### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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#### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2012 – Board Certified as a Specialist in Medical Microbiology

2010 – MD in Medical Microbiology

Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2006 – Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Microbiology

Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2002 - MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery)

Faculty of Medicine,

University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.

#### OTHER ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Online Course in Clinical Research Methodology
 Hubert Deargan Center for Global Heath
 Duke University USA

2011 Certificate Course in Professional Development in Higher Education Staff Development Center, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka

1996 Diploma Certificate in Computer Programming Technical Engineering College – TEC, Sri Lanka

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

12.02.2012 to date	Senior Lecturer	Department of Microbiology
		Faculty of Medicine,
		University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
01.09.2004 to 11.02.2012	Lecturer	Department of Microbiology
		Faculty of Medicine,
		University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
03.02.2004 to 31.08.2004	Medical Officer	Paediatric Surgical Unit, Teaching
		Hospital Karapitiya, Galle, Sri Lanka
03.02.2003 to 02.02.2004	Intern Medical	Teaching Hospital Karapitiya,
	Officer	Galle, Sri Lanka
17.06.2002 to 03.02.2003	Demonstrator	Department of Paediatrics,
		Faculty of Medicine, University of
		Ruhuna, Sir Lanka

#### SECIALIST TRAINING IN MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY

21.08.2012	Specialist Registrar in	Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS
to18.08.2013	Medical Microbiology	Foundation Trust, Royal Preston
		Hospital, Preston, UK
01.03.2010 to	Senior Registrar in	Teaching Hospital Karapitiya,
31.03.2011	Medical Microbiology	Galle, Sri Lanka
01.01.2007 to	Registrar in Medical	Clinical training at;
31.12.2009	Microbiology	National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo,
		Sri Lanka; Lady Ridgeway Children's
		Hospital, Colombo, Sri Lanka; National
		Cancer Institute, Maharagama, Sri Lanka;
		Teaching Hospital Karapitiya, Galle, Sri
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		Colombo, Sri Lanka
11.07.2005 to	Postgraduate Trainee	Medical Research Institute, Colombo, Sri
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#### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **Teaching:**

Medical Undergraduate teaching experience from September 2004 in conducting lecturers, tutorials, practical and examinations in Microbiology.

A visiting lecturer, examiner and supervisor of undergraduate research activities of BSc Nursing, BSc Pharmacy and BSc Medical Laboratory Sciences students of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna.

Postgraduate teaching in Medical Microbiology and Pathology trainees of PGIM, University of Colombo from January 2007.

Paramedical teaching activities by conducting lectures and practical for trainee Public Health Inspectors (PHI) at the Provincial PHI Training center, Galle and Student Nurses at the Nurses Training School, Galle since 2004.

A Resource Person in workshops conducted for Healthcare Personnel.

An examiner in 3<sup>rd</sup> MBBS part I – Microbiology examination, BSc Nursing, BSc Pharmacy and BSc Medical Laboratory Sciences Degree programmes. Examiner in the Post Graduate examinations in Medical Microbiology and Pathology.

# Clinical work:

Actively involved in clinical management (diagnosis, treatment and prevention) of patients of the Teaching Hospital Galle, Sri Lanka and advice on infection control aspects and bio-safety. Participate in infection control visits and outbreak investigation of other hospitals in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka. In addition, provided honorary services to private hospitals in Galle District for commissioning of surgical theaters.

#### Research:

Involve in research after graduation as a Demonstrator at Faculty of Medicine, as an Intern medical officer at Teaching Hospital Karapitiya and continue to do so after becoming an academic in the University of Ruhuna. Currently involve in several collaborative research studies including that of Duke Ruhuna Research collaboration and conducting two main studies funded by NRC and NSF. In addition, a co supervisor in one PhD and one MPhil student and supervising several undergraduate research students at present.

# Laboratory work:

Involve in the diagnostic laboratory of the department by processing specimens and interpretation of results. During last few years as the head of the department did major changes in the department to facilitate the increase intake of students and to ensure smooth functioning of different sections of the laboratory. Also planned

further improvements in the department and submitted proposals for this to funding bodies. Currently working as the Coordinator of the COVID-19 RT-PCR testing at the Department of Microbiology, faculty of medicine, University of Ruhuna and involved in establishing, validating and continue to provide the service function to the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.

