

South Asian Biotechnology Conference (SABC2018)

Hilton Residences Colombo

Programme

Wednesday March 28, 2018.

- 14.00-16.15 Registration of Participants
16.45 (Invitees to be seated)
17.00 Arrival of Chief guest, Guest of Honour
17.10 Traditional lighting of the Oil Lamp
17.15 National Anthem
17.20 Welcome Address - Dr Azeez M Mubarak
President, National Academy of Sciences, Sri Lanka
17.25 Address - Dr Ritu Gaur
Associate Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, South Asia University
17.30 Address by Guest of Honour - Hon'ble Susil Premajayantha
Minister of Science, Technology and Research
17.45 Address by Chief Guest - H. E. Maitripala Sirisena
President, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
18.05 Keynote Presentation (K1) - Prof. Andrew Holmes
Professor, Bio21 Institute, Melbourne, Australia
A Journey to the market place using Chemistry as a vehicle to engage with Physics and Biology
18.45 Inaugural Address (IA) - Prof. Sirimali Fernando
Chairperson, National Science Foundation
Role of Biotechnology in South Asia
19.15 Vote of Thanks - Prof. Nadira Karunaweera
Secretary, National Academy of Sciences, Sri Lanka
19.25 Cultural Event - Traditional Sri Lankan Dance
20.00 Inaugural Dinner

Thursday March 29, 2018.

- 08.00-09.00 Registration of Participants
- 9.00 Keynote Presentation (K2) - Prof. V. S. Chauhan
International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi, India
Challenges in research; basic versus translational
- 9.40 Presentation on ICGEB - Dr. Lawrence Banks
Scientific Coordinator, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Trieste, Italy
- 10.00 Plenary Lecture 1 (P1) - Prof. S H P Parakrama Karunaratne
Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
Biotechnological applications in the control of mosquito borne diseases

10.30 TEA

Parallel Session 1A 1B 1C

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| 11.00-11.20 | PANEL
DISCUSSION
on Improving
Interaction
with
Industry | IL1- Venugopal | IL2 - Banks |
| 11.20-11.35 | | OP1-Fareez Mufti | OP7- Yadav |
| 11.35-11.50 | | OP2-Karunaratne | OP8- Wickramatunga |
| 11.50-12.05 | | OP3-Altaf | OP9- Raj Giri |
| 12.05-12.20 | | OP4-Nabi | OP10- Somarathne |
| 12.20-12.35 | | OP5-DDudagara | OP11- RD Gupta |
| 12.35-12.50 | | OP6-RSDassanayake | OP12- Pokharel |

12.50 LUNCH / POSTER SESSION

- 14.30-15.00 Plenary Lecture 1 (P1) - Prof. Deepak Gaur
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
Elucidating the molecular basis of reticulocyte invasion by Plasmodium vivax

Parallel Session 2A 2B 2C

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| 15.05-15.25 | IL3 - R Gaur | IL4 - Venturi | IL5 - Oladipo |
| 15.25-15.40 | OP13 - Gooneratne | OP19-Mustafiz | OP25 - AAU Perera |
| 15.40-15.55 | OP14 - Peela | OP20 Kaliyadasa | OP26 - P Rajapakse |
| 15.55-16.10 | OP15 - Pathirana | OP21-Sathik | 15.55-16.30 - Launch of
National Chapter of
Organization of Women in
Science of Developing
Countries (OWSDC)
16.30 - Inaugural Lecture-
Prof. Savitri Gunatillake |
| 16.10-16.25 | OP16 - Rasul | OP22-Jalil | |
| 16.25-16.40 | OP17 - Wickramatilleke | OP23-K Kumar | |
| 16.40-16.55 | OP18 - Yanti | OP24- Karim | |
| 17.00 | | | |

TEA

Friday March 30, 2018.

08.00-09.00	Registration of Participants			
09.00-09.30	Plenary Lecture 3 - Dr. Subhra Chakraborty <i>National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi, India</i> <i>System Level Understanding of Host-specific Immune Dynamics in Fungal Disease</i>			
	Parallel Session	3A	3B	3C
09.35-09.55		IL6- Hettiarachchi	IL7 - Azra Khanum	IL8- F Begum
09.55-10.10		OP27-Abeywickreme	OP30 - A Sharifi	OP33- Gelani
10.10-10.25		OP28- Bijay Pant	OP31- Danish Eqbal	OP34- Seneviratne
10.25-10.40		OP29- Padukkage	OP32- Rahman	OP35- Rabindrakumar
10.40	TEA			
11.10-11.40	Plenary Lecture 4 - Prof. Sarman Singh <i>All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India</i> <i>Biotechnology in the diagnosis and prevention of infectious diseases</i>			
	Parallel Session	4A	4B	4C
11.45-12.05		IL9- Kalita	IL10 - Prajapathi	IL11 -George Dias
12.05-12.20		OP36- Arora	OP40- Samaranayake	OP44- V Dissanayake
12.20-12.35		OP37- Aradhana Singh	OP41- NH Silva	OP45- Alpana Sharma
12.35-12.50		OP38- Gobinath	OP42- Saudagar	OP46- Magana Arachchi
12.50-13.05		OP39- Sheikh Kashif	OP43- Manamperi	OP47- Azeem
13.05	LUNCH / POSTER SESSION			
14.30-15.00	Plenary Lecture 5 - Prof. Haseena Khan <i>University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh</i> <i>Jute Endophytes: Exploring the Hidden Treasures</i>			
	Parallel Session	5A	5B	5C
15.05-15.20		OP48- Adewumi	OP50- P Dudagara	OP52- Bashir
15.20-15.35		OP49- Thangadurai	OP51- Liyanage	OP53- Babu
15.40	Closing Ceremony			
16.10	TEA			
16.30	Colombo City Bus Tour			

List of Posters

PP 01	DR Herath
PP 02	Azhak
PP 03	Dewasurendra
PP 04	A SharafiApigenin
PP 05	A SharafiCitrus
PP 06	Easwara
PP 07	Bharali
PP 08	HMLB Herath
PP 09	Jayasundera
PP 10	Khatoon
PP 11	Thomas
PP 12	Kuruppuarachchi
PP 13	Magana Arachchi
PP 14	Oladipo
PP 15	Marikar
PP 16	Magana Arachchi
PP 17	Choudri
PP 18	Rana
PP 19	Rasakulendran
PP 20	Sangeetha
PP 21	Sapte
PP 22	Shahid
PP 23	Shariful Islam
PP 24	Somarathne
PP 25	Pandey
PP 26	Swet Nisha
PP 27	Wickramatunga
PP 28	Yanti
PP 29	Hosen