



University of Colombo Sri Lanka

Association of Colombo Science Faculty Batch of 1974

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### Contributions to Thorathuru

Thorathuru is our Association's news-letter published periodically and circulated to the Science Faculty Batch of 1974. Please forward your thoughts, down memory lane stories, photographs, experiences, achievements and articles to Tissa Perera  
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### Current Office Bearers

#### President

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#### Committee Members

Amal Wahab (Aus)

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### Association News

The Association had a plan to convert the scholarships that are awarded to be perpetual scholarships. The intention was to handover sufficient amount of funds to the Colombo University that would allow the payment of scholarships using interest generated from Fixed Deposits. As an initial step the Association intends handing over four scholarships to the university in about two years when we believe we may have sufficient funds. This could be made possible only through the generosity of our batch mates and well wishes.

Currently we are supporting eleven undergraduates; two of them will complete their studies in April 2021. One student completed her degree in March 2021.

The Association would like to see more batch mates to interact with the association and is considering opportunities to create more social interaction among batch mates when a safer environment is achieved.

The Association committee met twice since the last newsletter using video technology allowing all committee members to participate.

The committee decided to set up three fund raising coordinators and the following volunteered to take up roles.

North America: Prof Gayanath Fernando and Dayantha Kurukulasuriya

Sri Lanka: M.M.M.Hilmi

Australia and New Zealand: Tissa Perera

## Primary Objectives of the Association:

- To assist the science undergraduates of Colombo University in their studies by financial or other means, as agreed by the Management of University of Colombo
- To organise activities promoting relationship among its members and their families
- 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 emergency or distress situations

## Can you assist ?

**Most of our scholarship recipients are from rural schools, hence generally their English is poor. If any batch mates in Colombo are in a position to help these undergraduate's please contact the Association by sending an email to [secretary@uocsc74.com](mailto:secretary@uocsc74.com)**

We would like to connect with all batch mates. If you are in touch with any batch mates that do not receive the Association emails, can you please ask them to send an email to [secretary@uocsc74.com](mailto:secretary@uocsc74.com)

## Next Batch Reunion

Our intention is to organize the batch reunion in 2023 with the anticipation that the current health issues have been resolved and international travel is safe. Our wish is for the reunion coincide with handing over sufficient funds to Colombo University to set up a trust fund to support four undergraduates in the future using the interest earned from the funds.

If you have any thought of how and where we should organize our next batch reunion please drop an email to [secretary@uocsc74.com](mailto:secretary@uocsc74.com)

## The Summary of Scholarship Status

Currently the Association provides scholarship for eleven undergraduates. Two of the current scholarship recipients will conclude their studies in April 2021. One of the undergraduates finished her course in March 2021. As of May we will be supporting nine undergraduates. We will advertise for new scholarship recipients from the 2021 intake when the new intake will commence which we anticipate will be May 2021.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Intake</b>	<b>Status</b>
Danukarage Chathuri Hansika Madushani	Ratnepura	2016	Graduated
R.D.C. Madhumali Dilrukshi	Bandarawela	2016	Graduated
Piyumi Harshani Loku Ralage	Weligama	2017	
O.V. Jayani Chandula	Elpitiya	2017	
Halpage Pramodya Manori Dilhara	Galle	2018	Graduated
Harithas Ravikumar	Chenkalady	2018	
Kumar Kavidhas	Jaffna	2019	
Dileshan Prasad Buddhika	Lunuwaththa	2019	
Lakshika Raveendranathan	Madampella	2019	
U.Tharuka Janith Roopasingha	Karaveddy	2019	
B.M.Dinusha Madhuwantha Chandrapala	Anuradhapura	2020	
R.G.Dilki Prabhani	Matara	2020	
S.A.D Nethmi Tharika Sathsarani	Mathugama	2020	
M.Shakila Kavindhi Perera	Kurunduwatta	2020	

### **Scholarship Fund - Financial Summary (as at 01 Ap 2021)**

Total funds Collected – RS. 6,009,274.24

Batch mates Contribution - LKR 3,413,391.63

Other University Graduates Contribution – LKR 565,910.46

Well Wishers Contribution – LKR 2,029,972.15

Scholarship Payments per month: LKR 55,000

No. of Students supported: 11

Amount handed over as Scholarships LKR 1,246,000

## Sponsorship of Undergraduates

A number of batch mates and a well-wisher are funding four undergraduates and this has allowed us to support more undergraduates and also build up our funds so that we can handover money to the university to create perpetual scholarships for four undergraduates. The generous people are

Prof Gayanath Fernando and Dayantha Kurukulasuriya

Sisira & Lakshmi Mayadunne

Somasiri Nanayakkara

Sathis & Christine De Silva (Well-wishers)

## How to Donate

**Life Membership:** LKR 5000.00

**Donation Amount:** Based on your preference

**Bank Name:** 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 Swift Code:** 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 Swift Code:** BSAMLKLM

**Account No:** 108261002087

When you make a deposit please send an email to Wasantha and Maya indicating the nature of your donation (if you want to be an anonymous donor or a life member, etc).