Management: Has served five and half years as the Head of the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, Galle. Participate in various committees and programmes functioning at the Faculty and the University levels. Completed a curriculum revision of 3<sup>rd</sup> MBBS part I – Microbiology in 2017 and now working for the new curriculum with the semester system.

#### **AWARDS RECEIVED**

#### 1 Best Scientific Paper – 1<sup>st</sup> place

"Analysis of Paediatric day-case surgery: A Preliminary report". Jayawardena GDLP, Wijayaratne WMDGB, Godage M. The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Academic Sessions of Galle Medical Association, September 2004.

### 2 Best Poster presentation—2<sup>nd</sup> place

"An audit on the practices of use of different disinfectants in National Hospital of Sri Lanka". Ranasinghe RR, Wijayaratne WMDGB, Chandrasiri P. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Sessions of Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists, September 2008.

#### 3 The Sir Frank Gunasekara Prize for the best paper in Community Medicine and Tuberculosis

"Seroconversion following hepatitis B immunization in the expanded programme on Immunization in Sri Lanka and the effect of a booster dose" Wijavaratne WMDGB, De Silva N, Galagoda GCS. The 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions of Sri Lanka Medical Association, March 2009.

#### 4 Best Poster presentation – 2<sup>nd</sup>place

Epidemiology of melioidosis in Sri Lanka 2006-2016. Corea E, Patabadige G, Kothalawala M, Francis V, Dassanayake M, Vidanagama D, Nanayakkara G, Fernando R, Abeykoon M, Elvitigala JP, Piyasiri DLB, Jayatilleke SK, Disanayake N, Candrasiri S, Namalie KD, Karunarathne GKD, Wadanambi JMRWW, Jayasuriya R, Mubarak FN, Udagama S, Wijayaratne WMDGB, Pathirage S, Masakorala J, de Silva AD, Sathkumara H, Krishnananthasivam S, Thevanesam V. The 25th Annual Academic Sessions of SriLanka College of Microbiologists, August 2016.

#### 5 Best Poster presentation—1st place

Sensitivity and specificity of litmus milk decolourization test as a rapid identification method of Enterococcus causing urinary tract infection. Wijayaratne WMDGB, Dissanayake MND. The 26th Annual Academic Sessions of Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists, August 2017.

#### 6 Best Oral presentation—3<sup>rd</sup> place

First point prevalence study of inpatient antimicrobial use in five public hospitals in Southern Sri Lanka. Shen T, <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>, Dabrera T, Bodinayake CK, Kurukulasooriya MPR, Nagaro K, Sudarshana AT, Anderson D, Drew R, Østbye T, Woods CW, Nagahawatte AdeS, Tillekaratne LG. The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists. The Bulletin of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists August 2018;16(1):21.

#### 7 Best Poster presentation—3<sup>rd</sup> place

Comparison of the effectiveness of different substrates and culture media on Germ Tube (GT) production. De Silva 1.A.P.N.F., Peris H.H., <u>Wijayaratne</u> <u>WMDGB</u>. Faculty of medicine Academic Sessions 2019; Ruhuna Journal of Medicine, August 2019;7(1):77.

#### 8 Duke Visiting Scholar - 2018

Awarded the full Scholarship "Duke Visiting Scholar" from the Duke Global Health Institute, Duke University, NC, US for the year 2018 from a competitive selection process to visit and attend all the academic activities conducted by the Duke Global Health Institute for the period from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018.

