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## 20<sup>th</sup> General Convocation

The 20<sup>th</sup> General Convocation of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in four sessions. The followings are the number of graduands received their degrees:

On the first session 220 graduands had been conferred their degrees as follows:

Master of Philosophy in Arts – 2  
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture – 80  
Bachelor of Science – 111  
Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery – 16  
Bachelor of Arts in Languages – 11

Further the University is honoured to offer Professor Umarani Coomaraswamy the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science.

On the second session 243 graduands had been conferred their degree as follows:

Bachelor of Arts – 73  
Bachelor of Education – 14  
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music – 48  
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance – 30  
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama & Theatre – 35  
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual & Technological Arts – 43

On the third session 245 graduands had been conferred their degree as follows:

Bachelor of Science in Management – 32  
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies – 17  
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery – 58  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing – 26  
Bachelor of Business Administration – 51  
Bachelor of Commerce – 61

On the fourth session 184 External Degree graduands had been conferred their degree as follows:

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture – 2  
Bachelor of Science – 12  
Bachelor of Science in Management – 19  
Bachelor of Business Administration – 18  
Bachelor of Economics – 1  
Bachelor of Arts – 132

In total 892 graduands had been conferred their degrees.





## Faculty of Agriculture

### Department of Animal Science - Animal Science Day - 2016

A training programme on “Crop Protection” was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> May by the Department of Agricultural Biology to the farmers from the Batticaloa district. The farmers were trained to incorporate eco-friendly crop protection techniques in their cultivation. Dr. (Mrs). R. F. Niranjana, Mr. K. Prasannath, Mrs. S. Karunakaran and Ms. S. Puvanitha served as resource persons for this training.



### Research & Publications

1. Gunasinghe, U.L.D.N.S., David, L.S. and Priyankarage, N. (2016). “Performance of Village Chickens Given Commercial Probiotic Added Drinking Water.” Proceedings of the Second National Symposium on Agriculture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.
2. Madhurika Hashani, P. and David, L.S. (2016). “Effect of Boric Acid Amendment on the Quality of Broiler Litters such as Chopped Rice Straw and Paddy Husk”. Proceedings of the Second National Symposium on Agriculture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

### Appointments



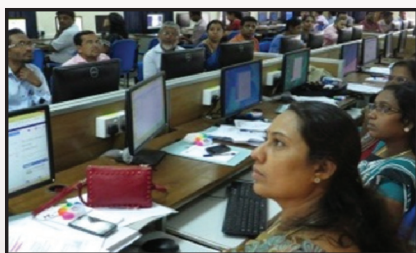
Mr. M.S. Mohamed Nafees was appointed as Head of the Department of Animal Science with effect from 06.07.2016.



Miss Y. Inthujah was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Animal Science with effect from 01.07.2016.

## Library

### Workshop on Access to E-journals / Databases offered via CONSAL



A workshop was organized for the academic staff of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka to give awareness and to promote the usage of electronic databases offered through CONSAL. Mr.M.N.Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a Session on ‘Access to CONSAL Databases’ and Mr.T.Ramanan, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a session on ‘Open Access Publications.’ Moreover a training session on Mendeley Reference Management software was conducted by Mr. S.Santharoon, Senior Assistant Librarian, FHCS/ EUSL.

### Research & Publications

Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian and Mr T Ramanan, Senior Assistant Librarian have published a research paper titled “Google Applications in Improving Quality of Library Services: Prospects with respect to Public Libraries in Sri Lanka”, on Sri Lanka Library Review (SLLR), volume: 30, published by Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) .

Mr. T. Ramanan, Senior Assistant Librarian presented his joint paper on “Embedded Librarianship Empowering Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Institutions: The Case of South Africa and Sri Lanka” at the International Conference on Social Impact of Science, held at the University of Barcelona, from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.



