

Faculty of Medicine Academic Sessions (FMAS) 2024 - University of Ruhuna

8th Wednesday May 2024

@ TW Wikramanayake Auditorium, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna

Theme: Health Across the Life Cycle

- 07:45 - 08:30 Morning Tea & Guests to be seated
- 08:30 - 08:40 Ceremonial Procession
- 08:40 - 08:45 University Song & Faculty Song
- 08:45 - 08:50 Lighting of the Oil Lamp
- 08:50 - 08:55 Welcome Speech
Prof Nayana Nayana Liyanarachchi, Co-Chairperson - FMAS 2024
- 08:55 - 09:05 Address by the Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Senior Professor Thilak Weerathna
- 09:05 - 09:20 Address by the Chief Guest
Senior Professor Sujeewa Amarasena, Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna
- 09:20 - 09:40 Keynote Address
“Challenges in ensuring Health Across the Life Cycle in Sri Lanka”
Dr. Palitha Mahipala, Secretary, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka
- 09:40 - 09:55 Research Publication Awards 2023
- 09:55 - 10:10 Deans' Awards & Dean's List 2023
- 10:10 - 10:40 FMAS Oration 2024
- 10:40 - 10:50 Cultural Event
- 10:50 - 10:55 Vote of Thanks
Dr. Nuwan Darshana, Secretary - FMAS 2024
- 10:55 - 11:00 National Anthem & Closing Ceremony

11:00 - 12:15 **FMAS Symposium: “Health Across the Life Cycle; Challenges in achieving Sustainable Development Goals”**

“Challenges in achieving Sustainable Development Goals in child healthcare in Sri Lanka”

Prof. Pujitha Wickramasinghe, Senior Professor in Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

“Challenges in achieving Sustainable Development Goals in adolescent healthcare in Sri Lanka”

Dr Janaki Vidanapathirana, Director, The National STD/AIDS Control Program, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka

“Challenges in achieving Sustainable Development Goals in elderly healthcare in Sri Lanka”

Dr. Shiromi Maduwage, Consultant Community Physician, The Directorate of Youth, Elderly and Disabled Persons, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch Break and Poster Session

13:15 - 13:45 **Emerging Research from Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna**

Development of Molecular and Antibody-Based Approaches for Diagnosis and Risk Mapping of Cutaneous Leishmaniasis (CL) in Southern Sri Lanka

Dr. Nirmitha Lalindi De Silva, Senior Lecturer, Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna

A “one health” approach: the epidemiology of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus isolated from humans, animals and animal products in southern Sri Lanka.

Dr. MRP Kurukulasooriya, Senior Research Scientist, Duke-Ruhuna Collaborative Research Center Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna

13:45 - 14:45 Free Paper Session (Open Category)

14:45 - 15:45 Free Paper Session (Undergraduate Category)

15:45 - 16:00 Awards Ceremony

16:00 Tea