#### 9 A special commendation for Oral Presentation

"Evaluation of antimicrobial and disinfectant potential in silver nanoparticles synthesized from *Mollugo cerviana*". 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Sessions of Galle Medical Association held on 10-12<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

#### 10 A special commendation for Poster Presentation

"Evaluation of antimicrobial potential and reducing capacity of silver ions by the hexane extract of Garcinia cambogia (goraka)". 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Sessions of Galle Medical Association held on 11-13<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

#### PUBLICATIONS IN INDEXED JOURNALS

- 1 A study on lobar pneumonia due to *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*. Jayantha UK, **Wijayaratne WMDGB**. Galle Medical Journal 2003;4(1):35-36.
- 2 Nosocomial infection in the intensive care unit at Teaching Hospital Karapitiya, Galle; an audit. Gunaratne A, Vidanagama D, <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>, Palangasinghe S. The Galle Medical Journal, September 2011: 16(2),13-16.
- 3 Food handlers: A potential threat in food safety. **Wijayaratne WMDGB**. The Bulletin of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists August 2017;15(1), 69-72.
- 4 Preventing ragging: outcome of an integrated programme in a medical faculty in Sri Lanka. Lekamwasam S, Rodrigo M, Wickramathilake M, Wijesinghe C, Wijerathne G, de Silva A, Napagoda M, Attanayake A, Perera C. Indian J Med Ethics. 2015 Oct-Dec; 12(4): 227-30.
- Lipophilic extracts of *Leucas zeylanica*, a multi-purpose medicinal plant in the tropics, inhibit key enzymes involved in inflammation and gout. Mayuri Napagoda, Jana Gerstmeier, Hannah Butschek, Sybille Lorenz, Dinusha Kanatiwela, Sudhara De Soyza, Mallique Qader, Ajith Nagahawatte, <u>Gaya Bandara Wijayaratne</u>, Aleš Svatoš, Lalith Jayasinghe, Andreas Koeberle, Oliver Werz. Journal of Ethnopharmacology. 2018: 224, 474–481. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jep.2018.04.042">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jep.2018.04.042</a>

- 6 Elevated pre-surgical CA15-3: does it predict the short-term disease-free survival of breast cancer patients without distant metastasis? Lakmini KB Mudduwa, **Gaya B Wijayaratne**, Harshini H Peiris, Shania N Gunasekera, Deepthika Abeysiriwardhana, Nimsha Liyanage. International Journal of Women's Health 2018:10, 329–335.
- 7 Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus: prevalence of and risk factors associated with colonization of patients on admission to the Teaching hospital, Karapitiya. MRP Kurukulasooriya, LG Tillekeratne, **WMDGB Wijayaratne**, CK Bodinayake, AD de Silva, BP Nicholson, T Østbye, CW Woods, ADeS Nagahawatte. Journal of the University of Ruhuna. 2018; 6 (2), 70-75. DOI: http://doi.org/10.4038/jur.v6i2.7878
- 8 Candidaemia: Risk factors and validity of tools to predict risk of Candidaemia in Intensive care unit patients in Teaching Hospital Karapitiya. H Thabrew, A Nagahawatte, **GB Wijayaratne**. Ceylon Medical Journal. 2018; 63(4):169-173. DOI: http://doi.org/10.4038/cmj.v63i4.8767
- 9 Determination of In Vitro Antimicrobial Activity of Five Sri Lankan Medicinal Plants against Selected Human Pathogenic Bacteria. MHN De Zoysa, H Rathnayake, RP Hewawasam, <u>WMDGB Wijayaratne</u>. International Journal of Microbiology. 2019: Article ID 7431439, 8 pages. DOI https://doi.org/10.1155/2019/7431439
- Point-prevalence study of antimicrobial use in public hospitals in southern Sri Lanka identifies opportunities for improving prescribing practices. T Sheng, <u>GB</u> <u>Wijayaratne</u>, TM Dabrera, RJ Drew, A Nagahawatte, CK Bodinayake, R Kurukulasooriya, T Østbye, KJ Nagaro, CDe Silva, H Ranawakaarachchi, AT Sudarshana, DJ Anderson, CW Woods and LG Tillekeratne. Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology, 2019;40(2):224-227. doi:10.1017/ice.2018.321.
- Seroconversion following Hepatitis B immunization in National Immunization Programme in a selected Medical Officer of Health area in Galle District. <a href="Wijayaratne">Wijayaratne</a>, W.M.D.G.B., Ubeysekara, H.A., De Silva, N. and Galagoda, G., Galle Medical Journal, 2019:24(1), pp.1–7. DOI: http://doi.org/10.4038/gmj.v24i1.8000
- Prevalence of low vision among adults in Galle District, Sri Lanka. Ubeysekara HA, <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>, Fonseka P, Wimalasundara S. Galle Medical Journal, March 2020; 25(1): 19-26. DOI: <a href="http://doi.org/10.4038/gmj.v25i1.8012">http://doi.org/10.4038/gmj.v25i1.8012</a>
- Outcome and acceptability of an educational intervention programme on foodborne diseases and food safety behaviour for food handlers and related sectors in Sri Lanka. Wickramatilake CM, Wijesinghe CJ, <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>, Tillekeratne V, Dolamullage JM. J. of Food Safety and Food Quality. 2020; 71(1):16–20. DOI 10.2376/0003-925X-71-16
- 15 The Anti-Inflammatory and Antimicrobial Potential of Selected Ethnomedicinal Plants from Sri Lanka. M Napagoda, J Gerstmeier, H Butschek, SDe Soyza, S Pace, S Lorenz, M Qader, S Witharana, A Nagahawatte, <u>G Wijayaratne</u>, A

