

Message from the Co-Chair

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As we gather for the Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Conference (PeMSARC'23), I cannot help but look back at the short yet remarkable journey we embarked upon. Our inaugural session held last year was a testament to the dedication, passion, and collective efforts of our academic community. We took a bold step in creating a platform for the exchange of ideas, research, and innovation within the field of medicine, and the response was nothing short of spectacular. The importance of a research conference of this nature is multifaceted and extends to the undergraduate, postgraduate, academic, and professional communities.

With PeMSARC'23, we embark on a new chapter, building upon the foundation we laid last year. PeMSARC'23 represents the culmination of months of hard work, dedication, and profound commitment by the PeMSARC'23 organizing committee, which consists of a dedicated team of academic and non-academic staff members and a highly efficient group of medical students. I do not doubt that this year's conference will be even more successful and have an even greater impact on the field of medicine. As we continue to grow, let us remain committed to the spirit of research collaboration, curiosity, and excellence that has brought us to this point.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed Vice-Chancellor and Dean, Professor M.D. Lamawansa, and Professor Vasanti Pinto, for their unwavering support and encouragement. My sincere thanks also go to my co-chairperson, members of the executive committee, chairpersons, and members of all sub-committees of the PeMSARC'23 for their continued support and dedication in organising this event. A special note of appreciation goes to the reviewers and judges, who have played instrumental roles in making this event a resounding success. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Peradeniya Medical School Alumni Association – United Kingdom (PeMSAA- UK) for their generous financial support for the PeMSARC'23 pre-congress workshop and would like to thank them for being a part of this remarkable journey. Furthermore, I appreciate all the arduous efforts of students and non-academic staff members. Together, we are shaping the future of medical research and education, and I am excited to see where our collective efforts will take us in the years to come.

I look forward to celebrating the achievements and discoveries that await us at PeMSARC'23.



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