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Message from the President Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians

Dear member,

Let me thank you for the confidence placed in me in re-electing me to the high office of the President of the SLCP for another term. I am indeed very honoured to be the first president of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians to hold this important office for two successive terms.

I acknowledge with gratitude the support of the organizing committee of the 12th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics who proposed to re elect me, the current President, to facilitate the conduct of the postponed 10th Annual Sessions along with the 12th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics in March 2007.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr Deepthi Samarage for her suggestions and for her efforts to ensure the important legal matters pertaining to this constitutional change to be successfully completed.

I would be failing in my duty if I do not thank Dr Chandra Abeysekara the president elect for the year 2007 who agreed to this change, without any hesitation.

Let me thank all the members of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians who supported the necessary amendments to the constitution at the special general meeting.

I look back over the year 2005-2006 with a sense of achievement and fulfillment. It has been a challenging

but rewarding task for me, particularly as I am based outside Colombo.

Professional educational input remains a continuing theme. There have been too many activities to mention individually.

This year the SLCP has taken over the important responsibility of improving neonatal and paediatric care in the Southern and Uva Provinces. This work falls under the Sri Lanka Health Sector Development Project funded by the World Bank. The deadlines and tasks set by this Project could not have been achieved without the concerted efforts of paediatricians across the nation.

The Inter-Medical Faculty Paediatric Quiz is a unique event that has been arranged this year. It will be an annual event thereafter. Needless to say, this event will enhance and expand paediatric knowledge amongst our undergraduates.

Many people have offered help and advice during my period in office as the President. I thank the Council, the sponsors, and the many organizations and individuals both here and abroad, who have contributed to the realization of this year's goals.

I assure you that I will uphold the noble traditions of the College and together with the council make every effort to contribute to the welfare of the members and the children of Sri Lanka

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12TH ASIA PACIFIC CONGRESS OF PAEDIATRICS
AND
2ND ASIA PACIFIC CONGRESS OF PAEDIATRIC NURSING
HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE 10TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS
OF THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS
12th - 15th March 2007

We are happy to announce that the 12th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics and the 2nd Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing due to be held in conjunction with the 10th Annual Congress of Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians from the 12th to the 15th of March 2007.

CONGRESS INFORMATION:

Congress Venue: Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Inauguration Ceremony: 12th March 2007.

Pre Congress Workshop on Prenatal care and Avian flu: 12th March 2007.

Scientific Congress: 13th - 15th March 2007.

Nursing Congress: 13th - 14th March 2007.

Post Congress Workshop on Violence Against Children: 16th March 2007.

Social Events:

Sri Lankan Night: 13th March 2007.

Congress Banquet: 14th March 2007.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are hereby solicited for the above congress.

The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended up to the 31st of December 2006.

Please read this carefully before preparing your abstract.

1. Mail an original and two clear photocopies of the completed abstract form to the Congress Secretariat.
2. The abstract itself must contain no more than 300 words. This is a mandatory requirement.
3. Only abstracts in English will be accepted.
4. CAPITALIZE the entire title and UNDERLINE the name of the author who will present the paper. Abbreviations must not be used in

the title. After the title, list the author's names and institutional affiliation, OMIT degrees, titles, institutional appointments, address and Zip codes. The text should be typed using single spacing. Do not indent the title and each paragraph.

5. Use a 10 points or larger character type in Times New Roman font

6. Abstracts should be structured in the following format:-

- Keyword
- Background
- Objectives
- Design, setting and method
- Results
- Conclusions

7. No tables or graphs should be included.

8. Abbreviations must be defined by placing them in parentheses after the full word or phrase the first time it appears. Use numerals to indicate numbers except at the start of sentences.

9. Nonproprietary (generic) names, written in lower-case letters, are required the first time a drug is mentioned. Proprietary names should not be used.

Abstracts may be altered to suit the general style of publishing at the discretion of the Scientific Committee.

11. No abstracts that have been presented orally or as a poster at a previous national or international meeting of this or any other society will be considered as eligible for presentation at this meeting.