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- Analysis of Paediatric day-case surgery: A Preliminary report. Jayawardena GDLP, <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>, Godage M. An oral presentation done by the applicant at the Annual Academic Sessions of the Galle Medical Association 2004. Galle Medical Journal 2004;9(1):70.
- 4 Audit of neonatal surgical conditions in Teaching Hospital Karapitiya. Jayawardena GDLP, <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>. An oral presentation done by the applicant at the Annual Academic Sessions of the Galle Medical Association 2004. Galle Medical Journal 2004;9(1):69-70.
- 5 Analysis of Paediatric day-case surgery: Preliminary report. Jayawardena GDLP, <u>Wijayaratne</u> <u>WMDGB</u>, Godage M. The Annual sessions of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka August 2004;66.
- 6 Audit on neonatal surgical conditions in Teaching Hospital Karapitiya during last 23 months. Jayawardena GDLP, <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>. The Annual sessions of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka August 2004;67.
- 7 Do we have VISA or VRSA?; A study to detect the prevalence of vancomycin intermediately sensitive *Staphyloccus aureus* (VISA) and/or vancomycin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VRSA) in the National Hospital of SriLanka. De Silva WBD, Chandrasiri P, Abeysuriya S, <u>Wijayaratne</u> <u>WMDGB</u>. The 17<sup>th</sup>Annual Academic Sessions of Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists. The Bulletin of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2008;6(1):23.
- 8 An audit on the practices of use of different disinfectants in National Hospital of Sri Lanka. Ranasinghe RR, <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>, Chandrasiri P. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Sessions of Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists. The Bulletin of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2008:6(1):29
- 9 Seroconversion following hepatitis B immunisation in the expanded programme on immunisation in Sri Lanka and the effect of a booster dose. **Wijayaratne WMDGB**, De Silva N, Galagoda GCS.

- An oral presentation done by the applicant at the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions of Sri Lanka Medical Association 2009. Ceylon Medical Journal 2009;54(1):36.
- 10 An outbreak of *Salmonella paratyphi* A in Colombo, Sri Lanka. <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>, Chandrasiri P. The 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Antimicrobial Agents and Resistance, Bangkok, Thailand, March 2009;162.
- 11 An analysis of automated blood culture results in National Hospital of Sri Lanka. <u>Wijayaratne</u> <u>WMDGB</u>, Chandrasiri P. The 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Antimicrobial Agents and Resistance, Bangkok, Thailand, March 2009;299.
- 12 Seroconversion following hepatitis B immunisation in the expanded programme on immunisation in Sri Lanka and the effect of a booster dose. <u>Wijayaratne WMDGB</u>, De Silva N, Galagoda GCS. An oral presentation done by the applicant at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Sessions of Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2009. The Bulletin of the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists 2009;7(1):21.
- 13 Protective efficacy of Hepatitis B vaccine in the National Immunisation Programme in Sri Lanka. Wijayaratne WMDGB, De Silva N, Galagoda GCS. An oral presentation done by the applicant at the 10<sup>th</sup> South East Asia Regional Scientific Meeting of the International Epidemiological Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka, May 2010. Proceedings of IEA 2010:56.
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- Knowledge, attitudes and practices on venous blood collection among the nurses in Teaching Hospital Karapitiya. Amarasinghe AATDK, <u>Wijavaratne WMDGB</u>, Gamage MWK. Proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Academic Sessions of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka; Ruhuna Journal of Medicine October 2015;3(1):59.
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#### FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARHIPS

