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22nd Annual Scientific Congress of Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SLCP)

Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SLCP) held their 22nd Annual Scientific Congress, from the 29th to 31st August 2019 at Hotel Cinnamon Grand, Colombo.



SLCP President, Dr. A. Ajanthan



Delegates who attended the Meeting

An excellent spread of paediatric health issues were discussed by the faculty that consisted of experts from the United Kingdom, United States of America, Australia, Singapore, India and our very own local experts.

A total of 23 overseas speakers and 22 local speakers conducted 3 pre-congress workshops, 4 Breakfast Meetings, 2 Guest Lectures, 7 Plenary Lectures and 12 Symposia. The topics selected covered a very wide range of most of the current paediatric healthcare aspects.

There were three prestigious orations. The Professor C.C.de Silva Memorial Oration was delivered by the Chief Guest, Professor Ramnik Xavier the Kurt Isselbacher Professor of Medicine of Harvard Medical School, USA on “The interplay of microbiome, genetics and immunity in systemic disease”.

This presentation conveyed a wealth of knowledge on novel avenues of medicine, particularly the many intricacies of the human microbiome. Dr. Stella De Silva Memorial Oration "The Child Patient: Through the Eyes of a Lawyer" by Mr Chanaka De Silva, President's Counsel of Sri Lanka, explored an interesting and timely aspect that impacts paediatric practice, particularly with the rights of children. Dr. B. J. C. Perera Research Prize Oration delivered by Prof. H Janaka de Silva, Director of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and the Chairman of the National Research Council discussed means of “Developing a Research Agenda in a Challenging Environment”

Nearly 400 participants attended this year's conference. 54 poster presentations and 20 oral presentations contributed to the academic importance of the Congress.

The entire academic extravaganza concluded with a glittering banquet replete with camaraderie, sumptuous cuisine, lilting music and inspirational/humorous after-dinner talks and facilitatory toasts. – **SLCP, Colombo, September 11, 2019**