12. CHECK ONE KEY WORD in the abstract form, which best categorizes the subject of the abstract.

13. Abstracts conforming to the above specifications may be e-mailed to the Congress Secretariat. Abstracts saved in the form of Picture and or clip file such as Bitmap, JPEG or TIFF, are not acceptable. Faxed abstracts are NOT acceptable.

The final decision of the Scientific Committee will be conveyed to the authors by the 15th of January 2007.

Identify any potential conflicts of interest. This information will not be used in considering the scientific merit of submitted abstracts but will be published in the Abstract Book.

Authors submitting abstracts must be registered participants. This is a mandatory requirement.

REGISTRATION FORM - LOCAL DELEGATES

Event	Fees (Before 31 st January)	Fees After 1 st February	√		
			13 th	14 th	15 th
Scientific Congress - Registration	7500.00	10,000.00			
Day Registration	3000.00	3000.00			
Sri Lankan Night	1000.00	1000.00			
Banquet	2500.00	2500.00			
Post Congress Workshop on Violence Against Children	1250.00	1500.00			

REGISTRATION FORM - JUNIOR DOCTORS/TRAINEES

Event	Fees (Before 31 st January)	Fees After 1 st February	√		
			13 th	14 th	15 th
Scientific Congress - Registration	3000.00	4000.00			
Day Registration	1500.00	1500.00			
Sri Lankan Night	750.00	750.00			
Banquet	2500.00	2500.00			
Post Congress Workshop on Violence Against Children	1250.00	1500.00			

FELLOWSHIP OF THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

Members who are eligible to receive Fellowship of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians may apply on their own or may be nominated on or before the **15th of January 2007**.

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 membership of SLCP.

Eligibility for Fellowship

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 on their own or may be nominated by a Fellow of the College for consideration for Fellowships three months prior to the Annual Academic Sessions. These applications will be considered by the Fellowship Committee, which will make a recommen-

dation to the Council concerning each member for a final decision. Professional standing, the appointments held, contribution to the literature by the member would be taken into account in selecting candidates by the Fellowship 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 Fellowship of the College should be Life Members. **Fellowship Registration fee is Rs.7500/-, a once-and-for-all payment.**

INTER MEDICAL FACULTY QUIZ

First annual Inter Medical Faculty Quiz conducted by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians will be held on the 7th January 2007. Four competitors from each medical college will participate in this event. As the Jaffna Medical faculty has not indicated their participation only 05 Medical Faculties will take part in this event.

Nestle Nutrition has kindly agreed to sponsor this event annually.

Establishment of a Clinical Registry for Sri Lanka

The International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), whose guidelines and directives the Ceylon Medical Journal (CMJ) has pledged to follow so as to maintain internationally accepted editorial and publication standards, has recently issued a ruling that, as far as articles reporting clinical trials are concerned, only those registered with a national or international clinical trials registry (CTR) before recruitment of patients and healthy controls, should be accepted for publication. The rationale and urgent necessity for such a ruling are explained in several recent published articles.

If the CMJ does not fall in line with this ICMJE ruling, it is very likely to suffer the ignominy of being "publicly" expelled from the privileged ICMJE list of biomedical journals – a privilege that CMJ editors have worked assiduously to achieve and retain. In fact, the ICMJE has already inquired from the CMJ whether it is following the ICMJE ruling.

On a recommendation made by the editors of the CMJ, the SLMA Council has decided to establish the Sri Lanka CTR (SLCTR). The CMJ will not accept for publication any article describing the results of clinical trials that have not registered with the SLCTR or any international clinical trials registry, before starting enrolment of participants, commencing on or after 1st October 2006. As for clinical trials already in progress by 30th September 2006, the SLCTR will grant retrospective registration based on a written application made by the principal author. The requirement for registration with the SLCTR will be in addition to obtaining approval from an acceptable ethical review body.

