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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PEDIATRICIANS

Dear Member,

Thank you ever so much for appointing me as the 12th President of our College. Indeed, I am greatly honoured by the tremendous trust and confidence placed in me. I am deeply conscious of the responsibilities entrusted to me and I have great faith in my Council who would assist me to make whatever endeavours we undertake, eminently successful.

On behalf of the College members, I would like to communicate our sincere appreciation of the work done by the immediate past President Dr. Chandra Abeysekera and her Council during their tenure of office. Without even a shadow of doubt, they did a sterling job.

The theme for this year will be "Beyond Millennium Development Goals : A reality through life cycle interventions". However, I shall continue with the work done in relation to the previous year's theme "Expanding education for better child care"; a theme which I would consider to be the eternal focus of our College.

My envisaged tasks, based on the current theme, would be a further reduction of infant mortality and under-five childhood mortality in Sri Lanka and other life cycle interventions to prolong good health of our future generations. Both interventions are arduous and intricate but there should be a beginning, a giant step that has to be initiated at least by us, to create a domino effect in society. An action plan has already been in the pipeline to organize seminars and workshops in those regions where neonatal and infant mortality is very high. I am seeking the support of UNICEF, Family Health Bureau, Perinatal Society of Sri Lanka and The College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, for national level awareness

programme for all stakeholders involved in child birth and child care.

We are planning to organize many educational workshops and seminars in the provinces. Our Neonatal Life Support Course will continue right throughout the year. In addition, similar courses for midwives and health care personnel in the provinces will be arranged with the assistance of the Regional and Assistant Directors.

Our present Council has two other onerous tasks. One is the hosting of the SAARC Regional Paediatric Conference in June 2009 together with the annual sessions of The Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians and the Second Paediatric Nursing Congress. The other is to generate additional funds required for the new College office building.

Our Council would also like to take the College further into a different sphere of pediatric medicine. i.e. to assist junior paediatricians to actively participate in a research culture, delving into the many intricacies of the available material for original research, particularly collaborative research by providing necessary funds and resources. The Research Committee of the College will be working tirelessly to generate funds from various donors.

Another much needed enterprise, in the present day context, is to establish national registries of important paediatric problems in Sri Lanka such as congenital heart disease, birth defects, etc. We will gradually work towards that goal too.

I sincerely hope that the entire membership would rally round us to put our goals into action to mould our children for a healthy future, while improving the standards of our care.

Dr. H.T. Wickramasinghe

**NEW OFFICE BEARERS OF THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS
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**6TH PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION OF SAARC (PAS) CONFERENCE & THE 12TH ANNUAL
SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS OF THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PEDIATRICIANS**

We are pleased to inform you that the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians will host the 6th Paediatric Association of SAARC (PAS) conference and the 12th Annual Scientific Congress of the SLCP from 17th - 20th June 2009 at Cinnamon Grand, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

CALL FOR SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

Members of the SLCP, other doctors, medical and non-medical scientists are requested to present papers for the Scientific Programme of the above Congress. Abstracts should be submitted with 4 copies. Closing date for abstract submission is 28th February 2009.

PROF. C. C DE SILVA MEMORIAL ORATION

The manuscript for the above oration should be submitted with 5 copies. Closing date will be 28th February 2009.

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS ON SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS FOR ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS OF THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PEDIATRICIANS

1. Abstracts for Annual Scientific Sessions of the SLCP should conform to the following requirements.
 - a) At least one author must as a rule be a member of the SLCP. However submissions by any authors not eligible to be members outside this rule will be considered.
 - b) Presenting author should place signature under the abstract and his name should be underlined.
 - c) Indicate the name and address of the corresponding author.
 - d) Indicate on the envelope the category of presentation either oral or poster.
 - e) At least the presenting author MUST register for the Annual Congress within two weeks of being informed of the acceptance of the paper by the College. If this is not complied with then the paper will not be included in the publication " Proceedings of the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians " and the paper will be removed from the scientific programme without any further notification.
2. The abstracts will be reviewed and selected anonymously by referees. The corresponding author will be informed of the result by 30th April 2009.
3. All abstracts should reach the Hony. Secretary, SLCP before 4pm 28th February 2009.
4. Case presentation will not be accepted for oral presentation at the annual sessions. However case presentation will be accepted for display as posters.
5. The title of the abstract should be brief but adequately descriptive.
6. Abstract should be typed and double spaced on A4 paper with margins of 30mm. An original with three copies should be submitted. Please do not write authors names in the 3 copies.
7. The text of the abstract should contain 350 to 400 words. It should be structured as far as possible into the following.
 - I. Objectives
 - II. Design, setting and method (including statistical methods where relevant)
 - III. Results
 - IV. ConclusionsThere should be no accompanying tables.
A brief introduction may indicate why the study was undertaken. Prospective authors are requested to see the abstracts of research papers in a recent issue of the Sri Lanka Journal of Child health for further guidance on writing abstracts.
8. The author/s must be able to take intellectual responsibility for the work and the paper.
9. If the work has been previously presented or published, in whole or in part this should be stated in the abstract. This does not disqualify a paper but must be acknowledged when submitting the paper.
10. Acknowledgements in the abstracts should be confined to citing donor agencies and previous presentations/publications.

