

NEWSLETTER

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA



January - June 2016

Issue 02 - Volume i

*Editor
Dr.J.Kennedy*

The Induction of the New Vice Chancellor



Dr. T. Jayasingam assumed duties as the 8th Vice Chancellor of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka on 22nd January, 2016. The induction of the new Vice Chancellor was ceremonially held on 29th January, 2016 at the Nalliah Auditorium, EUSL. Prof. Uma Coomarasamy, the Former Competent Authority formally inducted the new Vice Chancellor. Dr. K. E. Karunaharan had introduced the new Vice Chancellor.

Dr. T. Jayasingam got his Bachelor's degree in Botany at the University of Peradeniya in 1977, Doctor of Philosophy at the University College of North Wales, Bangor, U.K in 1985, Bachelor of Legislative Law at the Open university of Sri Lanka in 2003, Attorney-at-Law at the Sri Lanka Law College in 2007, Certificate/ Civilian Peace Keeping and Good Governance at the Austrian Peace Institute and Peace Institute France in 2004, Int Diploma- Herbarium Techniques at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, England in 2002, Certificate in Remote sensing at the University of Stockholm in 1996, and Certificate in GIS at the Australian National University in 2002.

From the Desk of the Editor



The Volume – I Issue – 2 of the Newsletter (January to June 2016) of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka is in your hands now after a heavy and tireless job. It is not only my "own" work, but I have a big team behind me to push this Newsletter to be published. The name of the University is always static, but the life of the University is dynamic with the programmes and other such works, with the academics and the non-academics, and the administrative officers of the system. This Newsletter is a proof for the above dynamic process and shows how the Eastern University, Sri Lanka lives with the "latest." Also it is a must to show the "latest" to the world because the world is watching us, for, it needs many things from us. Let me quote Coleridge which is true to every sense of this publication: "Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm."

Appointment of the New Deputy Vice Chancellor



Dr. K. E. Karunaharan was appointed as the new Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka with effect from 16.05.2016.

One day Training Programme on “Crop Protection”



A training programme on “Crop Protection” was conducted on 18th May by the Department of Agricultural Biology to the farmers from the Batticaloa district. The farmers were trained to incorporate eco-friendly crop protection techniques in their cultivation. Dr. (Mrs). R. F. Niranjana, Mr. K. Prasannath, Mrs. S. Karunakaran and Ms. S. Puvanitha served as resource persons for this training.

Exhibition



The Department of Agricultural Biology displayed a “Bio-control unit” at an exhibition, “Agri Fair 2016” organized by UNOPS, Batticaloa at Bridge Market, Kallady on 1st June to 3rd June 2016.

Publications

The following publications have been done by the staff attached to the Department of Agricultural Biology during the period 01.01.2016 – 30.06.2016:

- Niranjana R. F., Devi M., Shanika W. and Philip Sridhar R. (2016). Parasitism efficiency of *Trichogramma embryophagum* Htg. on the eggs of brinjal shoot and fruit borer, *Leucinodes orbonalis* Guenee (Lepidoptera: Crambidae). Proceedings of the International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. Pp 20-22
- Shanika, W. and Prasannath, K. (2016). Survey on diseases of banana and their management in Batticaloa district, Sri Lanka. International Journal of Research and Review. 3(2): 53-55.
- Karunakaran, S., Prasannath, K. and Shanika, W. (2016). Insecticidal Activity of Plant Powders against Rice Weevil, *Sitophilus oryzae* L. (Coleoptera: Curculionidae). International Journal of Research. 3(4): 427-429.
- Prasannath, K. (2016). Botanical insecticides - special reference to horticultural insect pest management: A review. International Journal of Advanced Research and Review. 1(5): 14-18.
- Puvanitha, S., Mahendran, S. and Sujirtha, N. (2016). Effects of salinity on the growth and yield of selected rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) cultivars at different growth stages. Proceedings of the 6th Research Symposium, Uva Wellassa University, Sri Lanka. p. 71. January 28-29, 2016.
- Mahendran, S. and Sujirtha, N. (2016). Effects of soil moisture stress on the nitrate reductase activity of selected chilli (*Capsicum annum* L.) cultivars during the flowering stage and its impact on yield. Proceedings of the International Symposium on Agriculture and Environment 2016, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. pp. 17-19. January 13, 2016.
- Mahendran, S. and Sujirtha, N. (2016). Effects of soil moisture stress on the “Free Proline” and “Chlorophyll a” contents of selected tomato (*Solanum esculentum* Mill.) cultivars in the sandy regosols. Proceedings of the 3rd Ruhuna International Science and Technology Conference, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. p. 8. January 28, 2016.
- Mahendran, S. and Sujirtha, N. (2016). Effect of soil moisture stress on the indole-3-acetic acid (IAA) oxidase activity of three selected chilli (*Capsicum annum* L.) cultivars during the flowering stage and its impact on fruit yield. Proceedings of the 3rd Ruhuna International Science and Technology Conference, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. p. 41. January 28, 2016.
- Puvanitha, S. and Mahendran, S. (2016). Effect of salt stress on Relative water and Chlorophyll content in selected varieties of rice (*Oryza sativa* L.). Proceedings of the 4th International Conference, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. p. 9. March 10-11, 2016.