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#### **GRANTS**

1 NRC Rapid Response Grants – R & D Interventions against COVID-19 (Grant No. NRC CVD 20-07)

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4 NRC Investigator Driven Grants – 2019 (NRC Grant No. 19-099)

Status: Co-investigator, Period: 36 months from July 2019, Value: LKR 6,083,086/=

Title: A "One health" approach: the epidemiology of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* isolated from humans and animal products in Southern Sri Lanka

5 University Grant Commission - "UGC Special Allocation for Strengthening Research" Research Grant (RU/PG-R/16/03)

Status: Co-investigator, Period: 2016-2018, Value: LKR 1.92 million

Title: "Baseline colonization and in hospital transmission of methicillin – resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) among surgical patients at Teaching Hospital Karapitiya"

National Science Foundation – Research Programme on Health Science – 2016/2017 (Grant NO. RPHS/2016/D 04)

Status: Co-investigator, Period: 2016-2018, Value: LKR 5.0 million

Title: "Developing an effective epidemiological surveillance system for dengue in Southern Province of Sri Lanka"

7 Galle Medical Association, Research Grant – 2016

Status: Co-investigator, Period: 2016 – 2017, Value: LKR 200,000/-

Title: "Do they really matter in infection control? White coats, neckties and bare hands below elbow policy in health care workers"

8 Faculty Research Grant 2007

Status: Principal investigator, Period: 1 year (2007), Value: LKR 120,480/= Title: "Seroconversion following Hepatitis B immunization in the Expanded Programme on Immunization in a selected MOH area in the Galle District"

#### 9 Faculty Research Grant 2018

Status: Principal investigator, Period: 1 year, Value: LKR 296,875/=

Title: "A study on use of a mobile app to improve the rational use of antibiotics at the level of a tertiary care hospital in Southern Province, Sri Lanka" – First Stage

#### 10 Faculty Research Grant 2019

Status: Principal investigator, Period: 1 year, Value: LKR 217,142/=

Title: "A study on use of a mobile app to improve the rational use of antibiotics at the level of a tertiary care hospital in Southern Province, Sri Lanka" – Second Stage

#### 11 Faculty Research Grant 2019

Status: Principal investigator, Period: 2019, Value: LKR 185,000/=

Title: Burden of Meningitis and Enchephalitis at Teaching Hospital Karapitiya

#### DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE

A presentation "Organization of Infection Control in hospitals" at the workshop for the Infection Control Nurses in the Galle District held at the Teaching Hospital Mahamodara, from 7th – 9th February 2007. Organized by the Provincial Director of Health Services Office Galle and Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, Galle and funded by the UNICEF

#### 2 Dissertation of MD Medical Microbiology of PGIM, University of Colombo

Topic "Seroconversion following Hepatitis B immunization in Expanded Programme on Immunization in a selected MOH area in Galle District" - 2010.

http://librepository.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/handle/1/1686

- A presentation on "I've got enterovius, get me out of here" emphasizing the results of the study on onsite molecular testing for enterovius on CSF samples; at the Pathology Directorate Audit Meeting held at the Royal Preston Hospital, NHS Foundation Trust, Preston, UK on 14.03.2013.
- 4 A presentation on "Infection Control in General Dental Practice" at the Regional Scientific Sessions Southern Branch of the Sri Lanka Dental Association on 31.08.2014 held at Hotel Citrus, Hikkaduwa
- 5 A series of presentations on "Cosmetology Infection control principals & practices" in the special programme "සුව, නැණ, රුව, දිරිය " (Suwa, Nana, Ruwa Diriya) organized by the Department of Health Services Southern Province along with "රූතලන" (Rukalana) Institute to promote safety in beauty culture centers in the southern province. (30.09.2014 Galle, 14.10.2014. Matara, 28.10.2014 Hambanthota)
- A presentation on "Rational use of antibiotics" at the in service training programme for Dental Health Staff working in Southern Province, organized by the Deputy Director General Health Services at the Ministry of Health Colombo; at the RDHS Office, Galle on 05.12.2014.

