

Message from the Student Chairperson

It is with great humility and gratefulness that I pen my thoughts on PeMSARC 25', as the Student Chair for this conference. PeMSARC is an event that has become an indispensable part of the legacy of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, with its primary focus on enabling and encouraging the future of medical research and discovery.

With three conferences having been completed, it is quite important for me to state that a central reason for the success of this conference, is the unimaginable foundation that has been built for us by the years before. It reminds me of Dwight D. Eisenhower saying that "Each generation stands on the shoulders of the one before it", in the same way we hope to build for those who will come once we are gone.

PeMSARC is a conference that brings together a variety of moving parts. From the undergraduates who form the bulk of the organising process, to the academic staff without whose guidance and wisdom this conference would not attain the standard that it has, to the rest of the working personnel of our faculty, whose contribution is vital to the success of this event, our community truly comes together to ensure the best possible experience for all those involved. And dare I say, that makes this conference one of the finest of its kind. We, those who call this faculty home, in the spirit of unity and curiosity are proud to present the 4th edition of Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Conference 2025.

PeMSARC has become a beacon for the curious. And I hope it continues to light the way for those who wish to make their mark in the sphere of medical sciences. It is my belief that efforts of this kind will continue to stimulate the minds of those who witness it, paving the way for a future of discovery, innovation and breakthroughs, and ever climbing standards of our Faculty.

In the end, as William Butler Yeats one said, "Education is not the filling of the pail, but the lighting of a fire". A fire that I hope will burn long and bright, in all of us, for years to come.



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