New Appointments/Promotions



Ms. W. Shanika has been appointed as the Lecturer (Probationary) to the Department of Agricultural Biology since 01st March 2016.

Ceremonial Opening of the Auditorium for Faculty of Arts and Culture



A new auditorium for Faculty of Arts and Culture was ceremonially opened by Prof. T. Jeyasingam, the Vice Chancellor, EUSL on 23.03.2016. Dr. K. Rajendram, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Culture, Mr. A. Pahirathan, Deputy Registrar, Capital Works & Planning, academics, and Non-academic staff of EUSL were present for this occasion.

Intensive English Language Training



Under the IDAS of HETC project 19 staff from Faculty of Arts & Culture had undergone enhancing English language capacity training on March, 2016. This training was conducted by the "International Language Centre, Colombo". Mr. M. Ravi, (Senior Lecturer) Activity Coordinator for English (IDAS) coordinated this event.

Tanjavur Tamil University Vice Chancellor's Visit to EUSL

Tanjavur Tamil University Vice Chancellor Prof. G. Baskaran visited to EUSL on the request of the Faculty of Arts & Culture on 16.02.2016. He delivered a special guest lecture on "Indian Philosophy and Culture". Prof. T. Jayasingam, Vice Chancellor of EUSL, Dr. K. Rajendram, Dean of FAC, academics, and students of EUSL were present in this occasion.



Special Lecture on "Folkloristic Methodologies and Theories"



Dr. G. Stephen, Professor & Head, Dept. of Tamil Studies, Dean, Languages from Manonmaniam Sunderanar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu delivered a special lecture on "Folkloristic Methodologies and Theories" at the board room of Faculty of Arts & Culture on 29.06.2016. In his speech he has emphasized the interaction of folklore with disciplines such as Sociology, Anthropology and Linguistics and also explained methodologies and its theories used to research in folkloristics in Tamil context.

Programme of "Diversity as the Richness of Co-existence"

Mrs. S. Kesavan, Head, Dept. of Hindu Civilization has delivered a speech on Hinduism to the students of EUSL on "Diversity as the Richness of Co-existence" organized by Inter Cultural Dialogue Foundation, Turkey on 08.04.2016



Social welfare activities of Academics and Students

Discovery of Archeological sites in Murukkan Theevu Village Batticaloa

Archeological remains have been discovered in Koralaipattu D.S. Division, Batticaloa District by researchers from Dept. of History recently. Archeological remains have been identified in the Murukkan Theevu Village. A Brahmi inscription engraved stone, well-structured menhirs and a red pottery considered as prehistoric period have been found in this village. The letters (Ra, Dha) have been identified in the Brahmi inscription engraved stone. The above evidences lead to the inferences that once upon a time Murukkan Theevu village was a settlement of megalithic people.



Finding of Archeological Remains in Cheddypalayam, Batticaloa

Some archeological remains have been discovered in Cheddypalayam by researchers from Dept. of History, FAC, EUSL recently. There have been identified black & red pottery sherds of megalithic culture. The above evidences reveal the facts that human settlements had been found since B.C.1000 and there was a megalithic culture in this village.



Finding of a Copper Plate in Kurukkal Madam Region, Batticaloa



A copper plate concerning land donation of Veeramunai temple was identified in Kurukkal Madam Region in Batticaloa district by researchers from Dept. History, FAC, EUSL. A Brahmi inscription in the copper plate contains 37 lines that belong to 16th & 17th centuries. This inscription speaks on land donation. Many historical evidences including Feudal system are known from this inscription and this inscription is identified to the period of Kingdom of Kandy.

Forum on Nutritious food and Non-Poison food

Awareness forum on Nutritious food and Non-Poison food was held on at Manampitya Tamil Maha Vidhiyalayam in Polonaruwa. This programme was organized by the 2nd year Sociological students of Dept. of Social Sciences for the parents and the students for in this region on 16.03.2016.



Forum on Significance of Education and Eradicating Drop outs



Awareness programme on the theme of "Significance of Education and Eradicating Drop outs" for Panamai Tamil Vidhiyalaya Students and their parents was organized by the 1st year Sociological students of Dept. of Social Sciences on 14.03. 2016.

