SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV MEDICINE

31ST ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

IN COLLABORATION WITH BRITISH HIV ASSOCIATION

BRIDGING TO TOMORROW

INAUGURAL CEREMONY (By invitations Only)

Thursday, 29th October 2026 at 6:40 PM at ITC Ratnadipa, Colombo

29th October

Pre Congress Session

Thursday 29th October 2026 at New OPD Auditorium, NHSL

Evolving HIV Epidemiology and Integrated Strategies for Epidemic Response

Symposium I
Chairpersons: Dr Nimali Jayasuriya and Dr Prageeth Premadasa

09:10 – 09:30 AM	**Adapting HIV Prevention to Meet Changing Population Needs, Lessons from Thailand** *Dr Cheewanan Lertpiriyasuwat (Senior Expert in Preventive Medicine) (WHO)*
09:30 – 09:50 AM	**Hidden Epidemics and Blind Spots: Are We Missing HIV Transmission in Sri Lanka** *Dr Geethani Samaraweera (Consultant Venereologist)*
09:50 – 10:10 AM	**HIV Micro-Epidemics within Low-Prevalence Settings** *Dr Po-Lin Chan (Regional Advisor, Hepatitis/HIV/STIs) (WHO)*
10:10 – 10:30 AM	**Panel Discussion (Moderated by the Chairpersons)**
10:30 – 10:50 AM	**Tea**

Symposium II
Chairpersons: Dr Kokilanthi Dharmaratne and Dr Vino Dharmakulasinghe

10:50-11:10 AM	**Surveillance of Emerging HIV Transmission** *Dr KAM Ariyaratne (Consultant Venereologist)*
11:10 – 11:30 AM	**HIV Epidemic in the MSM; Strategies of Management** *Dr Manik Kholi (Specialist in Sexual Health and HIV)*
11:30 – 11:50 AM	**Long-Acting PrEP as a Transformative Strategy Toward Ending AIDS** *Dr Fiona Cresswell (Clinical Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant in HIV and Sexual Health)*
11:50 – 12:10 PM	**Panel Discussion (Moderated by the Chairpersons)**
12.10 PM onwards	**Lunch**

Faculty

FOREIGN

- Dr Cheewanan Lertpiriyasuwat
- Dr Po-Lin Chan
- Dr Manik Kholi
- Dr Fiona Cresswell
- Dr Tristan Barber
- Prof Graham P Taylor
- Dr Emily Clarke
- Dr Ranjababu Kulasegaran
- Dr Caroline Foster
- Dr Sirin Tangcharoensathien
- Dr Mahesh Ratnayake

LOCAL

- Dr Geethani Samaraaweera
- Dr KAM Ariyaratne
- Dr Jayanthi Elwitigala
- Dr Prageeth Premadasa
- Dr Neranjan Dissanayake
- Dr Hasitha Wijewantha
- Dr Thilanga Ruwanpathirana
- Dr Leelani Rajapaksa

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Registration

30th October

Conference Sessions, Day 1

Friday 30th October 2026 at ITC Ratnadipa, Colombo

Symposium I – HIV Drug Resistance: Molecular Insights, Transmission Networks, and Contemporary Therapeutic Challenges
Chairpersons: Dr Iyanthi Abeywickreme and Dr Leelani Rajapaksa

08:00 – 08:30 AM	**Registration**
08:30 – 08:50 AM	**Molecular Mechanisms of ART Resistance** *Dr Tristan Barber (Consultant Physician in HIV Medicine)*
08:50 – 09:10 AM	**Understanding HIV Drug Resistance Networks Through Phylogenetic Analysis** *Dr Jayanthi Elwitigala (Consultant Microbiologist)*
09:10 – 09:30 AM	**HIV Drug Resistance in the Context of PrEP Use: Current Evidence and Future Directions** *Prof Graham P Taylor (Professor of Human Retrovirology)*
09:30 – 09:50 AM	**Role of Long-Acting Antiretrovirals for Patient Management in the Context of Resistance** *Dr Fiona Cresswell (Clinical Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant in HIV and Sexual Health)*
09:50 – 10:10 AM	**ART Multi-Class Resistance and Complex Treatment Failure: Detection, and Management** *Dr Tristan Barber (Consultant Physician in HIV Medicine)*
10:10 – 10.30 AM	**Panel Discussion (Moderated by the Chairpersons)**
10:30 – 10:50 AM	**Morning Tea**

Symposium II –: HIV Beyond Viral Suppression: Navigating Complex Comorbidities and Integrated Management
Chairpersons: Dr Jayadarie Ranatunge and Dr Geethani Samaraweera

10:50 – 11:10 AM	**Metabolic and Endocrine Dysregulation in HIV: Challenges and Clinical Management** *Dr Emily Clarke (Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV)*
11.10 – 11.30 AM	**Aging with HIV: Geriatric Syndromes and Polypharmacy** *Dr Tristan Barber (Consultant Physician in HIV Medicine)*
11:30 – 11:50 AM	**IRIS in the Era of Rapid ART Initiation** *Dr Fiona Cresswell (Clinical Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant in HIV and Sexual Health)*
11:50 – 12:10 PM	**Identifying and Managing Sexual Dysfunctions in PLHIV** *Dr Prageeth Premadasa (Consultant Venereologist)*
12:10 – 12:30 PM	**Advances in Prevention and Treatment of TB in PLHIV** *Dr Neranjan Dissanayake (Consultant Pulmonologist)*
12:30 – 12:50 PM	**Panel Discussion (Moderated by the Chairpersons)**
12.50 – 02.00 PM	**Lunch**

