



Annual Scientific Sessions of The Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka

22nd - 23rd January 2022
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



“Nutrition, health and wellbeing in a challenging era: Moving forward with 50 years of experience”

DAY 1 : Saturday 22nd January 2022

Time (Sri Lankan)	Event
	Inauguration Ceremony
8.30 a.m.	Lighting of oil lamp & National anthem
8.35 a.m.	Welcome Speech Prof. Chandima Wickramatilake, President, NSSL
8.45 a.m.	Address by the Chief Guest “Addressing nutrition challenges through food system transformation” Dr. Francesco Branca, The Director, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, World Health Organization, Geneva
9.00 a.m.	Keynote Address “Recollections on nutrition in a professional career as a clinical teacher in Paediatrics” Prof. Narada Warnasuriya(Past President- NSSL) Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University
9.30 a.m.	Presidential Address Prof. Chandima Wickramatilake, President, NSSL
9.50 a.m.	Launching programmes celebrating the Golden Jubilee
10.05 a.m.	Vote of Thanks Mrs. R. P. M. Sandamali, Joint Secretary, NSSL
10.10 a.m.	COMFORT BREAK
10.30 a.m.	Symposium 1 Aging, Chronic Diseases & Nutrition Symposium Chair: <i>Dr. Renuka Jayatissa (Past President-NSSL),</i> <i>Medical Research Institute,</i> <i>Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka</i>
	Plenary Lecture “Ageing & Non-communicable Diseases” Prof. S. A. M. Kularatne, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya
	Symposium Lecture “Dietary Habits & Non-communicable Diseases” Prof. Ranil Jayawardena, Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
	Symposium Lecture “The bidirectional link between Metabolic Syndrome and Mental Health” Prof. Shehan Williams, Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya
	Panel Discussion

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11.45 a. m.	Symposium 2 Communicable Diseases, Health & Nutrition Symposium Chair: <i>Dr. Shanthi Gunawardana(Past President- NSSL),</i> <i>Consultant Community Physician,</i> <i>Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka</i>
	Plenary Lecture “Novel epidemiological approaches in the management of communicable disease” Prof. Samath Dharmaratne, Department of Community Medicine Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya
	Symposium Lecture “Critical care management of nutrition in Infectious disease” Mrs. Priyanwada Amarasekara, Swansea Bay University Health Board, Neath Port Talbot Hospital, United Kingdom
	Symposium Lecture “Infectious disease, Immunity & Indigenous dietary approach” Dr. Senaka Pilapitiya, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
	Panel Discussion
1.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
1.30 p.m.	Flash Presentations Session Chairs: <i>Prof. Terrence Madhujith (Conference Editor) &</i> <i>Ms. Thamlini Joshepkumar(Conference Coordinator)</i>
3.00 p. m.	Oral Presentations Session Chairs: <i>Dr. Ananda Chandrasekara, Joint Secretary, NSSL &</i> <i>Ms Malika Gayathri Fernando, Council Member, NSSL</i>
5.30 p.m.	End of the Day





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DAY 2 : Sunday 23rd January 2022

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8.30 a.m.	Symposium 3 Food Security & Nutritional Wellbeing Symposium Chair: <i>Prof. Anoma Chandrasekera (Past President-NSSL), Department of Applied Nutrition, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka</i>
	Plenary Lecture “Food Security and Nutritional Wellbeing in Sri Lanka: Implications for Food Price Policies” <i>Prof. Jeevika Weerahewa, Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya</i>
	Symposium Lecture “Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security” <i>Prof. Buddhi Marambe, Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya</i>
	Panel Discussion
9.30 a.m.	Prof. T.W. Wikramanayake Oration “Poor dietary diversity and nutritional inadequacy: Unveiling the nutrition paradox in Sri Lanka” <i>Prof. Renuka Silva (Past President-NSSL), Department of Applied Nutrition, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka</i>
10.15 a.m.	COMFORT BREAK
10.30 a.m.	Oral Presentations Session Chairs: <i>Prof. Terrence Madhujith (Conference Editor) & Ms. Malika Gayathri Fernando Council Member, NSSL</i>
12.30 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK

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1.00 p.m.	Symposium 4 Safe Food for Healthy Future Symposium Chair: <i>Dr. Jaanaki Goonaratne (Past President- NSSL), Former Head/Senior Deputy Director, Food Technology Section, Industrial Technology Institute</i>
	Plenary Lecture “Food Safety in the Era of COVID -19 Pandemic” <i>Dr. Senaka Ranadheera, Senior Lecturer (Food Processing and Preservation) School of Agriculture and Food, University of Melbourne</i>
	Symposium Lecture “Technology & Food Safety: Facts & Myths of Genetically Modified Food & Organic Food” <i>Dr. Laura Privalle, Global Head, Product Safety Assessment, BASF</i> <i>Dr. Nenad Naumovski, School of Rehabilitation and Exercise Sciences, Faculty of Health, University of Canberra</i>
	Symposium Lecture “National Food Control System : Food Safety & Quality Assurance in Sri Lanka” <i>Emeritus Prof. Upali Samarajeewa, Department of Food Science and Technology Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya</i>
	Panel Discussion
2.15 p.m.	Flash Presentations <i>Dr. Dhammika Senanayake (Conference Chair), Vice President, NSSL & Thamlini Joshepkumar (Conference Coordinator)</i>
	COMFORT BREAK
3.45 p.m.	Awards & Appreciations
4.00 p.m.	Closing Remarks by Conference Chair <i>Dr. Dhammika Senanayake</i>
4.05 pm	Closing Remarks by Conference Editor <i>Prof. Terrence Madhujith</i>
4.10 p.m.	Annual General Meeting of NSSL
	Introduction of New President & Council
5.30 p.m.	End of the Day