#### 7 Zika: A new kind of unexpected pandemic?

Wijayaratne WMDGB, publication of the MED-Ru Medical Exhibition, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. March 24-31 2016; 45-48.

A presentation on "Bacterial pneumonia; Prevention & infection control" in the Annual Education and Evaluation programme of Infection Control and Microbiology (AEEICM 2016) held at Provincial Training Center, Unawatuna, Galle on 13.10.2016.

- 9 A presentation on "Screening of Food handlers" at the Conference on Foodborne Diseases and Food Safety conducted by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna in collaboration with the Nutritional Society of Sri Lanka on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- 10 **Dengue in Sri Lanka: Burden & Challenges**Invited lecture at the Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI), Duke University, US on 06.09.2018 as a Duke Visiting Scholar in the Global Health Exchange Lecture Series. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vcst7-e4pXk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vcst7-e4pXk</a>
- A presentation and a practical demonstration on "**Spill management**" at the Training Programme on biosafety and biosecurity for core groups in laboratory sector in Sri Lanka held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Light House Hotel, Galle; organized by the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka.
- 12 වැඩිහිට් ඔබ මුත්රා ආසාදනයක් වලක්වා ගන්නේ කෙසේද? වෛයද්ය ගයා බණ්ඩාර විජයරත්න, "සන්හිඳ" Sanhinda දක්ෂිණ ලංකා අභිමානය ISBN 978 955 0175 00 0
- 13 කොරෝනා වෛරසයට ඔබත් බියෙන්ද? මෙන්න විසදුම.. වෙදදුරු අසපුව - Haride TV, <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeXwvyEisUs</u>
- 14 කොරෝනා රෝගය ගැන දැනගන්න .. වෙදදුරු අසපුව - Haride TV, One-hour awareness program on telecasted live.
- 15 **Situation of COVID-19 infection in Sri Lanka**A presentation on the present situation of COVID-19 infection in Sri Lanka with its effects on the health system and the economy at the **Priority partner COVID Presentations made at the DGHI Faculty Meeting** held on 8th may 2020.
- A presentation on "Precautions & actions for COVID-19 prevention" in the online Seminar on COVID-19 for Medical Students Organized by the Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna on 16th Saturday May 2020 at 8.30 am.
- 17 "Managing antibiotic Resistance Ask the Experts" A live webinar on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020 organized by the Cipla pharmaceuticals. https://blueberry.webcastlive.co.in/c656/
- A presentation on "Issues related to microscopy centers for TB in private hospitals" at the Private Public Mix (PPM) working group meeting regarding Tuberculosis held on 27th August 2020 at the Southern Provincial Health Training Center Auditorium at the Regional Director of Health Services Office, Unawatuna; organized by the District Chest Clinic Galle.

#### MEMBERSHIP OF SOCITIES

- 1 Galle Medical Association (GMA) Life Member since 2002
- 2 Ruhuna Medical School Alumni Association (RUMSAA) Member since 2002
- 3 **Ruhuna Faculty of Medicine Teachers Association (RFMTA) Member since** 2004
- 4 **Sri Lanka Medical Council** Registered member (Reg.No:18999)
- 5 Sri Lanka Collage of Microbiologists Member since 2007 (LN112)
- 6 Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) Life Member since 2007 (1938/3)
- 7 **General Medical Council, UK (GMC)** Member since 2012 (7290344)
- 8 National Science Foundation (NSF), Sri Lanka Science & Technology Management Information System (STMIS) (NSF/STMIS/10/8142)