## Faculty of Health-Care Sciences

### Open Day Celebration - Faculty of Health - Care Sciences

Faculty of Health-Care Sciences organized an "Open Day" event on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in order to celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The event was held at the Faculty premises. The Vice-Chancellor declared opened the event as the chief guest of the programme. The Vice-Chancellor and Dr.A.N.Arulpragasam, Dean, Faculty of Health-Care Sciences addressed at the programme. Several schools students and teachers visited the Faculty and observed the facilities and the exhibits made by the Faculty students in order to extend the help to the school students as part of the community programme.

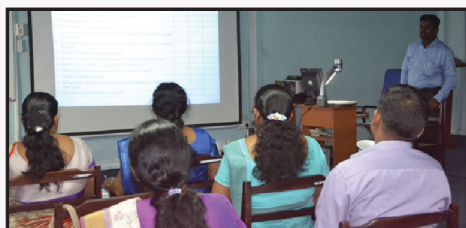


### Exposure Visit to Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Nepal (30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 - 04<sup>th</sup> September, 2016)

In order to initiate Bachelor of Public Health (BPH) programme at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL), a team of delegates from the EUSL visited the Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Nepal to study the BPH curriculum and the implementation and other aspects such as field training etc. The step was taken to establish a collaboration between both institutions for developing BPH programme at the EUSL.



### Workshop on Ethics & Academic Accountability for Academic Staff of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka (12<sup>th</sup> July 2016)-Dept. of Medical Education & Research



The workshop was arranged for the academic staff at the Faculty of Health-Care Sciences on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 on Ethics & Academic Accountability for Academic Staff. Mr.T.Sathananthan (Senior Lecturer, Dept. Medical Education & Research) was the resource person for the workshop. The objective of this workshop was to give an awareness on the work norms, workload, research norms, and accountability of the teaching/learning process.

### Workshop on Access to Databases and Use of Online Catalogue of Library (12<sup>th</sup> July 2016).



A workshop on Access to Databases and Use of Online Catalogue of Library was arranged for all academic staff of the Faculty of Health-Care Sciences on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the Computer Lab, FHCS. Mr. S. Santharooban (Senior Assistant Librarian, FHCS) was the resource person for the workshop. The objective of the workshop is to demonstrate the use of online databases provided UGC and to introduce the usability of EUSL's first Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) launched by the Library/FHCS.

### Launching of the first Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) of Eastern University, Sri Lanka

The Library, Faculty of Health-Care Sciences has successfully installed KOHA - Integrated Library Management System and launched the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Faculty of Health Care Sciences, EUSL on 04<sup>th</sup> July 2016. This is the first OPAC of Eastern University, Sri Lanka live on web in its history. The project was initiated by Mr. S. Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian and Koha-LMS has been installed and customized by Mr. M.N.Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian. The OPAC can be accessible at <http://www.opac.fhcs.esn.ac.lk>



## Appointments



### Appointment of New Dean – Faculty of Health- Care Sciences

Dr. A.N.Arulpragasam was selected unanimously as the third Dean of the Faculty of Health-Care Sciences with effect from 06.09.2016. She was a Consultant Paediatrician at the Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa from 2008 and Head, Department of Pathophysiology from 2013 and has a number of researches and publications.



### Appointment of New Acting Head- Department of Clinical Sciences

Dr. M. Thirukumar was appointed as Acting Head of the Department of Clinical Sciences with effect from 21.09.2016.



### Appointment of Coordinator- Department of Pathophysiology

Mrs.Nagananthini Sathieswaran was appointed as Coordinator of the Department of Pathophysiology with effect from 21.09.2016 Research Activities

## Research & Publications

Santharooban, S., (2016). "Analyzing the Level of Information Literacy Skills of Medical Undergraduate of Eastern University, Sri Lanka". Journal of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka. 19(2), pp.27–50. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/jula.v19i2.7885> (Indexed in Ebscohost).