Exhibition for Handicrafts and Indigenous Food

According to the syllabus of the 1st year students of Fine Arts, exhibition and selling of handicrafts and indigenous food was organized by the Dept. of Fine Arts on 18.03.2016. The concepts: Self-production, Management and Organizing Techniques were emphasized in this event. The Vice Chancellor of EUSL, the Dean of FAC and the Director of Swami Vipulanantha Institute of Aesthetic Studies were present for this occasion.



Pattipongal Event -2016



"Pattipongal" Event was organized by Dept. of Fine Arts for the purpose to include socio- economic and cultural traditions into teaching and learning process of the curriculum of the Department on 22.01.2016. This event was organized by the Dept. of Fine Arts

Pulikooththu



In view of dawn of Chithirai new year -2016, "Pulikooththu" performance was organized Dept. of Fine Arts in front of Nirmugha Pillaiyar Temple, Vantharumoolai on 22.04. 2016.

Green way Forum



A forum on Green way was organized by Dept. of Fine Arts on 03.04.2016. Mr.Muthukrishnan, an activist from Tamil Nadu has participated and guided the event.

Publications and Research Activities of Academics

Dr.K.Rajendram

Dr.K.Rajendram, Dean of Faculty of Arts & Culture has participated in the short course on “Weather Forecasting using Numerical Weather Prediction Models” organized by CSSTEAP, Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Indian Space Research Organisation, Dehradun, India during April 18-May 17, 2016.

Dr .P. M. Hamthoon, Dept. of Arabic

Dr.P.M. Hamthoon has published Research Paper titled “*Mother’s Milk Banks in the Perspective of Islamic Law*” at the International Seminar Conducted by Dept. of Arabic, B.S.Abdul Rahman Engineering College, Madras, India-23.02.2016

Dr.P.M. Hamthoon has published the Research Paper titled “The Use of Modern Teaching Aids in the Arabic Language in Sri Lankan Universities” at the international Conference, conducted at Dubai, UAE, Sponsored by UNESCO. - 05.05.2016

Dr. V. Inpamohan, Dept. of Fine Arts

Dr. V. Inpamohan has published a research paper titled “*Mattakalppil Vedarkalum Kumara Deiva Sadangum*” in “*Hindu Oli*” –Part-II in the diamond Jubilee Souvenir of all Ceylon Hindu Congress, Colombo – 08.05.2016.

Mrs. S. Kesavan, Dept. of Hindu Civilization

Mrs. S.Kesavan, has presented a research paper titled “*Periyapurathil Iyyatkai*” in the International Conference organized by Dept. of Hindu Civilization, University of Jaffna held on 14.02.2016.

Mrs.S.Kesavan, Head, Dept. of Hindu Civilization has delivered a special speech on “Contributions to Society of Former Minister V. Nalliah” in the Nalliah memorial function at the Teaching training college, Batticaloa on 10.01.2016.

Mrs.S.Kesavan, Dept. of Hindu Civilization presented a research paper named “Nambiyandar Nanbi on Vinayagar” in the International Conference of “Pluralistic Approach of 11th Thirumurai” organized by Hindu Cultural Department, Colombo on 02.04.2016.

Mrs.S.Kesavan, has presented a research paper entitled “*Vipulananthar and Arumugha Navallar*” in the Souvenir of Diamond Jubilee Publication of all Ceylon Hindu Congress, Colombo, held on 08.05.2016.

“Dr. S. Santharasekaram, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Languages

Iru Noolkalin Velieetu Vizha” of Kavinjar Mera was held in the Kokkatticholai Cultural Hall on 12.06.2016. This event was organized by Regional Art, Literary and Social Development Union of Pattipalai. In this event Dr. S. Santharasekaram, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Languages has presented a critical review on the book “Characters in Cilapathikaram and Kannaki Vazhakkurai – A Comparative Study.” authored by Mera.

Mr.C.Sasitharan, Lecturer (Sociology), Department of Social Sciences

Mr.C.Sasitharan, Lecturer (Sociology), Department of Social Sciences has been awarded a certificate for presentation of a research paper entitled “Challenges Confronted by Women in Agribusiness : A Study Focused on Manmunai West DS Division”, at the Research Conference on Business Studies, Organized by Faculty of Management Studies, Vavuniya Campus of University of Jaffna on 24.06.2016

Mr S.ChandraKumar, Lecturer(Probationary) Dept. of Fine Arts

Mr.S.Chandrakumar has presented a research paper titled “*Kootharanga Katkai Neri Pitpullathil Kooththu Meel Uruvaakam patriya Thripupaduththalkalum Theliuvpaduththalkalum*” at 4th International Conference of EUSL on 10th &11th March 2016.

