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Annual academic sessions: the latest updates

Our annual academic sessions are less than two months away – and preparations are gathering pace now. The full program is now online (see our website). We thought we will update you on some important matters:

- First of all, keep the dates free: ***September 12-15*** (four days) at the Galadari Hotel Colombo.
- The ***full program*** is now on our website, but since some minor changes may still happen, make sure that you check for the latest version from time to time.
- The ***main component*** is between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm, and consists of ceremonial events (the Ceremonial Inauguration on day 1, the Orations on day 4), 12 plenaries, 18 symposia, specialist workshops for consultants, and free paper sessions (both oral and poster presentations). Please note that slots for the specialist workshops is limited (approximately 40), so if you are interested please contact the College office.
- The ***remaining component*** is in the early-morning (7 – 8 am) and late-evening (5 -7 pm). There are events focused for senior registrars (3 Communication Skills Workshops in the early-mornings, 3 Senior Registrar Workshops in the late-evening). And there are 18 Teaching Capsules focused for registrars in both early-mornings and late-evenings. Although these are focused on senior registrars or registrars, others can join them too, provided there is enough space. *Slots for Teaching Capsules are limited (approximately 40), so early registration is mandatory, and a payment is required.*
- The ***Conference App*** will go online soon, for both Android and Apple devices. Check it out! It has many features you will like, and it will help you plan your participation from the comfort of your home.
- The ***Conference Website*** is now operational. It gives you all the current details, as well as the facility for *online registration* for the conference as well as the Capsules.
- If you are a senior registrar, remember that our *Ranji Wikramanayake Research Grants* are just for you and the closing date for the current round of applications is August 31 – so hurry, because you need the Board of Study approval to apply. Check our website for details (News and Events → Grants).

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The Matara regional meeting – a roaring success!

The first regional meeting for this year was held in Matara on July 20 – and it was a roaring success!

The morning session saw three parallel activities: a soft skills workshop for specialists at the Solis Hotel, an emergency medicine training module session for medical officers (including the brand-new module on poisoning) at the GH Matara auditorium, and a CME program for nursing officers at the Matara RDHS office – all of which were very well attended.

After lunch, the program continued in the hospital auditorium, with four updates, which was also very well attended.

A special feature of all the sessions was the highly enthusiastic audience participation – which was very satisfying for the resource persons who had come from Colombo, Karapitiya and Matara. We are extremely grateful to all our resource persons and participants, as well as our council members Dr Lasantha Ganewatte and Dr Ranjith Jayasinghe who helped organize it, and the Ruhunu Clinical Society and the Dr Mediwaka, RDHS Matara, who collaborated with us.

The main sponsor of the regional meeting was GSK, while the soft skills workshop was sponsored by PharmEvo and the nurses' program by the office of the RDHG Matara.

Please note that the Ratnapura regional meeting, which was initially planned for August, has been postponed to November.

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The College birthday celebrated in a renovated environment

A small band of councilors, former councilors, well-wishers and the office staff celebrated the College birthday on July 25 – the momentous day when the pioneers met in the GH Colombo and resolved to form the College.

We were very happy that we could celebrate this year's birthday in much improved surroundings, with the newly stone-paved garden area and the landscaped skirting. We owe a big *Thank You* to Dr S.D. Jayaratne, our immediate past president, who took the leadership in seeing stone-paving through to its finish.



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Young Physicians' Forum and College Lecture for July concluded successfully

The Young Physicians' Forum and College Lecture for July was held on 10 at the ClinMARC Auditorium.

The YPF presenters were Dr W.A.N.V. Luke and Dr Vipula Bataduwarachchi, and the College Lecture on 'Cardiac electrophysiology in clinical practice' was delivered by Dr P.M. Janaka Pathiraja.

The YPF was sponsored by Cipla.

Forthcoming events

- August 10: Council meeting
- August 14: Young Physicians' Forum and College Lecture (Rezvi Sheriff Auditorium, ClinMARC)
- August 17: Specialty Day on Palliative Medicine, in collaboration with the Sri Lanka College of Pulmonologists (3rd floor lecture hall, ClinMARC)
- August 31: The deadline for the early bird registration for the annual academic sessions
- August 31: The deadline for the current round of applications for the Ranji Wikramanayake research grants for senior registrar research project

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