#### POST OF RESPONSIBILITY – FACULTY LEVEL

- 1 Head Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine 01.04.2015 to 31.07.2020
- 2 Information Technology committee member / convenor since 2005 to date
- 3 Faculty Research Committee Member/convenor since 2014
- 4 Academic Warden male hostel 01.03.2017 to 29.02.2020.
- 5 Student counselor, Faculty of Medicine 01.09.2014 to 22.11.2017
- 6 Sports coordinator for basketball Faculty of Medicine 2019/2020
- 7 Curriculum development and evaluation committee member
- 8 Canteen Committee Member 2013
- 9 Technical Evaluation Committees and Bid Opening Committees Chairperson/Member
- 10 Ethical Review Committee Member 2 years from 17.01.2014
- 11 Library Committee Member 2 years from 17.01.2014
- 12 Faculty Housing Committee Member 21.02.2017 31.07.2020
- 13 Internal Quality Assurance Cell Member 2016
- 14 Development of faculty newsletter member 2020
- 15 Ruhuna Medial Faculty Teachers Association (RFMTA) Social secretary 2016/2017 & Secretary 2019/2020
- 16 Other Faculty Board appointed sub-committees member
- 17 Medical Exhibitions member in the organizing committee 2006 and 2016
- 18 Faculty of Medicine Academic Sessions (FMAS) member/chairperson in the organizing committee from 2016 to date
- 19 Foundation Module for New Entrant Medical students coordinator/resource person I 2018-2019
- 20 Mentor for undergraduate students since 2006

#### POST OF RESPONSIBILITY – UNIVERSITY LEVEL

- 1 University Publication Unit Faculty representative 2016
- 2 Board of disciplinary and residence Member 2017/2018
- 3 University Academic Sessions and Vice Chancellors Award Ceremony Faculty representative 2014 and 2016
- 4 Interfaculty dancing and Literature Competition (IFDLC) 2019- Member of the Organizing Committee
- 5 Grand Finale of Orator of the Year 2018 Member of the Organizing Committee
- 6 13<sup>th</sup> Sri Lanka University Games (SLUG) 2019 Faculty Member of the Decoration Committee
- 7 Technical Evaluation Committees of the AHEAD Programme, University of Ruhuna Chairperson/ Member

#### CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL LEVEL/OTHER INSTIUTIONS

- 1 Member of the editorial board Galle Medical Journal 01.01.2016 to date
- 2 Ruhuna Medical School Alumni Association (RUMSAA) Treasurer since 27.03.2016.
- 3 Board of Study in Microbiology, PGIM, University of Colombo- member since 01.06.2018
- 4 PGIM, University of Colombo Trainer in Medical Microbiology training, Lecturer in the postgraduate diploma in Medical Microbiology and MD in Pathology training programmes, examiner in the Selection Examination for postgraduate Diploma in Medical Microbiology and CBLS assessment of Pathology and an Academic advisor for the Postgraduate trainees in Medical Microbiology since 2014.
- 5 Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists Secretary 2018/2019
- 6 Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists contributed to the development of national guidelines, training of health care staff in infection prevention and control at national level and on biosafety and biosecurity, antimicrobial surveillance activities at the national level, projects, programmes and workshops conducted by the college.
- 7 Contribution to the national COVID-19 diagnostic network Establishment of the COVID-19 RT-PCR testing facilities at the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna and provide surveillance testing for the Southern Province for ILI like patients selected from the outpatient departments.
- 8 Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology SLINTEC Provided testing support to the developed products of the SLINTEC
- 9 Programmes coordinated by the Chief Secretory of the Southern Province represented the Dean, Faculty of Medicine
- 10 District Coordinating Committee (DCC) of the Galle represented the Dean, Faculty of Medicine 2016-2017
- 11 Public Health Laboratory in the Southern Province Honorary specialist microbiology services to establish and continue the functions of the laboratory
- 12 Provincial Director of Health Services Southern Province Honorary specialist microbiology services to investigate outbreak situations and problems related to infection prevention and control for the hospitals in the province, conducting training sessions to Health care staff, member/chairperson of the Technical Evaluation Committees
- 13 Reviewer of research proposals and competitive research grant applications of national level institutions such as NSF and MRI.
- 14 Development of a mobile app for the National Guidelines on Empirical and prophylaxis use of antimicrobials, with the permission of Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists.
- Supervising the local training/attachment and research of students of International Universities such as Duke University US, University of Burmingham, University of Mysore India and Lovely Professional University India.