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S.P.M.S.Illangasinghe, N.Genoosha, M.N.M.Pushpakumari, A.Arulpragasam, K.Kartheepan, M.U.Alsath, I.W.P.Madusanka, L.A.S.M.Abeysinghe, B.Sharminey "A Descriptive Study on Perceived Psychological Stress among Middle Adolescents in Batticaloa Educational Zone." 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Conference, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka on 14.09.2016

Sathaananthan T. "Constructive Alignment of Medical Education in Sri Lanka." 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Conference, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka on 14.09.2016

Laavanya, M, Sadeera, S.D.H, Premachandra, W.M.C.M, Priyangani, T.R.A, Dahanaka D.R.N.S, Karthijekan, K, Kartheepan, K, Josepha, J. "Prevalence and Risk Factors of Overweight and Obesity among Adults in Urban Areas in Batticaloa District". Third International Conference in Social Sciences-2016- University Of Kelaniya Sept, 2016.

Karthijekan, K, "Factors Influence on Knowledge of Aids among First Year Students of Eastern University, Sri Lanka". Third International Conference in Social Sciences-2016- University of Kelaniya (ICSS-2016). University of Kelaniya (ICSS-2016) Sept, 2016.



## Department of Zoology

Participated Future Dreams Exhibition – 2016 program in BT/ Chenkaladi Central College in September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in collaboration with Ministry of Education, Eastern Provincial Council.



## CICT

### Internet Connectivity

The LEARN connectivity of the main campus and FHCS were upgraded by three times. The internet bandwidth of the main campus was increased from 36mbps to 108mbps and LAN bandwidth from 50mbps to 150mbps. The internet bandwidth and the LAN bandwidth for FHCS were increased to 36mbps and 60mbps respectively.

### Workshop on “Effective Usage of MS Office and Internet Usage”

A three day workshop on “Effective Usage of MS Office and Internet Usage” was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2016. The target group for this workshop was clerical and allied grade staff members of EUSL. The resource persons for the workshop were Mr.A.L.S.Saabith, Actg. Director, Dr.N.Pratheesh, Dean Faculty of Applied Science, Trincomalee Campus and Mr.K.Vinujan, Asst. Network Manager/CICT.

### Award Received

J. M Harris, Lecturer (Prob) receives Coomaraswamy prizes for observational research – 2016 for the best research publication in academic discipline using observational (descriptive) approach in Eastern University, Sri Lanka

### Research & Publications

Mathiventhan, T. and Jayasingam, T. (2016). “Present Status of Mangrove Restoration in Batticaloa District, Sri Lanka: Is It Success?” International Conference on Mangrove and Macrobenthos Meeting (MMM4), St. Augustine, Florida, USA, 18-22 July 2016.

Madhura, J., Arulnithy, K, Umaramani, M. and Mathiventhan, T. (2016). “Yellow Oleander (Thevetia peruviana) Seed Poisoning (YOSP) in the Batticaloa District, Sri Lanka: Is related with Fruiting Season?” International Journal of Research Studies in Biosciences (IJRSB), ARC Publication Private Limited: 8-13.

Sathananthan.S,(2016) “Comparative Study on Distribution of Phytoplankton According to Seasonal Variation at Buffalo Island (Hospital Area) and Koddamunai New Bridge Area of Batticaloa Lagoon.” International Journal of Scientific and Research Publications(IJARR), 1(10) 2016; 31-43.

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## Faculty of Science

Harris, J.M. Ranil, K. Kularatne, Ellawala, K. Champkhika, and Vinobaba, P. (2016). "Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Cyanobacteria in Batticaloa Lagoon." Journal of Environment, Elsevier Publishing Ltd, UK. 47: 211-218. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jes.2016.01.020>

Harris, J.M. Kishoran, S. Vinobaba, P and Vinobaba, M. (2016). "Bird Diversity and Threaten to Their Habitat in Sathurukondan Birding in Batticaloa." International Conference on Bird, Biodiversity and Tourism. Colombo. 14th & 15th November, 2016. Organized by International Institute of Knowledge and Management. pp 09.

### Promotion



Dr. T. Jayasingam was promoted as Professor of Botany, Department of Botany, Faculty of Science with effect from 23-07-2016.

