



**ASSOCIATION OF COLOMBO SCIENCE FACULTY BATCH - 1974**

**SCIENCE BATCH 74**

**THORATHURU NO 4**

### **Office Bearers**

#### **President**

Dr. W. Ramasinghe

#### **Secretary**

A.S.D. Karunaratne

#### **Treasurer**

M. R. Wasantha

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#### **Assistant Secretary**

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#### **Assistant Treasurer**

Lakshman Rajapakse

#### **Committee Members**

M.M.M.Hilmi (SL)

Sisira Mayadunne (Aus)

Prof. Gayanath Fernando  
(USA)

Sarath Wijekoon (SL)

Y.I.M. Hameez (SL)

Ajith Ariyaratne (SL)

Tissa Perera (Aus)

Dr.Gamini Vedage (USA)

Avanthi Jayathilaka(SL)

Sirisoma Nanayakara(SL)

### **The Primary objectives of the Association**

Organise activities to promote relationship among its members and their families

To assist the science undergraduates of Colombo University in their studies by way of financially or otherwise as agreed by the Management of University of Colombo-

To assist the Management of University of Colombo in carrying out the development activities related to either academic or welfare of the science undergraduates

To assist its members and their families in an emergency / distress situations

### **History and background of the Association**

In 2015 when we had the first formal batch reunion one of the planned outcomes of the reunion, was to establish a perpetual scholarship fund for students entering the Science Faculty of University of Colombo. To In order to facilitate this objective it was seen as necessary to form an Association and to formalize. Our association was set up and registered as a formal entity in 2016. With the kind generosity of the members of the 1974 Science Faculty batch mates the first set of Scholarships were awarded to two undergraduates in 2016.

The First Formal AGM of the Association was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 at the Hotel Ocean, Colombo and the current office bearers were elected.

The aim of the association is to support two new undergraduates each year and each undergraduate will be supported up to four years of their course. This being, a minimum of eight undergraduates at a given time in the future. Number of deserving undergraduates applying for scholarships is much more than the Association can support.

The undergraduates are selected through well scrutinized process including using information regarding the government welfare assistance (Samurdhi )to the less privileged families.

# Thank You

If you have already made a donation thank you very much, if you wish to make additional donations you are most welcome to do so.

If you have not made any donation to date please consider if you could contribute to this worthy cause,

Donations could be a one off donation or annual donations. At the moment we are receiving monthly payments from four Donors.

It may be worthwhile to consider other potential donors who are non-batch mates, non Sri Lankans that may be interested in supporting a disadvantaged undergraduate. We have already received donations from non-batch mates and outsiders.

*See under financial summary on how to donate*

## Undergraduate Information

Miss Chathuri Hansika Madushani Dunukanage – Rathanapura ( 2016 )

Miss R.D. Chaturika Madhumali Dilrukshi - Bandarewela ( 2016 )

Miss O.V.J. Chandula – Elpitiya ( 2017 )

Miss L.R. Piyumi Harshanee – Weligama (2017)

Mr. R. Harithas - Kaluwankerny ( 2018 )

Miss. H.P.M. Dilhara - Galle( 2018)

Mr. Dileshan Prasad Buddhika – Lunuwatta (2019)

Mr. K. Kavithas - Point Pedro , Jaffna (2019)

All these undergraduates come from very disadvantages families including most of the applicants that responded to our advertisement.. Giving a helping hand to an undergraduate from a disadvantaged family may benefit the family immensely in the future.

Without your help, it will be difficult to achieve our goal and your donation will assist the association to achieve our goal.

## Financial Status Summary as at 30th<sup>st</sup> of August 2019

**No of Batch Mate Donors :- 27**

**Total Donors :32**

**Value of Donations :- Rs 2,921,000 Total Funds Available :- Rs. 3,202,000**

**These funds available, are contributions from batch mates, Science faculty graduates from other batches and well wishes.**

**Scholarship Payments per month :- Rs 40,000**

**No. of Students supported :-8**

**No. of Financial Members :- 31** (*Batch mates that have paid membership*)

The intention is to have sufficient cash in the bank accounts to be able to fund eight undergraduates at any given time for ever by using the interest income only. If someone is willing to support an undergraduate in addition to the eight planned undergraduates for the full term of their studies, our association is happy to support additional undergraduates. As per our projection, the fund has to be over four million rupees to achieve the target of supporting eight undergraduates.