Mr.S.Chandrakumar has published a text book titled “*Naadakamoum Arangiyalum Tharam*” published by Kumaran Book House, Colombo, February, 2016.

Mr.S. Chandrakumar, Lecturer, Dept. of Fine Arts has facilitated and performed “Pulikooththu of Veddas Community” at Galle Musical Festival -2016 organized by Norwegian Embassy & Seva Lanka Foundation on 13.05.2016.

“Alanghararuban Thenmoodi Kooththu” produced by Dept. of Fine Arts was staged at the night on 27.03.2016 in view of celebrating the world Drama Day of Swami Vipulanantha Institute of Aesthetic Studies. This programme was facilitated and performed by S. Chandrakumar, Lecturer of Dept. of Fine Arts.

6th Art Literary Festival

6th Art Literary Festival organized by Kannaki Art and Literary Society was held on 25.06.2016 & 26.06.2016 at Kannan Kuda Maha Vidyalayam. In this programme Academics of Dept. of Languages, EUSL, Mrs.R.V. Francis, Head, Dept. of Languages has presented research paper on “Veera Naaranan” and Mr.K.Kuhan on “Meekaaman”. Prof. Ammankili Murughadhas was a reviewer of the research addresses. And Dr.S. Santhirasegaram participated as a special guest, Dr. V. Inpamohan, Head, Dept. of Fine Arts has also delivered a guest address in the event.

New appointments



Mr. S.L.M. Nashmel has been appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Arabic with effect from 01.01 .2016.



Mr. G.Gnanachandran has been appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in Discipline of Economics with effect from 11. 01. 2016.



Dr.R.Premkumar has been appointed as Senior Lecturer G.II in the Discipline of Philosophy at the Department of Social



Mr. Kopalappillai Kuhan has been appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Languages with effect from 01.02.2016.



Mr. Shandru Mariyadas has been appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Education & Child care with effect from 01.02.2016.



Mrs. Vijitha Thivakaran has been appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in Tamil at the Department of Languages with effect from 10. 05. 2016.

Professor Carlo Fonseka Challenge Trophy-4th Inter Medical Faculty Physiology Quiz Competition, 2016



The Physiological Society of Sri Lanka organized the competition on 25th June, 2016 at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. A team from Faculty of Health Care Sciences participated the event.

Standing from left: Mr. Suthakaran Vivian Trishan, Mr. Mohamed Meerasahib Mohamed Sathik (Leader)
Sitting from left: Ms Parasathilingam Sudharshiny, Ms Subahir Fazeeha Nasik, Ms Sinnathamby Janusha

Corporate membership from College of Medical Educationists



The College of Medical Educationists (CME), formerly the Forum of Sri Lankan Medical Educationists (FOSME) is one of the pioneering bodies dedicated to improve the quality of medical and health professions education in the country. Dept. of Medical Education & Research, Faculty of Health-Care Science, collaborate with CME to create a platform for ensure the standard delivery of medical and health care education in Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Mr Thillainathan Sathaanathan of the Department of Medical Education & Research appointed as a council member of CME from 8th March, 2016.

Workshop on Travel Medicine

The workshop was held on 19th May, 2016 at Lecture Theatre, FHCS. 3rd Year MBBS students and Final year BSc. Nursing students participated in the workshop. Mrs. Janet Shuldiner Hammer (Family Medicine Clinician & Cultural Anthropologist, USA) was the resource person of the workshop. Biological Counselling Centre, Batticaloa was the resource person of the above occasion.

Workshop to Improve Curriculum with More Clinical Teaching and Assessment



The workshop was held on 11th May, 2016 to improve the curriculum and the outcome of the academic staff. Prof. Mahesh Nirmalan (Director of Clinical Placements of Manchester Medical College, University of Manchester, United Kingdom) was the resource person for the workshop. The workshop was conducted in two different topics; "Impediments to professional and personnel development" and "Clinical placements in an integrated curriculum" for the Consultants of Teaching Hospital Batticaloa. Also a guest lecture was given by him to the 3rd and 4th year MBBS & BSc Nursing students on "Professional and Personnel Development" at auditorium of FHCS. All academic staffs of Faculty of Health-Care Sciences and Consultants of Teaching Hospital Batticaloa gathered with Prof. Mahesh Nirmalan in VC bungalow to conduct the Discussion on "Improve the Clinical Teaching and Assessment in FHCS"

Workshop on "Primary Care Teaching for Medical Doctors and Clinical Importance, New Updates in Primary Health Care"



Above mentioned workshop was organized by Department of Medical Education and Research for Primary Care Physicians on 10th April, 2016 at Batticaloa Regional Director of Health Service Office, Auditorium to develop a primary care physician team for improve the undergraduate MBBS Programme in the Eastern University. Following peoples contributed as resource person for the workshop:

Prof.P.T.Jayawickramarajah (Professor in Medical Education), Dr.S.Poologanathan (General Physician, England), Dr.R.Surendrakumar (Head, Dept. of Community and Family Medicine, University of Jaffna), Dr.S.Kumaran (Lecturer, Dept. of Community and Family Medicine, University of Jaffna), Dr.M.Umakanth (Consultant Physician & Lecturer, Dept. of Clinical Sciences, FHCS, EUSL) and Dr.K.Arulanandam (Lecturer, Dept. of Primary Health Care, FHCS, EUSL).

