



# RESPIRE 2026

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SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PULMONOLOGISTS  
16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ACADEMIC SESSIONS

15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
CINNAMON GRAND - COLOMBO



## INAUGURATION

15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 | 6:30 PM ONWARDS  
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DR. C. G. Uragoda MEMORIAL ORATION  
"Asthma Phenotypes and Endotypes:  
Towards Personalised and Precision Care"

PROFESSOR ANOOP J. CHAUHAN

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By invitation only

TIME

### DAY 01 PROGRAMME - 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

7.00 - 8.00	Meet the experts (By invitation only)	
8.15 - 8.45	Lessons Learnt from Asthma Registries <b>Prof. Anoop J. Chauhan</b> Consultant Respiratory Physician & Director of Research & Innovation, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust & University of Portsmouth - UK	Plenary 1
8.45 - 9.15	Beyond Asthma: Unmasking the Mimics <b>Prof. Stephen J. Fowler</b> Honorary Consultant Respiratory Physician, Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - UK	Plenary 2
9.15 - 9.45	Challenges in Malignant Effusion Management: Beyond Guidelines <b>Prof. Nick A. Maskell</b> Professor of Respiratory Medicine, University of Bristol Honorary Consultant, North Bristol NHS Trust - UK	Plenary 3
9.45 - 10.00	Advances in the Evaluation and Management of Pulmonary Hypertension: From Hemodynamics to Novel Therapies <b>Dr. Mayooran Shamuganathan</b> Consultant Cardiologist, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals, London, Oxford University Hospitals - UK	Tea
10.00 - 11.30	<b>Symposium 1 - Interstitial Lung Disease</b> Building Bridges: A Road Map to Standardizing CTD / ILD Care in Sri Lanka <b>Dr. Amila Rathnayaka</b> Consultant Respiratory Physician, National Hospital, Galle	<b>Symposium 2 - Critical Care</b> The Dowsndise of Permissive Hypercapnia <b>Dr. Niranjan Dissanayake</b> Consultant Respiratory Physician, Teaching Hospital, Kollurata
11.30 - 13.00	<b>Symposium 3 - Airway Diseases</b> Eosinophilic Lung Disease: Pathways, Phenotypes and Clinical Pearls <b>Prof. Anoop J. Chauhan</b> Consultant Respiratory Physician & Director of Research & Innovation, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust & University of Portsmouth - UK	<b>Symposium 4 - Tuberculosis</b> Dilemmas in CNS TB <b>Dr. Bimsara Senanayake</b> Consultant Neurologist, National Hospital of Sri Lanka
13.00 - 14.00	<b>Symposium 5 - Pleural Diseases</b> Pneumothorax: Contemporary Challenges and Management Dilemmas <b>Prof. Nick A. Maskell</b> Professor of Respiratory Medicine University of Bristol, Honorary Consultant, North Bristol NHS Trust - UK	<b>Symposium 6 - Sleep Disorders</b> Approach to Sleepiness in the Clinic: When to Think beyond OSA <b>Prof. Dr. Ahmad Izuanuddin Ismail</b> President, Malaysian Thoracic Society Professor of Medicine & Deputy Director Hospital Al Sultan Abdullah, Universiti Teknologi MARA - Malaysia
14.00 - 15.30	Pleural Effusion in CKD <b>Dr. Muthulingam Athavan</b> Consultant Respiratory Physician, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna	Sleep Disorders: Focusing on Novel Therapies <b>Dr. Ian E. Smith</b> Medical Director, Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambridge - UK
15.30 - 16.30	<b>ResFire</b> Panellists <b>Prof. Anoop J. Chauhan</b> Consultant Respiratory Physician & Director of Research & Innovation, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust & University of Portsmouth - UK	Challenging cases of Airway diseases <b>Prof. Stephen J. Fowler</b> Honorary Consultant Respiratory Physician, Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - UK

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### DAY 02 PROGRAMME - 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

7.00 - 8.00	Meet the experts (By invitation only)	
8.15 - 8.45	Lessons Learnt from Bronchiectasis Registries <b>Dr. Raja Dhar</b> Director, Pulmonology, CMRI / CK Birla Group of Hospitals, Kolkata - India	Plenary 4
8.45 - 9.15	CTD / ILD: Evolving Concepts and Therapeutic Challenges <b>Professor Elisabetta A. Renzoni</b> Professor of Interstitial Lung Disease, National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London, Consultant Respiratory Physician, Royal Brompton Hospital - UK	Plenary 5
9.15 - 9.45	Tools in the Diagnosis of Pneumonia: Culture to BioFire and Beyond <b>Dr. Abdul Ghafur</b> Senior Consultant in Infectious Diseases, Apollo Hospital, Chennai - India	Plenary 6
9.45 - 10.00	The Art and Science of Weaning: Managing the Difficult to Wean Patient <b>Dr. Ian E. Smith</b> Medical Director, Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambridge - UK	Tea
10.00 - 11.30	<b>Symposium 7 - Insight to Impact: Research and Audit</b> From Clinical Question to High-Impact Research. <b>Vidyajyoti Professor H. Asita De Silva</b> Cadee Chair and Senior Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya	<b>Symposium 8 - Thoracic Surgery</b> Surgical Management of Mediastinal Tumours <b>Dr. Sumana Handagala</b> Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara
11.30 - 13.00	<b>Symposium 9 - Cough</b> Cough Phenotypes in Clinical Practice <b>Dr. Amitha Fernando</b> Senior Consultant Respiratory Physician, National Hospital, Sri Lanka	<b>Lung Cancer Screening and Current Management of Early Lung Cancer</b> <b>Dr. Saman Iddagoda</b> Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara
13.00 - 14.00	<b>Symposium 10 - Paediatric Pulmonology</b> Managing Childhood Asthma- Challenges and Solutions <b>Dr. Hasitha Gajaweera</b> Consultant Paediatric Pulmonologist, National Hospital, Galle	<b>Surgical approach to pleural effusion</b> <b>Dr. Sujeewa Ilangamge</b> Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara
14.00 - 15.30	<b>Symposium 11 - Lung Cancer</b> Lung Cancer: from Detection to Diagnosis. Beyond Smoking Risk Factors <b>Professor Phan Tien Nguyen</b> Thoracic Physician and Professor in Thoracic Medicine, Royal Adelaide Hospital - South Australia	<b>Cystic Fibrosis in Sri Lanka - Transition from Paediatric to Adult Care</b> <b>Dr. Anuradha Kodipalli</b> Senior Lecturer, University of Colombo Consultant Paediatric Pulmonologist, Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children (LRH)
15.30 - 16.30	<b>ResFire</b> Panellists <b>Dr. Ian E. Smith</b> Medical Director, Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambridge - UK	<b>Symposium 12 - Future of Respiratory Medicine in Sri Lanka: Insights by Young Respiratory Physicians</b> Shifting the Paradigm in Bronchiectasis: from Treating Exacerbations to Preventing Them <b>Dr. Niranjan Chandramal</b> Consultant Respiratory Physician, District General Hospital, Vavuniya

## REGISTRATION



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## REGISTRATION FEE

### FOREIGN DELEGATES

2 Days : USD 150

## SRI LANKAN DELEGATES

2 Days : LKR 12,000  
1 Day : LKR 8,000

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## Scientific Programme

Time	Day 01 - 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
11.00 a.m. - 13.00 p.m.	Poster Presentations

Time	Day 02 - 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
11.00 a.m. - 13.00 p.m.	Oral Presentations

Dr. Hreshna Bandara  
Consultant in Sleep and Long-term Ventilation,  
Northwest Lung Centre, Wythenshawe Hospital,  
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