### **How to Donate:-**

Life Membership – Rs 5000.00

Donations - As much as you wish

Bank - Sampath Bank PLC, Nawala Branch, 143, Nawala Road, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka.

To become a **Member** deposit the money to the Membership Account as detailed below

Name of the Bank Account :- Association of Colombo Science Faculty Batch - 1974

Bank Swiftcode :- BSAMLKLM .

Account No. :- 008260000072

To make a **Donation** deposit the money to the Donation Account as detailed below

Name of the Bank Account :- Association of Colombo Science Faculty Batch - 1974

Bank Swiftcode :- BSAMLKLM .

Account No. :- 108261002087

Once you make a deposit please send an email to Wasantha and Dharmasiri indicating that you want to be an anonymous donor. If you transferring money from overseas to minimise charges you can deposit to the donation account and inform Wasantha and Dharmasiri that you wish to be a life member.

Wasantha - [rmampage@yahoo.com](mailto:rmampage@yahoo.com) Dharmasiri [asdkaru@gmail.com](mailto:asdkaru@gmail.com) .

We have been able to offer receipts to Australian batch mates and donors through Rotary Australia. This enables all donations to be tax deductible for Australian residents. The Liverpool West Rotary club has donated A\$3000 to the fund and so far we have collected over A\$8000. Most of the money collected is from well-wishers. From this account Rs160,000 (A\$1345) was transferred in August 2019. All the scholarships will be awarded from August using these funds allowing the Association to accumulate sufficient amount of funds through other donations, so that the scholarship fund will be a perpetual scholarship fund,

## Australian Batch Reunion

The Australian batch mates had a very successful reunion on 5th April to 7th April 2019 in Canberra. Batch mates Amal Whab, Rashmi Ariyasinghe, Sisira Mayadunne, Lakshmi Mayadunne, Nimal Rajakaruna, Niranjith Kumaraperu, Prasanna Subasinghe, Sumal Perera, Tissa Perera with their spouses participated. We were joined by two colleagues from our junior batch Vinindra Weerasuria, Prasad Jayawickrama for the two days. Two Colombo University colleagues living in Canberra, Ananda Samarakoon and Titus Vimalasiri joined us for the formal event. It was a weekend of Lawn Bowling, Trivia, Bingo and many other activities and of course a few glasses of fine Wine, Beer and Whiskey.





## **Demise of Sarath Peiris**

Sarath Peiris who was an active committee member of our association, sadly passed away on the 19th of June. Sarath worked for Shell Company for a long period and later had his own company dealing with paints. He leaves his wife Ramanee daughter Geethanjalie son Lahiru and three grandchildren. Some of our committee members attended his funeral and 7th day alms giving in Wattala Sri Lanka.

May he attain Nibbana



## Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on the 13th June 2019 at the Colombo Ocean Hotel. A position of Assistant Treasurer was created through an amendment to the constitution. Lakshman Rajapaksa was appointed as the new Assistant Treasurer. Three new committee members were elected Gamini Vedage(USA), Sirisoma Nanayakkara(SL) and Avanthi Jayathileke (SL).

### *Batch Reunion 2021*

*We are planning to organise a batch reunion around July 2021 in Sri Lanka. We would like to hear of your interest from you. Please email your thoughts to Sisira Mayadunne don.s.mayadunne@gmail.com*

### **Batch Mates information**

We like to update and maintain our batch mates database so that we can share relevant information and also assist our batch mates to Network with other batch friend, We appreciate if you could provide us through an email to the secretary Dharmasiri (asdkaru@gmail.com) your details, including your contact details, your location, We are also aware that we do not have all our batch mates email addresses, if you are aware of batch mates that do not revive our emails please request them to provide us with their details.