Workshop on “Mendeley Reference Manager” (05th April 2016)



Dept. of Medical Education & Research has organized a workshop on “Mendeley Reference Manager on 05th of April 2016 at Computer Lab of FHCS, for all academic staff of FHCS. Mr.S.Santharoban (Senior Assistant Librarian, FHCS) was the resource person of the workshop.

Series of Workshop for Medical Students, EUSL



A series of workshop were organized by Library/FHCS to 5th Batch of B.Sc Nursing Students of Faculty of Health-Care Sciences, Eastern University, Sri Lanka through Research Support Service (RSS) from 10th to 16th of February, 2016. Resource persons were Mr. T.Ramanan, Mr. M.N.Ravikumar and Mr. S.Santharoban. Mr.T.Ramanan, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a session on proposal writing and questionnaire designing. Mr.M.N.Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted session on Electronic resources and search engines. Mr.S.Santharoban Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a session referencing styles and Mendeley Reference Management software.

Publication and Research activities

Department of Human Biology

Somasiri KG, Rajwarman R, Naseefa M, Thayabaran M. “Comparision of Physical Health parameters of Medical students and Biological Science students of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka”. Full paper presented at 4th International Comferance of the Eastern University, 10th to 11th of March, 2016

Dr. (Mrs) M. Thayabaran – Senior Lecturer Gr.II

Thayabaran M and Yasawardena SG. “Neronal Control of Localized Inflammmtion through Functional Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors- A Mice Study.” Ceylo Medical Journal, Vol. 60, No. 4 December, 2015.

Krishokanth G, Arulanandem K, Sundaresan KT, Josepha J, Thayabaran M and Herath HMTP. “Prevelance and Risk of Diabetes Mellitus among Adults in Batticaloa District- A Pilot Study.” Full paper presented at 4th International Comferance of the Eastern University, 10th to 11th of March, 2016

Mrs. R. Sanjeev – Lecturer (Probationary)

Sanjeev R, Suresh TS, and Dahanayake JM,. “A Comparative Study on Anti-inflammatory Activity of Rasna Spthakaya Decoction with and without Dried Ginger Powder in Wistar Rats”. 3rd Annual Scientific Session, Sri Lanka Association for Laboratory Animal Sciences, 2016.

Sanjeev R, Suresh TS, and Dahanayake JM, . “A Study on Safety Evalution of Rasna Saphthakaya Decoction in Healthy Volunteers.” International Scientific Session, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 2016.

Mr. S.Santharoban, Senior Assistant Librarian

Mr. S.Santharoban, Mr.T.Ramanan, M.N.Ravikumar. “Documentation of Cultural Heritage of Batticaloa District of Sri Lanka: With Special Reference to Digitization of Palm-Leaf Manuscripts – A Project.” National Conference on Library and Information Science on 23rd June, 2016.

New Appointments and Promotions



Mr Thillainathan Sathanathan Senior Lecturer II in the Department of Medical Education & Research has been appointed as Head of Medical Education & Research, Faculty of Health-Care Science, with effect from 01st February 2016.



Mr Punithalingam Youhasan assumed duties as a Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Medical Education & Research, on 04th April 2016.



Dr. H.M.F.J Nazeefa has been appointed as the Lecturer (Probationary) of the Department of Human Biology with effect from 01.04.2016



Ms. Saranya Sathiyavasan has been appointed as the Lecturer (Probationary) of the Department of Human Biology with effect from 01.04.2016



Mr. V.Lokeesan has been appointed as the Lecturer (Probationary) of the Department of Supplementary Health Sciences with effect from 01.06.2016

Organized and participated World environmental day – 2016



Organized and participated World environmental day – 2016 program under the theme “Towards the Green Environment” in collaboration with World Vision Lanka at Batticaloa.



