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Dean Faculty of Medicine University of Peradeniya Peradeniya

Dear Sir/Madam

Changing the Date & the Fee of the Workshop on Household & Home Garden Ants & Their Importance

Due to some unavoidable circumstances the workshop on "Household & Home Garden Ants & Their Importance" which was scheduled to be held on 24th and 25th May 2014, would be rescheduled to be held on 21st and 22nd June 2014. And also the course fee has been reduced to Rs. 8,000.00 at the request of the prospective undergraduate participants.

We therefore invite you to kindly disseminate this message to your colleagues/employees who would be in a position to be benefited from this workshop. Detailed syllabus of the workshop and method of application is attached herewith for your reference.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and apologies for the inconvenience caused.

Yours faithfully

Professor S R D Kalingamudali (BSc (Kelaniya), PhD (Sheffield), CSci, CEng, CPhys, FIET, FInstP, FIP(SL))

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Workshop on

Household & Home Garden Ants & Their Importance

Introduction: Ants are common in homes and home gardens of Sri Lanka. Identification of ant species, which affect human health and home garden crops are of special interest and very useful in day to day life.

Objectives:

This course will enable participants to acquire knowledge and skills on the following.

- Identification of household ants to the species level in the field & laboratory.
- Identification of home garden ants to species level in the field and laboratory.
- Identification of species that cause allergic reactions (in the field and laboratory).
- Acquire knowledge on symptoms and pathogenesis of ant stings.
- Prevention of the development of ill health conditions due to ant stings.



Course Outline:

- Household Ants: Collection and Identification, Microhabitats, Biology, Agricultural Importance.
- Home Garden Ants: Collection and Identification, Microhabitats, Biology.
- Medical Importance: Household and Home Garden Ants.
- Allergic Reactions to Ant Venom: Symptoms and Pathogenesis.
- Management of severe anaphylaxis in Sri Lanka.



<u>Target Audience</u>: Ant Researchers, Medical Students, Undergraduate Students, Farmers, etc.

Duration: 02 Days.

Date of Commencement: 21st June 2014

Time: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

<u>Medium</u>: Mostly in English (Sinhala explanation can be provided on request).

<u>Venue</u>: Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya.

Resource Personnel:

- Professor(Mrs.) R. K. S. Dias Department of Zoology, University of Kelaniya.
- Dr.(Mrs.) Asoka Ratnatillake Consultant Physician, Colombo National Hospital.
- Dr. Charith S B Herath Registrar, Colombo National Hospital.

Method of Payment & Registration:

Please submit the duly completed application form with a cheque for Rs. 8,000.00 drawn in favour of "University of Kelaniya" on or before 16th June 2014 addressed to Ms. P G M O Pallewatta, Dean's Office, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya or you may call over at the Dean's Office, Faculty of Science for the submission of the completed application and payment of the course fee.

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Workshop on Household & Home Garden Ants & Their Importance

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