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12TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS OF THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

This will be held from 18th - 21st June 2008 in Kandy. The inauguration ceremony will be on the 18th and the Scientific sessions will be from 19th - 21st June 2008.

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 29th February 2008.

PROF. C. C. DE SILVA MEMORIAL ORATION

The manuscript for the above oration should be submitted with 5 copies. Closing date will be 29th February 2008.

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

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 his 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) All authors should register for the annual congress.
2. The abstracts will be reviewed and selected anonymously by referees. The corresponding author will be informed of the result by 30th April 2008.
3. All abstracts should reach the Hon'y. Secretary, SLCP before 4pm 29th February 2008.
4. Case presentations will not be accepted for oral presentations at the annual sessions. However, case presentations 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. Conclusions

There 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 *CMJ*, *BMJ* or *Annals of Internal Medicine* 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 only 10 minutes for presentation with 5 minutes for discussion. Facilities will be provided only for 35mm slide projectors. Transparencies will not be permitted. Only one slide projector will be available. Multimedia presentations will be permitted.
13. POSTER PRESENTATIONS: The size of poster should be approximately 1M (width) X 1.5M (height). Screens will be provided to put up posters. Posters should be made on material, which can be mounted easily. Eg: Bristol boards.

For further details please contact the Hony. Secretary, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, No.6, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7. Tel: 2683178, Fax: 2684625
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FELLOWSHIPS OF THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

Members who are eligible to receive Fellowships of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians may apply on their own or may be nominated by a fellow member on or before the 29th of February 2008.

The application/nomination papers should reach the office of SLCP along with the curriculum vitae. Please indicate the year of qualification and the year of obtaining the 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 desires to honour.

The applicants for Fellowships of the College should be Life Members. **Fellowships Registration fee is Rs.7500/-.**

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. Perera, Joint

Editors, Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health, c/o Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, No.6, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7. Please computer type the text in 2 columns as appearing in the journal and send it in a 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@slt.net.lk as soon as possible as we are updating the addresses of the members.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual Sports Events

Annual Netball and Cricket match between the Ceylon College of Physicians and the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians will be held on the 28th of October 2007 from 9 am onwards at the Health Ministry Sports Club Grounds.

Local Events

1. Symposium on Nutrition for Children will be held at the Plant Genetic Resource Centre, Gannoruwa, Kandy - 18th October 2007.
2. Satellite Meetings -
Wayamba Province - 23rd & 24th October 2007, at the Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala.
Western Province - 28th & 30th November 2007.
Sabaragamuwa - 19th & 20th December 2007.
3. The Central Province Paediatric Emergencies

and Life Support Course will be held from the 29th to 31st October in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.

4. Neonatal Life Support Course in collaboration with the Family Health Bureau and the Perinatal Society will be held at the General Hospital, Nawalapitiya - 3rd December 2007.
5. 1st Annual Scientific Congress of Sri Lankan Society of Critical Care & Emergency Medicine - 12th - 17th November 2007, Plant Genetic Resource Centre, Gannoruwa, Kandy.

1ST ANNUAL CONGRESS IN PAEDIATRIC NURSING, JUNE 16TH 2008

The inaugural annual sessions on Paediatric Nursing organized by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians in collaboration with the Ministry of Health will be held in the Auditorium of Dharmaraja College, Kandy on the 16th of June 2008.

The programme will comprise a series of lectures, symposia, discussions and free paper sessions with contributions from national and international experts in the fields of Paediatrics and Nursing.

Nursing officers of the Ministry of Health are expected to forward free papers and would be given an opportunity to make presentations at this congress. Dr. R. M. Mudiyanse Consultant Paediatrician, Base Hospital, Mawanella is the Coordinator for this event and should be contacted for further details.

EVENTS HELD

Provincial Satellite Meetings have been held in Uva, Southern and the Central Provinces. On the first day there were two programmes for doctors and nurses respectively. On the second day a Neonatal Life Support Course was held for 25 participants in collaboration with the Family Health Bureau and Perinatal Society of Sri Lanka.

1. Uva Province - 21st & 22nd August 2007
Venue: Riverside Holiday Inn, Badulla
2. Southern Province - 12th & 13th September, 2007
Venue: Faculty of Medicine, Karapitiya
3. Central Province - 19th & 20th September 2007
Venue: Plant Genetic Resource Centre, Gannoruwa

**CHILDREN'S WORLD FLAG DRAWING CONTEST -
5TH WORLD FEDERATION OF PAEDIATRIC
INTENSIVE AND CRITICAL CARE SOCIETIES,
GENEVA, JUNE 24-28, 2007.**

Master Ishak Mohammed being treated at the Profess-
orial Paediatric Unit, Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya, Sri
Lanka has won the first prize of € 3000 in the Children's
World Flag Drawing Contest held by the organizing
committee of the World Federation of Paediatric
Intensive and Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS).

**REVISED CHILD HEALTH DEVELOPMENT
RECORD (CHDR) 2007**

The Family Health Bureau with the support of
UNICEF has revised the CHDR even further during
2007 and has taken steps to incorporate new growth
charts developed using WHO growth standards. Two
separate books for boys and girls have been introduced
using blue and pink colours to the cover pages.

Four types of growth charts have been introduced in
the revised edition.

1. Weight for age
2. Length/height for age
3. Weight for length/height
4. Head circumference for age

All growth charts are different for the two sexes
and therefore it is important to issue the correct book

depending on the sex. The weight for age and length/
height for age charts should be used for regular growth
monitoring purposes while the weight for length/height
and the head circumference for age charts have been
introduced for reference purposes for individual case
management. Details on the use of CHDR will be
disseminated in due course.

SRI LANKA CLINICAL TRIALS REGISTRY

Sri Lanka Clinical Trials Registry web site is now fully
operational. It can be accessed at www.slctr.lk to obtain
information regarding trial registration, to register clinical
trials and to find out details about trials that have been
already registered with the SLCTR.

**INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC CONGRESSES,
SYMPOSIA, MEETINGS**

**48th Annual Meeting of the European Society for
Paediatric Research - ESPR**, Prague, Czech
Republic, October 6-8, 2007.

**5th World Congress of the World Society for
Pediatic Infectious Diseases - WSPID**, Bangkok,
Thailand, November 15-18, 2007.

Europaedics 2008, Istanbul, Turkey, June 14-17,
2008.



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*To be the most admired Sri Lankan
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Mission

*To uplift the wellbeing of society through
ethical manufacture and provision of quality
healthcare solutions at affordable prices
whilst adding value to all our stakeholders*

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