Symposium III – Integrated Perspectives on STIs: Clinical, Preventive, and Emerging Challenges
Chairpersons: Dr Gayani Nanayakkara and Dr Iruka Rajapaksha

02:00 – 02:20 PM	**STIs in the Era of U=U and PrEP: Changing Epidemiology and Clinical Challenges** *Dr Manik Kohli (Specialist in Sexual Health and HIV)*
02:20 – 02.40 PM	**Atypical STI Presentations in Immunocompromised Patients** *Dr Emily Clarke (Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV)*
02.40 – 03.00 PM	**Emerging Threats in Sexual Health: From Zika, Mpox, and Evolving Herpes Simplex Viruses to Neisseria Meningitidis** *Dr Manik Kohli (Specialist in Sexual Health and HIV)*
03.00 – 03:20 PM	**BHIVA Guideline Update** *Dr Tristan Barber (Consultant Physician in HIV Medicine)*
03.20 – 03.40 PM	**Panel Discussion (Moderated by the Chairpersons)**
03.40 – 03.50 PM	**Evening Tea**

Symposium IV –Bridging Clinical Care and Public Health: Managing Hepatitis B and C
Chairpersons: Dr Umedha Jayasinghe and Dr Waruni Pannala

03.50 – 04:10 PM	**Clinical and Therapeutic Challenges in HIV–HBV/HCV Co-Infection Management** *Dr Ranjababu Kulasegaram (Consultant Physician in HIV/GU Medicine) (virtual)*
04:10 – 04:30 PM	**Managing Acute Liver Failure in Viral Hepatitis** *Dr Hasitha Wijewantha (Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist)*
04:30 – 04:50 PM	**Micro-Elimination of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C: Translating Global Targets into Local Success** *Dr Thilanga Ruwanpathirana (Consultant Epidemiologist)*
04.50 – 05.00 PM	**Panel Discussion (Moderated by the Chairpersons)**

31st October

Conference Sessions, Day 2

Saturday 31st October 2026 at ITC Ratnadipa, Colombo

Free Papers
Chairpersons:
Dr Priyantha Weerasinghe and Dr Darshani Wijewickrama

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

Symposium V
Ending Vertical Transmission and Beyond: Integrated Strategies for Maternal and Pediatric HIV Management
Chairpersons: Dr G Weerasinghe and Dr Darshani Wijewickrama

11:00 – 11:20 AM	**Residual Transmission in EMTCT Programs: Why Do Failures Still Occur?** *Dr Leelani Rajapaksha (Consultant Venereologist)*
11:20 – 11:40 AM	**LAI in Pregnancy- Real World Experience** *Prof Graham P Taylor (Professor of Human Retrovirology)*
11:40 – 12:00 PM	**Challenges in the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections in Children** *Dr Emily Clarke (Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV)*
12:00 – 12:20 PM	**Optimizing Antiviral Therapy in Children: Paediatric Dosing, Adherence, and Formulation Challenges** *Dr Caroline Foster (Professor of Practice Adolescent Infectious Diseases) (virtual)*
12:20 – 12:40 PM	**Panel Discussion (Moderated by the Chairpersons)**
12:40 – 01:30 PM	**Lunch**

Symposium VI
Collaborative HIV/ STI Prevention Actions: Global Guidance,and Multifactorial Health Challenges
Chairpersons: Dr Shyama Somawardhana and Dr Piyumi Perera

01:30 – 01:50 PM	**From Global Targets to Local Impact: Implementing WHO HIV Prevention Frameworks in Complex Settings** *Dr Cheewanan Lertpiriyasuwat (Senior Expert in Preventive Medicine) (WHO)*
01:50 – 02:10 PM	**Substance Use and HIV: Clinical, Behavioral, and Public Health Intersections** *Dr Sirin Tangcharoensathien (Senior Research Physician) (Virtual) (WHO)*
02:10 – 02:50 PM	**Addressing the Rising Burden of Syphilis and Other STI Panel Discussion Moderated By Dr Po-Lin Chan (Regional Advisor, Hepatitis/HIV/STIs) (WHO)** **Panelists:** ◦ *Dr Emily Clark (Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and HIV)* ◦ *Dr Mahesh Ratnayake (Consultant Sexual Health Physician)* ◦ *Dr Leelani Rajapaksha (Consultant Venereologist)* ◦ *Dr Cheewanan Lertpiriyasuwat(Senior Expert in Preventive Medicine) (WHO)*
02:50 – 03:10 PM	**Panel Discussion (Moderated by the Chairpersons)**
03:10 – 03:30 PM	**Interactive Quiz**
03:30 – 03:50 PM	**Evening Tea**
03:50 – 04:00 PM	**Overseas Faculty Meeting**

Registration Fees

Pre-Congress Session

Members of SLCoSHH: Free	Non-Members: LKR 1,500

In-Person Attendance

Category	One Day	Both Days
Members	LKR 4,000	LKR 5,000
Non-Members	LKR 7,500	LKR 10,000

Online Attendance

Category	Both Days
College Members	USD 30
Non-Members	USD 100

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