### Appointment



Mr. A. L. Sayeth Saabith was appointed as Acting Director, Centre for Information Communication Technology (CICT) with effect from 25-05-2016.

## Department Of Physical Education

### Olympic torch procession

In view of Sri Lanka University Games 2016 (SLUG), the organizing University has planned to organize an Olympic torch parade among Universities. It was planned to go through all 14 state Universities. As per the schedule, on 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016 the flame came to the Eastern University, Sri Lanka. With the presence of our Vice Chancellor and council members it was lightened up at the University. Thereafter the torch was handed over to South Eastern University of Sri Lanka on the same date. Sports council was fully engaged in this function and made this event a huge success.





## Department Of Physical Education

### International Tournament Sri Lanka National Universities Basketball (Men and Women)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian University 3x3 Basketball Championship – 2016 was held in Macau, China from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. Mr. M. Paranithasan, Coordinator, Physical Education, Eastern University Sri Lanka was appointed as the Head of Dedication /Coach for both Men and Women teams which represented Sri Lanka on the above tournament. The following two of our students were selected for the Men's team: Mr.S.Uganthan (EU/IS/2011/COM/85) and Mr. V C Vijay (EU/IS/2012/MS/61). The Men team consisted with 08 players and Women team also consisted with 08 players.

Thirteen countries and regions namely Sri Lanka, Brunei, China, Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Chinese Taipei and Macau China took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian University 3x3 Basketball Championship – 2016.

Our Men team was grouped with Iran, China, Philippines, Indonesia and Brunei. We were able to win two matches against Philippines and Brunei.





## Department Of Physical Education

The Sri Lanka University Games 2016 (SLUG 2016) main events were held from September 1<sup>st</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2016, which was organized by the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka in collaboration with Sri Lanka University Sports Association. Unlike annual Inter University tournaments; SLUG conducted once in every 3 years and the organizing University is responsible for conduction of all events, accommodation etc. More than 300 students, both boys and girls, who were interested in sports activities took part from our University for various sports. The results of events that our students have won are as follows:

### Achievements at the Inter University Championship- 2015

Track and Field -1 Gold medal, 2 Silver medals, and 1 Bronze medal

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|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| a) High Jump    | K. Thanushan    | Gold medal   |
| b) 400m Hurdles | M. Rajikaran    | Silver Medal |
| c) 5000 m       | K. Kokulanathan | Silver Medal |
| d) 1500 m       | K. Kokulanathan | Bronze Medal |



K. Thanushan - Gold medal



K. Kokulanathan Silver medal and Bronze Medal



M. Rajikaran Silver Medal



# Department Of Physical Education

## Wrestling-1 Silver Medals and 4 Bronze Medals



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| a. | 57 kg | K. Suventhirakumar | Silver Medal |
| b. | 65kg  | S. Mathiyalakan    | Bronze Medal |
| c. | 70kg  | S. Ajithraj        | Bronze Medal |
| d. | 86kg  | M. Queentan        | Bronze Medal |
| e. | 125kg | M. R. M. Al. Ameer | Bronze Medal |



**K. Suventhirakumar**  
Silver Medal



**S. Ajithraj**  
Bronze Medal



**S. Mathiyalakan**  
Bronze Medal



**M. Queentan**  
Bronze Medal



**M.R.M.Al. Ameer**  
Bronze Medal



**Karate -I Bronze Medals**  
50kg-KUMITE (WOMEN) A. Disanthi



**Road Race Individual**  
K. Kokulanathan Bronze medal



## Department Of Physical Education

### Inter University Cricket tournament 2016

This cricket tournament was held from 23<sup>rd</sup> of July to September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and was organized by the Sri Lanka University Sports Association (SLUSA). 14 University teams participated in this tournament. As per the decision made by SLUSA each University should play matches at their own ground. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the history of Sri Lanka University Cricket, EUSL organized two cricket matches in our own ground. Our team has played two matches with the University of Colombo on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 and University of Jaffna on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.



