

CCP News

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President's message

Dear Fellows and Members,

As I conclude my term of office, I recall with humility the singular honour bestowed upon me by you to lead the Council and the College for 2019. I thank you once again for entrusting me with your most precious possession, I hope I have been able to live up to your expectations and steer the College to greater heights. I was blessed with a dynamic Council, which was a rich blend of the Physicians of this Land, the young, the more experienced and from diverse fields of Medicine and allied sub specialties. This epitomizes the College's strength, namely being the common turf and home ground of all Physicians. The Council gave me their fullest support, was unbiased in their opinions and critical when needed. I thank them for providing leadership to the diverse activities of the College and for being my strength during the year.

This is the best time to look back at the year that was for the College and reflect critically of the ups and downs of our year's journey and our challenges for the future. We started with a political turmoil, lived through an unprecedented terrorist activity and end the year with hopes for new beginnings.

I am happy to report that we have continued to express our unbiased opinions and have supported the Ministry of Health and the PGIM in all professional and academic matters related to the Physicians. We also reached out to our members in a proactive manner and gave our fullest support to sort out issues they faced. The latter I feel is vital, after all, the College is really its members and through our members, for the public.

The year was filled with academic activities which were custom designed around our theme for the year "Beyond knowledge – Across boundaries – Towards holistic care". It was gratifying to note the enthusiasm of our members and other professionals who joined us in these activities. On behalf of my Council, I thank all our collaborators, especially the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh for collaborating with us for a very successful Anniversary Academic Sessions, the regional medical associations in Sri Lanka who helped us to conduct the regional meetings and our sponsors. Without the good will and participation of them none of these activities would have been possible.

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President's message

Meeting our members working in the periphery through the regional meetings will be among my best memories of the year. The service they do, quietly, despite enormous challenges they face, is remarkable and I salute them for their dedication and commitment.

Establishment of standing committees was a notable achievement during the year. These are similar to what was proposed in 2013 under the Long-Term Strategic Plan (LTSP). Although similar committees were established in 2014, they were, unfortunately, not sustained. While planning and establishing committees are all good on paper, our challenge will be to ensure that these remain functional for the next decade and beyond. At present only the Finance and Housing Committee is functioning, and we have called for expressions of interests from all of you to join these committees. I earnestly request you to do so and ensure the success of this activity.

College is heir to a legacy, left behind by Physicians of the past for those of the future. It is an organization with unwritten traditions and values which gives it the unique identity of being the apex non-political, non-trade union, professional organization of Specialist Physicians and allied sub-specialties. This diverse membership is our strength, and in an era where the profession is fragmenting, places the College in a unique position to unite them and to provide leadership in an unbiased manner. For the College this is not an option, but a sacred duty, for this unity is vital to ensure that patients are provided with the best possible care that we can deliver. It is imperative that future custodians of the CCP lever and augment this aspect to preserve and improve the professional standards of the Physicians.

Like with everything else, History will decide how successful we have been during the year, the future will prove how effective our measures have been, but I can only hope....

I wish you the very best for 2020. May the year bring you good Health and Happiness, and fulfilment in all what you do.

Chandanie Wanigatunge
President

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The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Ceylon College of Physicians was held at the College Office on the 13th December. Dr Ananda Wijewickrama assumed duties as the new president.

The Council 2020

President –	Dr Ananda Wijewickrama
President Elect –	Prof Senaka Rajapakse
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	Dr Dilshan Priyankara
	Dr Shehan Silva
	Dr P Sutharsan
	Dr Udaya Kumara Yapa

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Young Physicians' Forum and College Lecture

The Young Physicians Forum and the College Lecture were held on Tuesday, 10th December 2019 at the ClinMarc. Auditorium. Dr S.A.Dilukshi N Pilapitiya, Senior Registrar in Nephrology (SJGH) presented the lecture "A patient with muscle weakness; What if it is metabolic?". A talk on Conundrums in the diagnosis of Tuberculous meningitis was done by Dr I Ravindra Sudath, Senior Registrar in Neurology (NHSL). Dr G.V.Nilangika Sandakumari, Consultant Physician and Lecturer, Department of Pharmacology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura delivered the College Lecture titled "Pulmonary Embolism- an overlooked diagnosis".

The program was well attended and was sponsored by Cipla Pharmaceuticals.

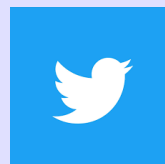


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Upcoming events

- ♦ Jan 3rd Presidential induction Held at the Lotus Hall BMICH Function Rooms, Colombo
- ♦ Jan 14th YPF and College Lecture held at the CLINMARC National Hospital of Sri Lanka
- ♦ Jan 17th Council meeting held at the College office

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