



SLAYS International Conference 2019

“Research for Impact: March of the Sri Lankan Young Scientists”

Organized by Sri Lankan Academy of Young Scientists (SLAYS)

16th October 2019, At Grand Crystal Ballroom, Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo

Programme

Inauguration

0815-0845	Registration and Tea
0845-0900	Inauguration ceremony (Lighting the Oil Lamp, National Anthem)
0900-0910	Welcome Speech by Dr. Chamindri Witharana, President, Sri Lankan Academy of Young Scientists
0910-0920	Speech by Chief Guest Eng. Sanath Panawenna: Director General and CEO, Arthur C Clark Center for Modern Technologies
0920-0930	Speech by Prof. Chandrika Wijeratne, Vice-Chancellor, University of Colombo
0930-0940	Speech by Dr. Ranjith Mahindapala, President, National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka
0920-0930	Speech by Prof. Ananda Jayawardena, Director General, National Science Foundation
0930-1030	Keynote speech Dr. Sahal Yacoob, University of Cape Town, South Africa / Representative, Global Young Academy
1030-1035	Vote of Thanks, Ms. Jivendra Wickremasinghe, Conference Secretary

Session 01: Session Chair: Dr. Chamindri Witharana

1040-1120	How to Pitch Your Research: Prof Lienhard Schmitz Professor of Biochemistry, University of Giessen, Germany
1120-1200	Empowering Young Researchers: Tips for Winning Grants: Dr. Jennifer Sjölund , International Foundation for Science, Sweden
1200-1240	Science and Society: Role of the Young Scientists Dr. Nandadasa Narayana , Founder Chairman, Flexport Innovation
1240-1300	Panel Discussion
1300-1345	Lunch break and Networking

13.45-1440 SLAYS 3MT® - Three Minute Thesis Presentation Competition

13.45-1350 Introduction to 3MT Competition, Dr. Thilini Perera, SLAYS



1350-1440 Competition

Session 02: Session Chair: Dr. Laalitha Liyanage/Ms Jivendra Wickramasinghe

1440- 1510 Research for policy: An essential approach for implementation of science
Prof Amala de Silva, Department of Economics, University of Colombo.

1510-1530 Innovative Thinking: **Dr. Dilru Ratnaweera**
General Manager- Head of Discovery Labs, MAS Holdings.

1530-1600 Balancing Lab and Life: **Dr. Miyuru Chandradasa**
Consultant Psychiatrist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya

1600-1610 SLAYS Towards Society: (thinking out of the box) –Presenting the pioneered
public outreach programme by President Elect Dr Asanka Pallewatte

1610-1630 Panel Discussion

1630-1730 3MT Awards Ceremony

1630-1640 Speech by Chief Guest, **Prof. Mohan Munasinghe**
Founder Chairman of the Munasinghe Inst. of Development (MIND)
Vice Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

1640-1650 Speech by Guest of Honor **Prof. Rohan Samarajiva**
Chairman, ICT Agency of Sri Lanka, Founding Chair, LIRNEasia

1650-1715 3MT Competition Awards Presentation

1715-1730 Closing remarks and Vote of Thanks, SLAYS Conference 2019
Dr. Laalitha, Liyanage General Secretary, SLAYS.

1730 Conclusion of SLAYS Conference 2019