Award Received



Best Portfolio Report for the Staff Development Program-2016, University of Kelaniya, accredited by the University Grants Commission as an induction program for academic staffs of Sri Lankan universities ISO 9001-2008 certified
Best Presenter at the Staff Development Research Forum – 2016, University of Kelaniya, accredited by the University Grants Commission as an induction program for academic staffs of Sri Lankan universities ISO 9001-2008 certified

Research Publications

A. G. Johnpillai, K. S. Mahomed, C. Harley and F. M. Mahomed, Noether symmetry analysis of the dynamic Euler-Bernoulli beam equation, - Zeitschrift für Naturforschung A, 71(5)a, 447-456, 2016.

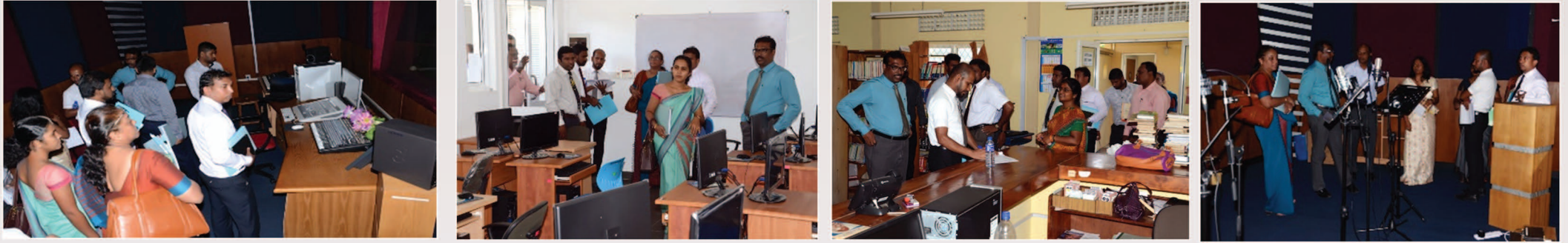
Collaborative Scientific Research Visits

Professor M. Lakshmanan, Centre for Nonlinear Dynamics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India, from 7-2-2016 to 13-2-2016.

New Year celebration

New Year celebration function was held on 01.01.2016 at the Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka with the hoisting of National flag by the Rector. All the staff members took oath and have participated in traditional event.

Visit of Cadre Review Committee



The Cadre Review Committee visited the Campus on 13.02.2016 to assess cadre requirements of the campus. Two members from the University Grants Commission and two members from the General Treasury were in the committee.

First Visit of the New Vice Chancellor



The new Vice Chancellor paid his first visit to the Campus on 19.01.2016 after his assumption of duties. He was the first Rector of the Trincomalee Campus of Eastern University, Sri Lanka. He planted a tree on the Campus premises to mark his assumption of duties.

Welcome for the New Entrants to the Campus



The enrollment of the First Year students for the academic year 2014/2015 took place on 29.02.2016 at the Campus Rector, Deans of the faculties, Heads of Departments and staff along with Proctor, Director of

Carrier Guidance and Marshal welcomed the new students. Parents of the students were also present for the programme.

Establishment of IT Park in Trincomalee Campus, ESUL



Preliminary discussion with Shreenivas Joshi, chief Technology Officer of Phoenix Informatix Private Ltd., India was at the Campus on 10.05.2016 on the establishment of IT Park in Trincomalee. The IT Park will be established with the collaboration of the Trinco Campus.

Site Inspection of the Establishment of Herbal Garden

Preliminary discussion and feasibility study was held on 14.05.2016 with Mr. Shreenivas Joshi for the establishment of a herbal garden at the Campus. Professor Piyal A. Marasinghe, Scientific Officer in Charge, Medical Plant Gardens was also present for the site inspection.

Workshop on "Factor Analysis and Anova"

A workshop on "Factor Analysis and Anova" was organized on 25th and 26th May, 2016 by the Staff Development Centre. The resource person Prof. B. Nirmalathan, university of Jaffna.

Acupuncture Clinic

Acupuncture clinic was held on 27.05.2016 by the unit of Siddha Medicine, Trincomalee Campus. Dr. J. M. K. Jayaweera Bandara, Director, Acupuncture Foundation of Sri Lanka had arranged the clinic. Around 70 patients attended the clinic.

A guest lecture on “29 years of research findings in tree-based farming system and strategies to develop sustainable agro-ecosystems in developing countries”



A guest lecture on “29 years of research findings in tree-based farming system and strategies to develop sustainable agro-ecosystems in developing countries” was organized and conducted by the SDC on 30.03.2016 and the resource person for the workshop is Dr Naresh Thevathasan, Adjunct Professor in the School of Environmental Science and School of Environmental Design & Rural Development at the University of Guelph, Canada.

Conservation Training and Binding



The Library, EUSL with the assistance of the SDC, has organised a three-day workshop on “Conservation Training and Binding” to the EUSL staff members and other Public Library staff from 16th to 18th of June, 2016.

