

Message from the Co-Chair

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“Science is based on evidence, and research is the tool to find evidence”.

It would be imperative for an apprentice of any scientific discipline to engage in research to find evidence based solutions to problems presented, as there would not be progress in any discipline without scientific observations and experiments. This is more so for medical practitioners where opinions and directives often on life and death matters need to be carefully founded on scientific evidence.

PeMSARC, a conference chiefly organized by students for students, provides the platform to hone the conceptual, analytical and dissemination skills of novice medical researchers by supplementing to the CLR module of undergraduate curriculum. Backed by the unparalleled success of the inaugural conference last year, I am proud to be a member of the team and work along with immense young talents organizing PeMSARC’23, the second annual research conference of Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.

The conference will showcase the research work of undergraduates, postgraduates and academic staff members of the faculty, while also providing stage for innovations by talented non-academics. Taking one step ahead, this year we have opened the conference for scientific papers from other medical faculties and health units around the country. Pre congress workshop on ‘Research mindset and dissemination’ was already conducted successfully.

I congratulate the students and staff members of the organizing committee for getting together a wonderful program for PeMSARC’23 and all oral and poster presenters for their scientific contributions, while wishing for a pleasurable academic and social experience for all participants.



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