



# Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC)

## Centenary Academic Sessions - Final Program

 Date: Saturday, 5th July 2025

 Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

 Venue: Lotus Hall, BMICH

**9:00 AM – 9:05 AM -Welcome Address**

**Prof. Ranil Fernando** – Chairman, Centenary Celebrations Committee

**9:05 AM – 10:00 AM - Plenary Session 1 (55 min)**

**"A Century of Excellence: Reflecting on SLMC's Legacy and Achievements"**

**Chair:** Prof. Surangi G. Yasawardene – Former Vice President, SLMC

- **100 Years of Regulating Healthcare in Sri Lanka: Key Milestones, Challenges and Success Stories**

*Prof. Vajira H.W. Dissanayake* – President, SLMC

- **The Role of Regulation in the Sri Lankan Healthcare System: A Medical Administrator's Perspective**

*Dr. Anil Jasinghe* – Secretary, Ministry of Health

- **Global Perspectives on Medical Governance in the Last Century**

*Ms. Joan Simeon* – Chair, International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA)

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM - Plenary Session 2 (60 min)**

**"Ensuring Quality and Safety in Healthcare Delivery"**

**Chair:** Dr. Ananda Wijewickrama – Council Member, SLMC

- **Patient Safety and Quality Assurance: Towards a Culture of Zero Harm**

*Prof. Priyadharshani Galappatthy* – Senior Professor of Pharmacology, University of Colombo

- **Maintaining Global Standards: Harmonizing Medical Education and Accreditation**

*Dr. Palitha Abeykoon* – Former Head of Accreditation, SLMC

- **Strategies for Addressing Malpractices in Healthcare Systems**

*Hon. Yasantha Kodagoda* – Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM - Panel Discussion (60 min)**

**"Medical Ethics, Professionalism, and Regulatory Challenges"**

**Moderator:** Dr. Suresh Shanmuganathan – Council Member, SLMC

- **Navigating Ethical Complexities in Modern Medicine**

*Prof. Anoja Fernando* - Emeritus Professor of Pharmacology, University of Ruhuna

- **Building Trust Between Regulators, Clinicians, and the Public**  
*Prof. Dame Carrie MacEwen* – Chair of Council, General Medical Council, UK
- **Regulating Technology in Healthcare**  
*Dr. Sunil Abeyrathna* – Senior Attorney-at-Law, Sri Lanka

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM - Lunch Break**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM - Plenary Session 3 (60 min)**

**"The Future of Medical Education: Aligning with Global Standards"**

**Chair:** Dr. Chandika Epitakaduwa – Vice President, SLMC

- **Integrating Technology into Medical Curricula**  
*Prof. Dujeepe D. Samarasekara* – Head of the Centre for Medical Education (CenMED), Yong LOO Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS)
- **Addressing Gaps in Healthcare Workforce Training**  
*Prof. Madawa Chandratilake* – Council Member, SLMC
- **Should We Revisit Entry Criteria for Medical Education?**  
*Prof. Gominda Ponnampereuma* – Head of Accreditation, SLMC

**2:00 PM – 2:30 PM - Plenary Session 4 (30 min)**

**"Integrating Innovative Technologies and Research"**

**Chair:** Dr. Duminda Samarasinghe – Council Member, SLMC

- **Digital Health, Telemedicine, and Data Privacy: Transforming Patient Care**  
*Prof. Pandula Siribaddana* – Professor in Medical Education at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM), University of Colombo and a specialist in Digital Health
- **Translational Research and Innovation: From Bench to Bedside in Sri Lankan Medicine**  
*Prof. Anuji Upekshika Gamage* – Chairman, National Research Council

**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM - Keynote Lecture (30 min)**

**"Vision for the Next Century – Future Direction of SLMC"**

*Prof. Janaka De Silva* – Council Member, SLMC

**3:00 PM – 3:20 PM - Chair & Moderated Audience Discussion on SLMC's Future**

*Dr. Sunil Wijayasinghe* – Council Member, SLMC

**3:20 PM – 4:00 PM - Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks**

- **Summary of the Proceedings**  
*Prof. Ranil Fernando* – Chairman, Centenary Celebrations Committee
- **Award Distribution** – Logo and Stamp Competition Winners
- **Vote of Thanks**  
*Dr. H.D.B. Herath* – Registrar, SLMC
- **National Anthem**

### Interested in Participating?

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