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SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PULMONOLOGISTS
16th ANNUAL ACADEMIC SESSIONS

15th - 17th FEBRUARY 2026
CINNAMON GRAND - COLOMBO



INAUGURATION

15TH 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”

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By invitation only

TIME	DAY 01 PROGRAMME - 16 TH FEBRUARY 2026	
7.00 - 8.00	Meet the experts (By invitation only)	
	Lessons Learnt from Asthma Registries Prof. Anoop J. Chauhan Consultant Respiratory Physician & Director of Research & Innovation, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust & University of Portsmouth - UK	
8.15 - 8.45	Beyond Asthma: Unmasking the Mimics Prof. Stephen J. Fowler Honorary Consultant Respiratory Physician, Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - UK	
8.45 - 9.15	Challenges in Malignant Effusion Management: Beyond Guidelines Prof. Nick A. Maskell Professor of Respiratory Medicine, University of Bristol Honorary Consultant, North Bristol NHS Trust - UK	
9.15 - 9.45	Advances in the Evaluation and Management of Pulmonary Hypertension: From Hemodynamics to Novel Therapies Dr. Mayoaran Shanmuganathan Consultant Cardiologist, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals, London, Oxford University Hospitals - UK	
9.45 - 10.00	Tea	
10.00 - 11.30	Symposium 1 - Interstitial Lung Disease Building Bridges: A Road Map to Standardizing CTD / ILD Care in Sri Lanka Dr. Amila Rathnapala Consultant Respiratory Physician, National Hospital, Galle Management of Progressive Fibrosing ILD: Current and Emerging Perspectives Prof. Elisabetta A. Renzoni Professor of Interstitial Lung Disease, National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London Consultant Respiratory Physician, Royal Brompton Hospital - UK The Heart-Lung Crossfire: Managing Pulmonary Hypertension and Right Heart Dysfunction in Chronic Lung Diseases Dr. Mayoaran Shanmuganathan Consultant Cardiologist John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Harefield Hospital, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust - UK	
11.30 - 13.00	Symposium 3 - Airway Diseases Eosinophilic Lung Disease: Pathways, Phenotypes and Clinical Pearls Prof. Anoop J. Chauhan Consultant Respiratory Physician & Director of Research & Innovation, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust & University of Portsmouth - UK The Future of Asthma Diagnosis Prof. Stephen J. Fowler Honorary Consultant Respiratory Physician, Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - UK The Changing Landscape of Bronchiectasis in South Asia Dr. Raja Dhar Director, Pulmonology, CMRI / CK Birla Group of Hospitals Kolkata - India	
13.00 - 14.00	LUNCH	
14.00 - 15.30	Symposium 5 - Pleural Diseases Pneumothorax: Contemporary Challenges and Management Dilemmas Prof. Nick A. Maskell Professor of Respiratory Medicine University of Bristol, Honorary Consultant, North Bristol NHS Trust - UK Pleural Effusion in CKD Dr. Muthulingam Athavan Consultant Respiratory Physician, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna Refractory Transudative Effusions: When Standard Therapy Fails Prof. Nick A. Maskell Professor of Respiratory Medicine, University of Bristol, Honorary Consultant, North Bristol NHS Trust - UK	
15.30 - 16.30	ResFire	
	Panelists Prof. Anoop J. Chauhan Consultant Respiratory Physician & Director of Research & Innovation, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust & University of Portsmouth - UK Prof. Stephen J. Fowler Honorary Consultant Respiratory Physician Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - UK Dr. Charith Horadagoda Clinical Lead for Severe Asthma Service Consultant Respiratory Physician Blacktown Hospital, Sydney - Australia	

TIME	DAY 02 PROGRAMME - 17 TH FEBRUARY 2026	
7.00 - 8.00	Meet the experts (By invitation only)	
	Lessons Learnt from Bronchiectasis Registries Dr. Raja Dhar Director, Pulmonology, CMRI / CK Birla Group of Hospitals, Kolkata - India	
8.15 - 8.45	CTD / ILD: Evolving Concepts and Therapeutic Challenges Professor Elisabetta A. Renzoni Professor of Interstitial Lung Disease, National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London, Consultant Respiratory Physician, Royal Brompton Hospital - UK	
8.45 - 9.15	Tools in the Diagnosis of Pneumonia: Culture to BioFire and Beyond Dr. Abdul Ghafur Senior Consultant in Infectious Diseases, Apollo Hospital, Chennai - India	
9.15 - 9.45	The Art and Science of Weaning: Managing the Difficult to Wean Patient Dr. Ian E. Smith Medical Director, Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambridge - UK	
9.45 - 10.00	Tea	
10.00 - 11.30	Symposium 7 - Insight to Impact: Research and Audit From Clinical Question to High-Impact Research. Vidyajothi Professor H. Asita De Silva Cadre Chair and Senior Professor Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya From Clinical Audit to Improving Care - A Beginner's Guide Professor Udaya Ranawaka Professor in Neurology, Department of Medicine, University of Kelaniya Ethics and Governance in Real-World Research Prof. Suneth Agampodi Research Scientist, New Initiatives, International Vaccine Institute Seoul, South Korea	
11.30 - 13.00	Symposium 9 - Cough Cough Phenotypes in Clinical Practice Dr. Amitha Fernando Senior Consultant Respiratory Physician, National Hospital, Sri Lanka Larynx as Gateway to Cough Dr. Bimantha Perera Consultant ENT Surgeon, University Hospital, KDU Role of Speech Therapy in Larynx Related Cough Mrs. Michelle Xavier Speech and Language Therapist University Hospital, KDU	
13.00 - 14.00	LUNCH	
14.00 - 15.30	Symposium 11 - Lung Cancer Lung Cancer: from Detection to Diagnosis. Beyond Smoking Risk Factors Professor Phan Tien Nguyen Thoracic Physician and Professor in Thoracic Medicine, Royal Adelaide Hospital - South Australia TNM 9th Edition. What's New and Important in the Era of Neoadjuvant Chemo-IO Professor Phan Tien Nguyen Thoracic Physician and Professor in Thoracic Medicine, Royal Adelaide Hospital - South Australia Diagnosing Lung Cancer : Tissue Acquisition and Biomarkers Dr. Yamuna Rajapakse Consultant Respiratory Physician, Senior Lecturer Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo	
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2 Days : USD 150

SRI LANKAN DELEGATES

2 Days : LKR 12,000 (Limited Participation: on a First come First Serve Basis)
1 Day : LKR 8,000 (Limited Participation: on a First come First Serve Basis)

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Scientific Programme

Time	Day 01 - 16 th February 2026
11.00 a.m. - 13.00 p.m.	Poster Presentations
Time	Day 02 - 17 th February 2026
11.00 a.m. - 13.00 p.m.	Oral Presentations