A residential workshop on “Corporate Plan/ Strategic Plan/ Action Plan”



A residential workshop on “Corporate Plan/ Strategic Plan/ Action Plan” is organised to be conducted to the Council Members and other Administrative heads of EUSL on 10th to 12th of June, 2016 at Sudu Araliya Hotel, Polonnaruwa.

A workshop on “Curriculum Design and Development”



A workshop on “Curriculum Design and Development” was conducted by the SDC on 23.02.2016 to the Academic staff members of EUSL. The resource person for the workshop was Prof. Uma Coomaraswamy, Adviser to the Vice Chancellor, EUSL.

A workshop on “Curriculum Design and Development”



A workshop to “Finalise the University Calendar and Management Guide” was conducted on 05.01.2016. The resource persons for this workshop were Prof H Abeyagunawardena, Consultant, EUSL and Mr T Nandasena, Consultant, EUSL with the guidance of Prof Uma Coomaraswamy, Former Competent Authority/ EUSL.

A workshop on “Financial Management”



A workshop on “Financial Management” was conducted by the SDC on 26.02.2016 to the academic and non-academic staff members of EUSL. The resource person for the workshop was Mr M J R Bogamuwa, Internal Auditor, UGC.

A workshop on “Human Values and Work Ethics”



A workshop on “Human Values and Work Ethics” was conducted on 19.01.2016 targeting all academic, administrative and non-academic staff members of EUSL. The resource person for this workshop was Prof Uma Coomaraswamy, Former Competent Authority/ EUSL.

A workshop on “Office Documentation and Modern Office Management”



A workshop on “Office Documentation and Modern Office Management” was conducted on 29.05.2016 to the Clerical and CAA staff members of EUSL and the resource person for this workshop was Mr A L J Sadique, Registrar, University of Moratuwa.

A discussion on “Project on Joint/ Split PhD programme with QUT”



A discussion on “Project on Joint/ Split PhD programme with QUT” with the Programme Coordinator, Dr Tony Sahama, Queensland University of Technology, Australia was organized and conducted by the SDC on 06.04.2016

A workshop on “University Administrative Procedures”



A workshop on “University Administrative Procedures” was conducted on 19th and 20th of February, 2016 to the staff members, EUSL. The Resource person for this workshop was Mr A L J Sadique, Registrar, University of Moratuwa.

English Language Teaching Unit



As an extended service by the English Language Teaching Unit, EUSL towards the Community, ELTU had met the English teachers from the Batticaloa District on 26.04.2016. Fifty English teachers from all five Educational Zones in the Batticaloa had participated the programme. The end of the secession had an output that the ELTU would train the school teachers on teaching and learning process with the available resources of the ELTU.

CEDEC



The CEDEC has been shifted to the new location in March 2016

Appointments



Mrs. D. Thavakumar has been appointed as Coordinator / Learning Resources with effect from 27.06.2016



Mrs. L. D. Victor has been appointed as Coordinator / Registrations and Examinations with effect from 27.06.2016

Library

Workshop on "Conservation and Binding"



The Conservation and Preservation Unit of Library of Eastern University organized a workshop on "Conservation and Binding" from 16.06.2016 to 18.06.2016. The resource person was Mr. Udaya Prasad Cabral from the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) was invited for the Workshop and the feedbacks from the participants were highly positive. First two days of workshop was on Library Conservation techniques, book binding and making of pamphlet boxes and the participants were the staff of Public Libraries in Batticaloa District. Final day of workshop was on Conservation Training includes conservation of brittle book, de-acidification techniques and tissue repairing and the participants were the staff of Library, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

Display of the Sculptures of Library Science Pioneers

The sculptures of some Library Science Pioneers were displayed with the details of them near the circulation chamber of the Library of Eastern University on 1st of July, 2016. Those eminent Library Science Pioneers contributed much for the development of the field of Library Science and the event was held to commemorate them.



The National Sports and Physical Fitness Promotion Week and Special Day January 25 -30, 2016



In accordance with a proposal made by the Ministry of Sports on the directions of His Excellency the President, the government has declared the week commencing from 25th to 30th January, 2016 in all Government Institutions and Higher Educational Institutions as National Sports and Physical Fitness Promotion Week. This national programme is intended to initiate effective action to contain the incidence of non-communicable diseases rapidly spreading in Sri Lanka.

Staff Tournament-2016

Badminton Tournament for staff (Men/Women) conducted on 26th of January, 2016 to promote and encourage the EUSL staff in sports.

Results

Champion – Faculty of Science / Runner up – Administration Branch / 2nd Runner up – Centres and Units

Inter Faculty Games- 2016

Physical Education and Sports Council conducted Inter Faculty Games and Track & Field Championship 2016 successfully with the support of Sports Advisory Board and Administration, EUSL. The Faculty of Arts & Culture emerged as Overall Champion.

