



25 *Years of Service to South – East Asia*
1973 - 1998



Medical Education Unit
Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
(WHO Regional Teacher Training Centre)



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Introduction to the Medical Education Unit

Medical Education Unit was established in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka in 1973. Together with the Medical Education Unit at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, the MEU at Peradeniya was recognized by the WHO as Regional Centers for Teacher Training (RTTC). From its inception the MEU conducts workshops on Health Professional Education. The two week Educational Technology workshops conducted by the MEU became very popular among the health professionals in the region. In Sri Lanka, the MEU has a tradition of working with other institutions sharing expertise and at the present time, MEU collaborates closely with the Ministry of Health, the Nursing and Medical Schools and the World Health Organization.

In the late seventies and early eighties MEU's activities were at a peak. This was to be followed by a dark period. MEU's activities came to a virtual standstill in mid eighties when its entire academic staff left the University.

The present Director joined the MEU in May 1991. He was appointed the Director in early June 1994. It was only in 1998 that the total number of cadre positions were filled.

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Between 1992-94, the reborn MEU initiated its activities with a dedicated group of staff associates and by 1996 it has been able to regain some of the past glory.

All what the MEU has achieved during the past several years was with minimal support from outside. The period between 1990 to 1996 the MEU received only two short term fellowships for staff training. Although there was no regular financial commitment, the World Health Organization through the Ministry of Health, continued to support some of the programmes.

MEU looking out for mutually beneficial partnerships with outside centers has been only partly successful.

While being proud of its simple gains which have been achieved with minimal outside assistance, we look forward to excellence and service to Sri Lanka and the South East Asia Region.

Staff at MEU

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Technical Officer

U.S.K. Ekanayake

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Directors of the Medical Education Unit

Prof. T. Varagunam	(1973 - 1980)
Dr. Palitha Abeykoon	(1980 - 1982)
Dr. P. T. Jayawickramarajah	(1982 - 1984)
Dr. Gamini Premadasa	(1985 - 1987)
Prof. K. Jayasena	(1987 - 1989)
Dr. Ranil Abeyasinghe	(1990 - 1993)
Dr. Nimal D. Kasturiaratchi	(1994 - to date)

Staff Associates of the MEU

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Department of Psychiatry, Peradeniya

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Department of Biochemistry, Peradeniya

Department of Physiology, Peradeniya

Department of Paediatrics, Peradeniya

University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Nugegoda

Department of Buddhist Studies, Peradeniya

Department of Psychiatry, Peradeniya

Department of Parasitology, Peradeniya

Department of Oral Surgery, Peradeniya

Deputy Director, Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya

National Institute of Education, Maharagama

University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Nugegoda

Training Programmes offered during 1973 - 1998**1974**

09-14 December Workshop on Community Health aspects of Medical Education

1975

15-27 September Workshop on Educational Science for Teachers of Health Professionals

30-11 October Workshop on Educational Technology

1976

01-19 March Workshop on Trends in Educational Technology

19-30 April Workshop on Educational Science for University Teachers

23-31 October Course in Human Sexuality and Counseling Technique for Paramedical Personnel

01-12 November Course in Educational Science for Medical Teachers

1977

28 March-07 April	Workshop on Educational Science for Medical Teachers
28-29 April	Matching Health Manpower to Health Care Needs in Sri Lanka
30 May- 10 June	Workshop on Educational Science
05-08 August	Workshop in Human Sexuality for Medical Officers
26 Sept-07 Oct	Educational Science for Teachers of Health Professionals
12-23 Dec	Course in Educational Science

1978

20-31 March	Course in Educational Science
12-23 June	Course in Educational Science
22-23 July	Workshop of Heads of Departments
11-22 September	Course in Educational Science

1979

05-16 March	Course in Educational Science
13-24 August	Course in Educational Science
10-21 December	Course in Educational Science

1980

22-29 February	Workshop on Attitudes and their Measurement
03-14 March	Course in Educational Science
24-25 April	Workshop on Curriculum Development
08-09 March	Workshop on Working in Groups
15-16 May	Workshop on Educational Planning
23-24 May	Workshop on Test Construction
05-06 June	Workshop on Evaluation of Educational Process
19-20 June	Workshop on Educational Objectives
14-25 July	Course in Educational Science
01-08 August	Workshop on Construction of Self-learning Packages
04-05 September	Workshop on Evaluation of Clinical Performance
09-10 October	Workshop on Teaching Aids
13-14 November	Workshop on Research and Development in Education

1981

19-20 February	Workshop on Curriculum Development
09-20 March	Workshop on Course in Educational Science
23-24 April	Workshop on Clinical Evaluation Techniques
14-15 May	Workshop on Attitudes and their Measurement
20-21 July	Course in Educational Science
18-21 August	Workshop on Research in Medical Education
22-24 September	Workshop on Self instructional Packages
12-24 October	Regional Teacher Educational Program in Maternal and Child Health