## Staff Development Centre

### Completion of Induction Programme for Academic Staff 2016

The Induction Programme for Academic Staff 2016 was conducted from 28.03.2016 to 04.07.2016. The Programme was conducted bi-weekly at the SDC Hall, EUSL. The Programme Consisted of 150 hours included teaching, assessments and independent learning. 27 Probationary Academic Staff members of EUSL and SVIAS including eight members from Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education had successfully completed the programme.





## Staff Development Centre

### Seminar on “Scientific Research: Planning, Implementation & Dissemination”



A seminar on “Scientific Research: Planning, Implementation & Dissemination” was conducted by the SDC on 21.09.2016 to the academic staff members of EUSL. The resource person for the Seminar was Prof. Eugene Wickramanayaka, Emeritus Professor of Anatomy, University of Peradeniya & Prof. Sithy S.Iqbal, Professor in Chemistry, Open University of Sri Lanka & Prof. J.C.N. Rajendra, Professor in Physics, Open University of Sri Lanka.

### Workshop on “Laboratory Safety and Maintenance”

A workshop on “Laboratory Safety and Maintenance” to the Technical Officers of EUSL was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at the University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya.



## General Events

### Workshop on Transitional justice (20<sup>th</sup> September 2016)

A collaborative workshop was organized with the aim to improve the awareness on Transitional Justice among EUSL academy staff and students. The National Peace Council of Sri Lanka (NPC) sponsored the event. It was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2016 at Nalliah Auditorium, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Dr. Jehan Perera (Executive Director, NPC) & Thushara Ranasinghe (Programme Manager, NPC), and Ms. C. Mounaguru were the resource persons of the workshop.





## General Events

### Opening of the Hostel - Pillaiyarady 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

The Students' Hostel at Pillayarady, Batticaloa was ceremonially opened by Mr. Lakshman Kiriella, Hon. Minister of Higher Education & Highways on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. The hostel can accommodate 250 students at a time. At present the hostel is used by the Faculty of Health Care Sciences female students.





## Arts Festival - 2016

For the first time in the history of the Faculty of Arts and Culture of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka the Arts Festival – 2016 was conducted through the Students' Union of the Faculty of Arts and Culture with the theme Journey towards Active Arts Graduation. Competitions were held and the awarding day of the winners of the competitions was taken the date of Arts Festival – 2016. Usually festivals are celebrated based on a ritual; or a feast to celebrate. But this Festival was fully based on feast manner. Undergraduates whose talents were brought out with the help of competitions like essay, poetry and short story writings, paintings, poster making, photography, dance, drama, folk songs, Photoshop, HTML, Interactive Presentation, Talk show, etc. All the students from the Faculty of Arts and Culture participated in the competitions and lecturers with respective sound knowledge were the judges of the competitions. The Festival was conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016 at the Nalliah Auditorium of the EUSL.





## Students

### Sip Sayura

A seminar program which was organized by the Students' Union of Faculty of Science from September to December of this year. The main purposes of this program was to improve the knowledge of students and to guide students, how to face the coming exams. The students of Faculty of science were gone to the schools of some rural villages of Maha Oya and Dimbulagala educational zones and conduct these seminars on Mathematics and Science streams.



### From the Desk of the Editor



I am happy to bring out this Issue: 2 Volume :ii of the Newsletter of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka with the ISSN number. Newsletter is the one that makes everyone, including the members of the same institution, to look back a while and stand firm with a pride saying “we have achieved something.” Further, the past achievement is something on which we can build further and that makes the foundation very strong. Recoding the past event would also help the future to check what was wrong and what was right. Let me quote Shakespeare who says about the past and the present; “New friends may be poems but old friends are alphabets. Don’t forget the alphabets because you will need them to read the poems.” As of this, the alphabets, the past events, are the most important to build the future, and Newsletter is one of the best platforms for this.

Also I must thank Ms. T. Arulnandhy, Librarian of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka for obtaining the ISSN number immediately when I requested her to get so

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