11. The SLCP reserves the right to make alterations and to edit text and modify the title to improve presentation. Abstracts not conforming to the above instructions will be rejected. Abstracts will be published in the proceeding book.
12. ORAL PRESENTATIONS: Each paper will be given 10 minutes for presentation and a further 5 minutes for discussion. Facilities will be provided ONLY for multimedia presentations. Please note that 35mm slide projectors & over head projectors will NOT be available.
13. POSTER PRESENTATIONS: The size of poster should be approximately 1M (width) X 1.5M (height). Screens will be provided to put up the posters. Posters should be made on material, which can be mounted easily. E.g.: Bristol boards

For further details please contact the Hony. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians, No.6, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7. Tel: 2683178, Fax: 2684625 E-mail:slcp@slt.net.lk

FELLOWSHIPS OF THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PEDIATRICIANS

Members who are eligible to receive Fellowships of the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians may apply on their own or may be nominated by a Fellow of the College on or before the 28th of February 2009.

The application/nomination papers should reach the office of SLCP along with the curriculum vitae. Please indicate the year of qualifications and the year of obtaining of membership of SLCP.

Eligibility for Fellowships

The following categories are eligible for the award of FELLOWSHIPS of the SLCP.

- 1) Members who have completed **TWENTY YEARS** after MRCP/MD(Paed) or equivalent degree and have completed **TEN YEARS** membership of the SLPA/SLCP.
The members may apply by themselves or may be nominated by a Fellow of the College for consideration of the Fellowships three months prior to the Annual Academic Sessions. These applications will be considered by the Fellowships Committee, which will make a recommendation to the Council concerning each member for a final decision. Professional standing, the appointments held and contribution to the literature by the member would be taken into account in selecting candidates by the Fellowships Committee and the Council.
- 2) Members of the College may offer Honorary Fellowships to persons of high distinction who have made a significant contribution to Child Health or College and whom the College desire to honour.

The applicants for Fellowships of the College should be Life Members.

Registration Fellowships fee is Rs.7500/-.

ADVERSE EFFECTS OF TALIFER

As you know that 5-10% of the health budget is spent on 1200 patients with thalassaemia islandwide for chelation of iron. There are two brands available (ie:Talifer and Desferral)and Talifer is from Mexico and a little cheaper than Desferral. Pediatricians at Kurunegala have first reported the side effects of Talifer such as rash, rigors and itching. Some paediatricians claim that these side effects are also seen with Desferral. As we have some concerns about this issue, the Council has decided to inform all the members to report adverse effects either Talifer or Desferral to the office of the SLCP by post or by e-mail.

SRI LANKA JOURNAL OF CHILD HEALTH

Please send your articles and papers for the above journal to Dr G.N.Lucas/Dr B.J.C.Perra, Joint Editors, Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health, c/o Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians, No.6, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7. Please computer type the text and send it in the diskette.

SLCP DATABASE

We have now designed a complete database of the Fellows and Members of the College.

Please be kind enough to send your complete Curriculum Vitae (not an abbreviated CV) for inclusion in the database. Even if the CV runs into many pages it is not a problem.

Please send it in Electronic Format so that it could be directly inserted into the database.

In the future, we are hoping to link this database to our Web Site (with your consent) so that it would be available to anyone through the World Wide Web (Internet).

E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF THE MEMBERS

If you have still not given your e-mail address to the SLCP office, please send your e-mail address to slcp@sltnet.lk as soon as possible as we are updating the addresses of the members.

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2008/2009

1. Satellite Academic Meeting in the Uva Province in Nov 2008
2. 6th Paediatric Association of SAARC (PAS) Conference and 12th Annual Scientific Congress of SLCP & SAARC Paediatric Nursing Scientific Sessions at Cinnamon Grand Colombo from 17th June to 20th June 2009
3. MCQ Course for MD Part I in January 2009
4. Update Lecture Series "Weaning Controversies" by Dr. H.T.Wickramasinghe, Consultant Paediatricians on Friday the 21st November 2008 at 12noon - 1.00pm at LRH Auditorium
5. Paediatric Quiz for medical students
7. Project to improve neonatal and infant morbidity and mortality in Districts of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Nuwara Eliya in collaboration with FHB.
8. Cricket Match and Netball match – SLCP VS CCP, 30th Nov 2008 at Healths Grounds, Castle Street, Colombo 08 from 9.00 a.m onwards.
9. Annual Trip

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. 13th Asian Pacific Congress of Paediatrics (13th APPA) and 3rd Asian Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing (13th APCPN) will be held from 14th 18th October 2009 in China.

Secretariat: APPA 2009, CMA Meeting Planner, Chinese Medical Association, 42 Dongsi Xidajie, Beijing 100710, China. E-mail: appa2009@cma.org.cn

Website: www.chinamed.com.cn/appa2009

4. 50th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Research which will be held in Hamburg, Germany on October 9-12, 2009. Information about the meeting can be found on the web site: www.kenes.com/paediatric-research

International and European Headquarters: 1-3 rue de Chantepoulet, CH 1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland Tel: +41 22 908 04 88, Fax: +41 22 732 28 50, Email: kenesinternational@kenes.com, Website: www.kenes.com

5. World Congress of Pediatrics In Collaboration with The International Association for the Study of the Liver (IASL) which will be held at February 4th – 7th 2009 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Sponsored by The American Academy of Continuing Medical Education. Prof. Talal Abdel Aziz Farrag, MD Professor of Pediatrics. contact details at info@pedevent.org

Official congress web site www.pedevent.org

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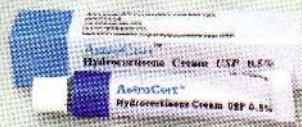
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