Wasantha: [rmampage@yahoo.com](mailto:rmampage@yahoo.com)      Maya: [secretary@uocsc74.com](mailto:secretary@uocsc74.com)

## Extracts from the 1976 Department of Chemistry Undergraduate Handbook

### 7. ACADEMIC STAFF

#### Field of Specialisation

#### Professor

**P. P. G. L. SIRIWARDENE,** *B.Sc.(Cey), Ph.D.(Cantab),  
(Hon. D.Sc. Panjab),  
C. CHEM, F.R.I.C.,  
F.I. Chem. C, F.I. Nuc.E,  
F.I.M., (at present  
Vice Chancellor,  
University of Sri Lanka).*

Metallurgy.

#### Associate Professor

**R. S. RAMAKRISHNA,** *B.Sc. (Cey), D.Phil (Oxon),  
C.CHEM, F.R.I.C.,  
F.I. Chem. C.,  
(Acting Head,  
Department of Chemistry).*

Coordination  
Chemistry.

#### Senior Lecturer

**W. P. D. PERERA,** *B.Sc. (Cey.), M.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D.  
(Cantab), C. CHEM,  
M.R.I.C., F.I.Chem.C.*

Chemical Kinetics.

#### Lecturers

**M. MAHENDRAN,** *B.Sc. (Cey.), D. Phil.  
(Sussex). A.I.Chem. C.*

Heterocyclic Chemistry

**J. N. O. FERNANDO,** *B.Sc. (Cey), Ph.D.(Lond),  
D.I.C., C.CHEM,  
M.R.I.C, A.I.Chem, C.*

Surface Chemistry.

**M. V. JESUDASON,** *B.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D.  
(Lond), D.I.C.*

Carbohydrate Chemistry

**S. KARUNARATNE,** *B.Sc. (Cey), Ph.D. (New  
Castle)*

Kinetics and reaction  
mechanisms of Inorganic  
systems.

**K. L. SIVAPRAGASAM,** *B.Sc. (Cey), D. Phil.  
(Sussex)*

Organometallic  
Chemistry.

**L. M. V. TILLEKERATNE,** *B.Sc. (Cey), D. Phil.  
(Oxon)*

Steroids  
and terpenes

**R. A. THURAISSINGHAM,** *B.Sc. (Cey), Ph.D.  
(Cantab)*

Theoretical Chemistry.

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<b>H. D. GUNAWARDENE,</b>	<i>B.Sc. (Cey), Ph.D. (Salford), C.CHEM, M.R.I.C.</i>	Analytical Chemistry.
<b>S. HETTIARACHCHI,</b>	<i>B.Sc. (Cey), Ph.D. (Cantab)</i>	Electrochemistry.
<i>Asst. Lecturers</i>		
<b>D. S. WILLIAMS,</b>	<i>B.Sc. (Cey),</i>	(on study leave.)
<b>M. WILLIAMS,</b>	<i>B.Sc. (Cey), M.Sc. (Cey),</i>	(on study leave.)
<b>A. P. DE SILVA,</b>	<i>B.Sc. (Cey),</i>	
<b>B. ABEYSEKARA,</b>	<i>B.Sc. (Cey).</i>	
<i>Radio Isotope Centre Lecturer</i>		
<b>K. G. DHARMAWARDENE,</b>	<i>B.Sc. (Cey), Ph.D. (Cantab), C.CHEM, M.R.I.C., A.I. Chem. C, M.I.Nuc.E.</i>	
<i>External Examiners</i>		
<b>Prof. H. M. N. H. IRVING,</b>	University of Leeds.	
<b>Prof. C. W. REES,</b>	University of London.	

### 10. Prizes

**C. L. de Silva memorial prize, the best performance in Chemistry at the First Examination in Natural Science of those selected to read special degree in Natural Sciences, chemistry.**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>
1973	K. C. Uduman.
1974	N. Somasiri.