1982

26-28 January	Workshop on Educational Technology for Teachers of Trinity College
10-13 February	Workshop on Management of Health Professions Education
25-26 March	Workshop on Motor Skills Training
19-30 April	Course in Educational Science
14-15 May	Workshop on Clinical Evaluation
02-14 August	Regional Teacher Education Programme in Maternal & Child Health
06-17 December	Course in Educational Science

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1983

17-19 February	Workshop on Self-instructional Packages
21 Feb-04 March	Course in Educational Science for Teachers of Medical Assistants in Bangladesh
31 March-02 April	Workshop on Educational Measurement
26 June-08 July	Course in Educational Science
20-22 December	Workshop on Management of Health Professional Education

1984

31 May-01 June	Workshop on Test Construction
18-29 June	Course in Educational Science
26-27 September	Workshop on Attitudes
10-21 December	Course in Educational Science

1985

05 February	Workshop on Group Activity and Leadership
22 June	Workshop on MCQ, Board of Study in Pathology PGIM
25-26 July	Workshop on Statistics in Educational Research
10 August	Workshop on Formulation of MCQ for MD part II

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21-23 August	Workshop on Self-instructional Packages
19 October	Workshop on Formulation of MCQ for part I Examination
25-26 November	Workshop on Teaching Methodology
1986	
26 September	Workshop on Student Counseling
11 January	Workshop on Formulation of MCQ for MD part II Ophthalmology and Dental Surgery
01-12 December	Course in Basic Health Care for Estate Medical Assistants and Junior Medical Estate Assistants
1987	
26-06 February	Workshop on Educational Science for University Teachers
01-02 May	Workshop on Multiple Choice Questions
18-19 August	Workshop on Principles and Strategies of Evaluation
1989	
27-31 March	Workshop on Methodologies in Health Manpower Research

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1990	
01-02 March	Workshop on Advance Statistics
28-30 November	Workshop on Educational Science for Teachers at Gampaha Ayurvedic School
20-21 December	Workshop on Educational Science for Medical School Teachers
1991	
27-28 June	Workshop on Evaluation
24-26 April	Workshop on Mental Health
05-09 August	Workshop to Evaluate WHO Handbooks on Surgery and Anesthesia
03-04 October	Workshop on Teaching Methods
1992	
09-10 July	Workshop on Teaching Methods
06th September	Workshop to Review the Revised Pre-clinical Curriculum
19-23 October	Workshop on Educational Technology for Teachers of Trinity College Kandy
07-18 December	Workshop on Educational Technology

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1993

- 15-16 July Workshop on Teaching Methods & Evaluation
 12-13 October Workshop on Counseling for Affiliated University Colleges
 13-14 December Course in Educational Technology

1994

- 26-28 January Workshop on Educational Technology

1995

- 23-25 February Production of Medical Illustrations
 29 May - 9 June Workshop on Educational Science

1996

- 24-26 April Workshop on Relevance of Social Science to Medicine
 26-29 June Regional Workshop on Medical Ethics
 04 September Workshop on Low Birth Weight and Nutrition
 14-24 September Workshop on EMIC and Qualitative Methods
 27 Oct-1 November Regional Workshop on Medical Ethics

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1997

- 24-27 February Regional Training Workshop in Medical Ethics
 6 April Workshop on Critical Evaluation of Postgraduate Training in Dermatology
 02-06 July ALC Workshop on Skin Diseases for Research Assistants
 20 July-1 August Workshop on Educational Technology for Young Teachers
 26-28 September Evaluation meeting of the Innovation in Health Professional Educational Program
 29 Sept-03 October Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis for young Teachers
 20-31 October Workshop on Rational Pharmacy Practice and Dispensing Practice
 01-05 November Workshop on Nursing Ethics

1998

- 23-25 February Workshop on Research Methodology for Academic Staff of Gampaha Wickramaarchchi Ayurveda Institute
 13-15 July Regional Workshop Dynamics of Paramedical Workforce
 19-23 October Regional Training Workshop on Medical Ethics for WHO fellows
 12-13 November Workshop on Evaluation & Examinations Conducted for Board of study in Microbiology

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Summary of events by Workshop Category

Advance Statistics	02	Medical Ethics	05
Attitudes and their Measurement	02	Mental Health	02
Basic Health Care	01	Nursing Ethics	01
Clinical Evaluation	02	Nutrition	01
Curriculum Development	04	Qualitative Methods	01
Dynamics of Paramedical Workforce	01	Research Methodologies	03
Educational Planning & Research	06	Self Instructional Packages	04
Educational Technology	39	Social Science in Medicine	01
Evaluation of Educational Process	02	Student Counseling	03
Human Resources for Health	01	Test Construction	05
Human Sexuality	02	Working in Groups	02
Maternal & Child Health	02		