Prospective authors are advised also that no international biomedical journal that has agreed to abide by ICMJE guidelines and rulings – and that definition includes many hundreds of journals recognized for good quality editorial and publication standards, will accept for publication any clinical trial not registered with a national CTR in the country of origin or elsewhere.

Prof Colvin Goonaratna

Chairperson

Sri Lanka Clinical Trials Registry

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

1. ISPCAN invites you to submit abstracts for the upcoming VIIth ISPCAN Asian Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, which will take place in Manila, Philippines 23-26 September 2007.

This Conference is being organized by The International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) and The Child Protection Unit Network (CPU-NET).

Online abstract submission including submission rules and detailed instructions is OPEN on the Conference website: www.ispcan.org/asianconference2007.

Authors are invited to submit proposals for papers, interactive presentations and workshops. The abstract submission deadline is 31 JANUARY 2007. For more information, please visit The Conference website at www.ispcan.org/asianconference2007 or write to events@ispcan.org.

2. SAARC Paediatric Conference will be held from 22-23rd December 2006 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

ABSTRACTS within 250 words may be e-mailed [siraj@bol-online.com] or posted to Prof. Md. Sirajul Islam, Convenor, Committee for SAARC Paediatric Conference, Dhaka Shishu hospital, Sherebangla Nagar, Dhaka 1205, Bangladesh to reach the Secretariat by 31st December 2006. The theme of the PAS conference 2006 is "Perspective of Child Health Situations in the SAARC Countries".

3. The 25th International Congress of Pediatrics will take place in Athens, Greece from August 25th to 30th, 2007.

The preliminary program is now available on-line at the following link:
http://www.icp2007.gr/prokat/icp_prelim.pdf.

On the occasion of the 25th ICP, the 3rd International Congress on Paediatric Nursing will also take place on August 24-25, 2007 in Athens. For further information please visit www.pediatricnursing2007.com

Early registration deadline is December 10th 2006 and abstract submission deadline is February 12th, 2007.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO BE AN EXAMINER FOR DCH
AND MD EXAMINATIONS HELD BY
THE POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE**

Released by the Board of Study in Paediatrics of the PGIM

DCH Examination

DCH Screening Examination and Written Component

- a) A Consultant Paediatrician or a Senior Lecturer in an University of Sri Lanka
- b) 5 years after Board Certification

DCH Clinical Component

- a. Examiner at the DCH written component on at least 2 occasions
- b. Observer* at DCH clinical examination on at least 2 occasions
- c. Examiner at undergraduate or MD-OSCE examination on at least 2 occasions

***An Observer at the DCH**

- a. A Consultant Paediatrician or a Senior Lecturer in an University of Sri Lanka
- b. 5 years after Board Certification
- c. *Preferably be a trainer in a teaching hospital/ training centre approved by the Board of Study for at least 2 years*

MD Examination

MD Part 1 (MCQ and OSCE)

- a. A Consultant Paediatrician or a Senior Lecturer in an University of Sri Lanka
- b. 5 years after Board Certification
- c. **Preferably** be a trainer in a teaching hospital/ training centre for at least 2 years

MD Part 2 - written component

- a. A Consultant Paediatrician or a Senior Lecturer in an University of Sri Lanka
- b. Seven years after Board Certification
- c. Been an examiner at the written component of the DCH on at least 2 occasions
- d. Involved in training medical students
- e. **Preferably** be a trainer of the PGIM for at least 3 years with at least 1 registrar grade trainee at the time of appointment

MD Part 2 - Clinical component

- a. 10 years after Board Certification
- b. Been an examiner at the written component of the MD Part 2 examination for at least 3 examinations
- c. Been an Exam Manager at least twice
- d. Been an observer* at the MD clinical examination twice
- e. An examiner from a sub speciality should examine with a general paediatrician

***An Observer at the MD**

- a. A Consultant Paediatrician or a Senior Lecturer in an University of Sri Lanka
- b. 5 years after Board Certification
- c. **Preferably** be a trainer in a teaching hospital/ training centre approved by the Board of Study for at least 2 years

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