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Newsletter of the Ceylon College of Physicians



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12th – 15th September 2018
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The Annual Academic Sessions: So much on offer!

The 51st anniversary Annual Academic Sessions of our College (September 12-15, Galadari Hotel Colombo) promises to be an event like no other. Held over four full days, it offers:

- 14 plenaries,
- 18 symposia,
- 8 special workshops,
- 3 communication skills workshops,
- 3 senior registrar workshops,
- 18 teaching capsules (remember, you have to register separately for this and space is limited!),
- 6 free paper sessions (both oral presentations and poster presentations) with 7 awards,
- 3 orations
- and the conference dinner to sign-off.

Some very special features include:

- 35 overseas speakers and over 40 local speakers
- a symposium for every finer specialty
- several multi-disciplinary sessions
- palliative medicine
- maternal critical care
- special workshops for consultants
- special sessions for senior registrars
- special sessions for registrars

The Ceremonial Inauguration:

- This year the Inauguration is in the ***morning*** of September 12, starting at 9.30 am and ending with lunch. *It is by invitation or prior registration only. Please contact the College office if you are a member, to arrange your invitation.*
- The Chief Guest is Professor Sudharshan Seneviratne, Emeritus Professor of the University of Peradeniya, former Professor of Archaeology at the University of Peradeniya, former Director-General of the UNESCO-Sri Lanka Central Cultural Fund, and former High Commissioner for Sri Lanka to India
- The CCP Oration will be delivered by Professor Anand Zachariah, Professor of Medicine, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India.
- The cultural show will be performed by Ranwala Balakaya.

CPD points/credits:

- Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom (upto 21 external CPD credits)
- Sri Lanka Medical Association (upto 24 Category 1.1 NCPD points)

Get all the details on:

- our conference website (ccp-conference.com, or go to our College website ccp.lk and click on the link)
- our special conference App for both Android and Apple devices (go to the conference website and follows the simple, easy instructions)

You can register:

- online
- or at the College office

Conference Dinner:

- This year the ticket price is reduced to LKR 2,500 per person, and it is a buffet dinner – so come in all your numbers! Contact Manel in the College office to buy tickets or book your table.

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Another round of the Young Physicians' Forum concluded

We have just concluded another round of the Young Physicians' Forum. The YPF was commenced in 1990, and the E.M. Wijerama Award for the best presentation has been awarded since 1997. It is a forum that gives an opportunity for our senior registrars to fine-tune their presentation skills before they embark on their overseas training. The prestigious E.M. Wijerama Awards has been won by many 'young physicians' of the past who have gone on to become leaders in our profession.

This year was special, since the YPF was held in the outstations as well. Accordingly, a session was held in Kandy in February (where 10 senior registrars from the TH Kandy and TH Peradeniya took part) and another in Karapitiya in June (where 6 senior registrars from TH Karapitiya took part). Altogether, 33 took part in this YPF round, more than thrice the usual number. Accordingly, the College this year also inaugurated 3 more Merit Awards (sponsored by Cipla).

The winners will be announced and receive their awards at the Ceremonial Inauguration on September 12.

This year's YPF including the outstation meetings, were sponsored by Cipla.



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The College sets up the Senior Physicians' Forum

Based on a proposal put forward by Senior Consultant Physician Dr S. Anandarajah and presented to the Council on his behalf by Prof Saroj Jayasinghe, the College decided to initiate a Senior Physicians' Forum.

Any member or fellow of the College who has retired from the Ministry of Health or the universities can join the Forum. The purpose is to allow the meeting between senior physicians and the rest of membership, to share the valuable experience and knowhow of the senior generation with the following generations. The senior physicians may offer their help in any way they like, such as postgraduate education/training, organizational skills, helping College to obtain sponsorships, helping members to link up with authorities overseas, giving advice on practical matters, etc.

The modus operandi will be discussed and sorted out at the inaugural meeting of the Forum during the annual academic sessions (September 15, 3.00-4.30 pm, Hall C). If you would like to get involved, please come and join it!

Dr Anandarajah has kindly agreed to be the convenor for this meeting.

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Specialty Day on Palliative Care highlights an emerging need

The fourth Specialty Day for the year, on Palliative Medicine, was held on August 17 at the ClinMARC in collaboration with the Sri Lanka College of Pulmonologists. Dr Meera Agar, Professor of Palliative Medicine from the University of Sidney, was the main resource person, along with Dr Udayangani Ramadasa, Dr Ravini de Silva Karunathilake, and Dr Gamini Pathirana.

The event highlighted the growing need to promote palliative medicine and to enhance training. Several special sessions have also been arranged in the annual academic sessions.

The Specialty day was sponsored by Zydus.

The next PACES preparatory course

The next PACES prep course is scheduled for October 14.

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