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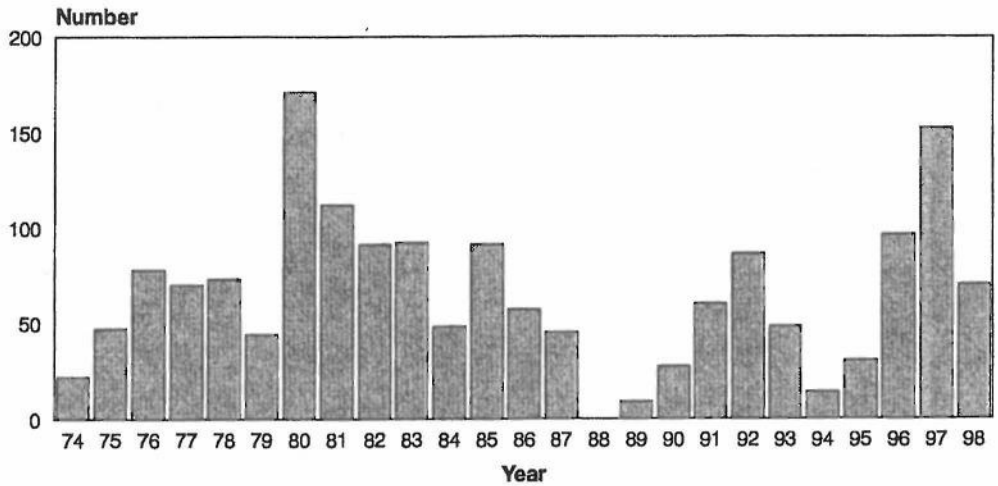
Consultancy Services Provided to the following Agencies and Institutions

UNICEF
 IFFAD
 IRDP-Badulla
 SLAVSC
 Anti Leprosy Campaign
 Mahaweli Authority, Kotmale
 Faculty of Medicine, Ragama
 College of Medical Administrators
 College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

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Participant Information

MEU's Contribution to Human Resource Development in the SEA Region 1973 - 1998

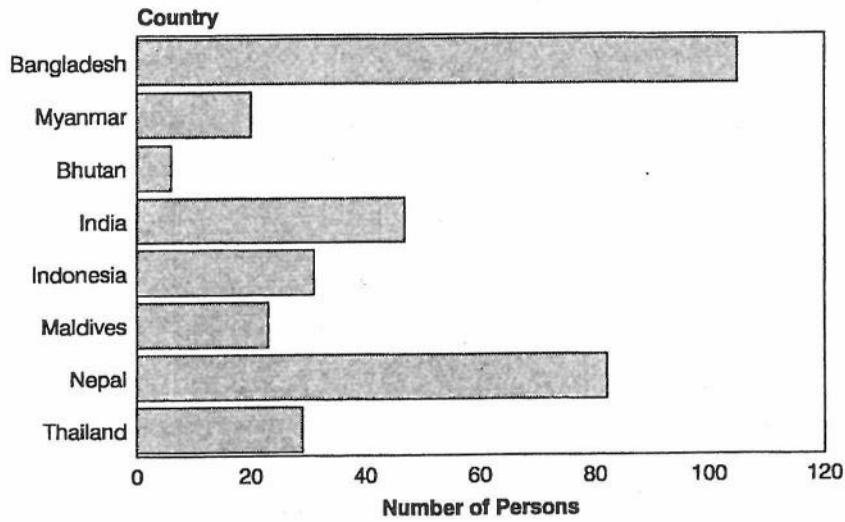


Trainee Characteristics at a "glance"

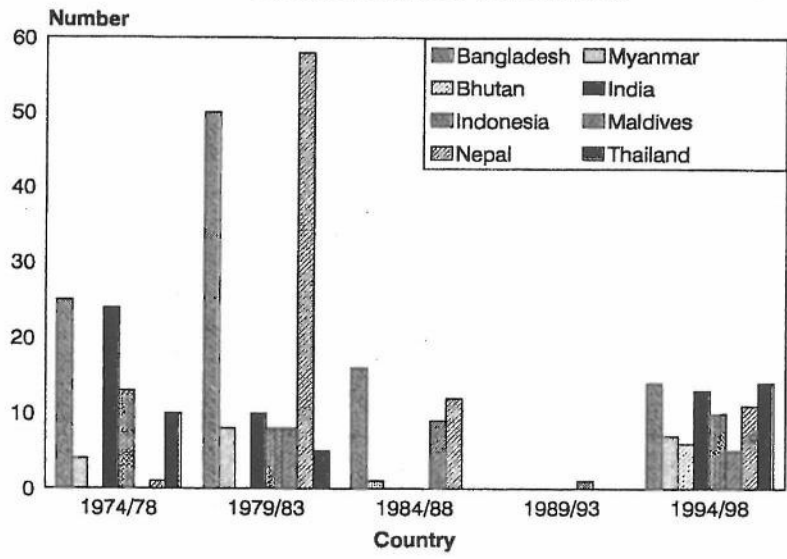
Local Participants	1173	Medical Teachers	765
Foreign Participants	292	Others	700
Total	1465	Total	1465

Physicians	872
Allied Health	376
Others	217
Total	1465

Participant by Countries



Health Professionals Trained by MEU
Break down in 5 Year Blocks



In the future we look forward to...

- Collaboration with other regional training centres to develop quality programmes
- Support from the international agencies in developing our capacities to become more effective trainers
- Be involved with the national health system in determining policies
- Direct assistance from the WHO with a separate biannual budgetary allocation
- Provide innovative human resource development programmes
- More international recognition for our centre