

78th Annual Session of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science

"Effective Science Communication for an Informed Society"

Mini symposium

Thursday, 15th December 2022, from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Venue: Chemistry Lecture Theatre (CLT), Faculty of Science, University of Colombo

School Education in Sri Lanka – are we on the right track?

The purpose is to initiate a dialogue among all the stakeholders with a view to enhancing the quality of science education in Sri Lankan schools. The key areas that will be discussed in the session include, an overview of the current science education system in Sri Lankan schools and around the globe, perspectives of different stakeholders of the current system, and the recommendations proposed by the SLAAS to address any issues raised. The session will conclude with a panel discussion where the stakeholders will have the opportunity to express and discuss their views.

2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Opening Remarks

*Prof. Ramanee Wijesekera,
Chairperson, Science Education Committee, SLAAS*

2.15 p.m. – 2.35 p.m.

Cross Sectional Study on School Science Education

Prof Udeni Nawagamuwa & Dr Lochandaka Ranatunga

2.40 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Lessons from Other Countries

Dr R. D. Guneratne

3.05 p.m. – 3.25 p.m.

Recommendations by SLAAS

*Prof. Sumedha Jayanetti
Immediate Past General President-SLAAS*

3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Panel Discussion

*Moderator: Prof. Jayantha Wijeyaratne
Panelists: Prof. Manuj Weerasinghe,
Prof. Chandana Jayaratne,
Prof. Devaka Weerakoon*

5.00 p.m.

Vote of Thanks

*Prof. Aashani Tillekaratne,
Secretary, Science Education Committee, SLAAS*