Inter University Level



Inter University Mixed Netball Tournament 2016

Our team secured 2nd Runner Up in the Inter University Mixed Netball Tournament, which was organized by University of Peradeniya held on 02nd and 03rd of April, 2016 at Peradeniya. Furthermore our University player Mr S Uganthan was awarded the Best Center Court Player of the tournament

Invitational Battlefield 16 badminton championship 2016



Invitational Battlefield 16 badminton championship 2016 was held in 09th and 10th April, 2016 at the University of Peradeniya. The students and staff teams of EUSL participated in this tournament. Altogether 08 state university staff and student teams competed for the title

International Tournaments



Mr.S.Uganthan and Mr. V C Vijay have been selected to represent the Sri Lanka National University Basketball Team to participate in the 2nd Asian University 3x3 Basketball Championship – 2016 in China, which was scheduled to be held from 19th to 24th July, 2016 at Macau in China. The selection trials to be hold at the University of Peradeniya on 17th of June, 2016 futher Mr.M. Paranithasan, Co ordinator for Physical Education, EUSL and chairman of the Inter University Basketball subcommittee have been appointed as the team head of dedication of the Sri Lanka National Universities Basketball (men/women) team by the Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association to participate in this event with the players.

Students' Activities

2013-2014 Batch Faculty of Science Project



2013-2014 Batch Welcome Function Faculty of Agriculture



2013-2014 Batch Welcome Function Faculty of Commerce and Management



2013-2014 Batch Welcome Function Faculty of Science



Students' Activities

Dansala Programme Faculty of Agriculture



Dansala Programme Faculty of Science



Induru Sandava



Sahana Yathra



Gender Equity and Equality

Inauguration of the GEE Cell and Launching of the GEE Website



Eastern University is the first amongst the Sri Lankan Universities to take initiative to establish GEE Cell with the aim of instituting socially and gender-sensitive University sub-culture and an environment of freedom and security that allows students and all University staff to pursue their study and work without discrimination and oppression. This Cell was officially inaugurated on 13th June, 2016. Dr. T. Jayasigam, Vice Chancellor of EUSL, the Advisor to the Vice Chancellor Emeritus Prof. Uma Coomaraswamy, the Chief Guest Dr. Wijeya Jayatilake, P S M Charles, Government Agent Batticaloa, the Council Members of EUSL, Rector Trincomalee Campus, Director SVIAS, and wider section of Eastern University Community participated in this formal Inauguration function.

Appointments



Mrs. F.B.Kennedy has been appointed as Focal Point/ GEE Cell with effect from 18.04.2016

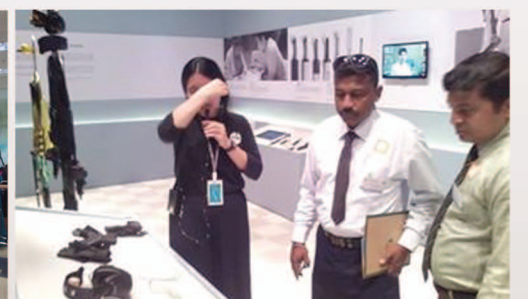
General Events

4th International Conference of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka



The 4th International Conference of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka (ICE 2016) was held on 10th and 11th March, 2016 at the University premises. The theme of the conference was "Fostering Knowledge through Integration." 51 research articles have been accepted and 46 papers had been presented. Prof. Sunil Chandrasiri was the keynote speaker of the conference. The Vice Chancellor and the former Competent Authority were present.

Exposure Visit of the Administrative Staff to Thailand



Five of our University Administrative staff: Dr. A. Arulpragasam, Dean/FHCS, Mr. T.Baskaran, SAR/Academic Affairs, Mr. S. Thiruvarudselvan, Internal Auditor had visited Thailand to study the management challenges faced by the organisations operating in an Asian context. It contains the fundamentals of general management theory and practices from Asian perspective. The programme was organised by the Post Graduate Institute of Management in collaboration with the Kasertsart University, Bangkok, Thailand between 16th – 20th May, 2016. The specific objective of the exposure visit was to enhance relevant skills and knowledge of experience from the public and private sectors in Thailand and adopt them to the home environment. Further the team visited the Green Library of the Kasertsart University which is the first Eco-Library of Thailand, The Support Arts and Crafts International Centre of Thailand (SACICT), Thailand Creative and Design Centre (TCDC), and The SCG Group of Companies.



*The Editor
News Letter
Eastern University, Sri Lanka
newsletter@esn.ac.lk
www.esn.ac.lk/newsletter*

