jayadarie Ranatunga

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

4th December

Pre-Congress Session - Thursday, 4th 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 Chathurie Suraweera, Professor in Psychiatry
11:40 - 12:00 PM	Panel Discussion
12:00 PM Onwards	Lunch

Faculty

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

LOCAL	Dr Amila Chandrakumara	Dr Inoka Munasinghe
	Dr Geethani Samaraweera	Dr Kapila Ranasinghe
	Prof Thashi Chang	Dr Uditha Bulugahapitiya
	Prof Chathurie Suraweera	Dr Yasas Abeywickrama
	Dr Gayani Nanayakkara	Dr Kapila Bandutilake
	Dr Jayanthi Elvitigala	Dr Indira Kahawita
	Dr Darshani Wijewickrama	

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5th December

Conference Sessions, Day 1 - Friday, 5th 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 Adolescents 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 Chitrani Rathurusinghe

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 Uditha 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 Nimal 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 EMTCT 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

6th December

Conference Sessions, Day 2 - Saturday, 6th 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
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Poster Presentations
Morning Tea	
11:00 - 11:20 AM	Symposium V - Horizons in HIV: Charting the Future of Treatment, Prevention & Cure
	Chairpersons: Dr Umedha Jayasinghe and Dr Kokilanthi Dharmaratna
11:20 - 11:40 AM	Monoclonal Antibodies: The Quest for an HIV Functional Cure Dr Graham P Taylor, Professor of Human Retrovirology
11:40 - 12:00 PM	Injectable ART: Redefining the Future of HIV Treatment and Prevention Dr Dariusz Piotr Olszyna, Specialist in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases
12:00 - 12:20 PM	From Science to Equity: Key Takeaways from ASHM 2025 for HIV Clinicians A/Prof Carole Khaw, Senior Consultant Sexual Health Physician (Virtual)
12:20 - 12:40 PM	HIV and Healthcare: Ethical Duties and Legal Boundaries Prof Matthew Phillips, Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV
12:40 - 01:30 PM	Panel Discussion 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

Members of SLCoSHH: Free | Non-Members: LKR 2,500

Main Conference