





## "Research for Impact: March of the Sri Lankan Young Scientists"

Organized jointly by Sri Lankan Academy of Young Scientists (SLAYS) and National Science Foundation Sri Lanka (NSF) in collaboration with Coordinating Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI)

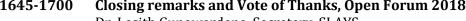
## 4th - 5th October 2018, At Galle Face Hotel, Colombo

Programme		
DAY 1 (0815-1500 Hrs)		
<b>Session I</b>	Inauguration	
08.15-08.45	Registration and Tea	
08.45-09.00	Inauguration ceremony (Lighting the Oil Lamp, National Anthem) Welcome Speech by Dr. Dilushan Jayasundara, President, SLAYS	
0900-0910	Speech by Prof. Sirimali Fernando, Chairperson, NSF.	
0910-0920	Speech by Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake, Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo.	
0920-0930	Speech by Dr. Ranjith Mahindapala, President, NASSL.	
Session II Session Chair	Theme - "The Young Scientist in Industry" r: Dr. Dilushan Jayasundara	
0930-1030	Industry Opportunities, Prof. Monte Cassim, President, Shizenkan Graduate University, Japan.	
1030-1100	The role of young scientists in Industry Research, Mr. Harin De Silva Wijeyratne, CEO, SLINTEC.	
1100-1130	Young scientist participation in policy, Prof. Thusitha Abeytunga, University of Colombo.	
1130-1200	How MAS benefited from Hiring Young Scientists, Mr. Ranil Vitarana, Chief Technical Officer, MAS Holdings.	
1200-1230	Panel Discussion: Moderated by Prof. Ajith de Alwis, Project Director, The Coordinating Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation.	
1230-1320	Lunch break and Networking	
13.20-1440	SLAYS 3MT® - Three Minute Thesis Presentation Competition	
1440-1500	Tea break and Networking	
1500	Conclusion of Day 1 Activities at Galle Face Hotel. All Participants are invited to join the NSF Founders Day Event at BMICH (1600 Hrs Onwards)	



## DAY 2 (0830-1700 HRS)

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0830-0845	Registration
Session III	"Research for Impact"
Session Chai	r: Dr. Lasith Gunawardena
0845-0930	Developing the researcher in you, Prof. Ravi Silva, Director, Advanced Technology Institute (ATI), University of Surrey, UK.
0930-1015	Impactful research for Impactful Publications, Prof. Richard de Grijs, Associate Dean (Global Engagement), Faculty of Science and Engineering, Macquarie University, Australia.
1015-1040	Tea break and Networking
1040-1125	The learning researcher, Prof. S.U.K Ekaratne, Director - Centre for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Innovation (CETLI)
1125-1155	Impactful Research: Sri Lankan Success Stories, Prof. Nilwala Kottegoda, Professor, University of Sri Jayewardenepura/SLINTEC
1155-1230	Discussion Forum (Moderated by Prof. Nilwala Kottegoda)
1230-1330	Lunch break and Networking
<b>Session IV</b>	"The Voice of the Young Scientists"
	r: Dr. Tharanga Thoradeniya
1330-1400	Failing Successfully, Dr. Asha De Vos, Executive Director, Oceanswell
1400-1430	Navigating the scientific maze, Prof. Neelika Malavige, Professor and Director, Center for Dengue Research, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
1430-1500	Be a human before a scholar, Prof. Rangika Halwatura, Professor, University of Moratuwa, The World Academy of Sciences Young Scientist Award Winner (2017)
1500-1510	Experiences from Sakura Exchange Programme in Science, Ms. Shalini Thiruchittampalam, SLAYS
1510-1520	Experiences from IAP/AASSA workshop on the SDGs, Dr. Thilini Perera, SLAYS
1520-1530	The March Forward Dr. Chamindri Witharana, President-Elect, SLAYS
1530-1545	Tea break and Networking
1545-1645	3MT Awards Ceremony Chief Guest:     Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, M.P.     Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage. Guests of Honor:     Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, M.P.     Deputy Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage. Prof. Sirimali Fernando, Chairperson, National Science Foundation.
1645-1700	Closing remarks and Vote of Thanks, Open Forum 2018  Dr. Lagith Cungulardena, Socretary, SLAYS



Dr. Lasith Gunawardena, Secretary, SLAYS.

**Conclusion of SLAYS Forum 2018 1700** 



