

SLAAS 73rd Annual Scientific Sessions: From 4th - 8th December 2017

Theme: "Engagement of scientists in the economic development of Sri Lanka."

Provisional Venue: The Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda

Call for Abstracts and Extended Abstracts of Papers for Presentation

The Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) invites its members to submit Abstracts with relevant documents to be considered for presentation at the 73rd Annual Sessions.

- 01) Only a Foundation Member, Member or Honorary / Life Member shall be permitted to submit an abstract of a paper for presentation at the Annual Session, and shall be the Corresponding Author. A corresponding author may have, as co-authors, Foundation Members, Members, Honorary/ Life Members, Associate Members or Student Member, and in such instances, shall provide written consent of all the co-authors, in the prescribed form.
- 02) Abstracts and other relevant documents must be prepared according to the attached Guidelines. Abstracts submitted **according to the Guidelines** will be refereed prior to acceptance, and the full paper may be called for, if required.
- 03) Four hard copies of each abstract with all relevant documents should be submitted to the General Secretaries. **Electronic versions, E-mail, Fax etc. are not acceptable in the first submission of abstracts.**
- 04) **The DEADLINE for submission of abstracts, 30th June 2017 16:00 hours, will be strictly adhered to by the SLAAS.** For documents sent by post / courier / person, **the date of receipt by the SLAAS Office** shall be considered as the date of submission.
All submissions shall be addressed to: **The General Secretaries, SLAAS, 120/10, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07.**
- 05) All Authors **should not be in arrears of membership fees** including the current year subscription **at the time of submitting the Abstracts.** All arrears, if any should be paid **at least three days before** the deadline for submission of Abstracts.
- 06) **Non-members cannot be co-authors.** All co-authors should obtain membership in an appropriate category before the submission of the Abstract. Please note that at least two months will be required to process a membership application. **(Application forms for membership could be obtained from the SLAAS office or downloaded from SLAAS website at <http://www.slaas.lk>).**
- 07) Instructions on **re-submitting** the hard and soft copies of **accepted** abstracts / poster presentations will be subsequently informed.
- 08) Only a Foundation Member, a Member or an Honorary/Life Member will be allowed to make a presentation (oral or poster) at the Annual Sessions. In the event of an author being unable to make the presentation due to ill-health or any other valid reason, a General Secretary shall be notified in writing prior to the day of the presentation (on the day of the presentation in the event of an emergency) and another member of the above categories or a co-author, who may be a Student Member, shall then be allowed to make the presentation.

- 09) Abstracts submitted for presentation will be published in the SLAAS Proceedings Part I without any distinction on the method of presentation. **If the final electronic version of the accepted abstract, with any required editorial corrections, does not reach the office on the stipulated date, those abstracts will not be published in Part I.**
- 10) The decision of the SLAAS Council shall be final on any matter related to Abstracts.
- 11) The Annual Sessions is the most important event of the SLAAS and its members look forward to presenting their research, to be exposed to new global developments in science, to meet their colleagues and be rejuvenated with new ideas for continued professional development. Understanding this need of the scientific community for national development, the State has made available duty leave and travel facilities to members of the SLAAS (Establishment Code: Section 12.10) to attend the Annual Sessions. The universities pay the annual membership fee of the academics and most universities even pay the membership fee for life.

The following is the extract of the Establishment code Chapter XII, Section 12.10 and Public Administration Circular No.5 of 1970:

Members who are Government officers or Corporation employees are permitted to be absent from their station for the purpose of attending the Annual Session without such absence being counted as leave. Free Railway Warrants to Colombo and back would also be issued by the respective departments to all such employees for the purpose of attending the session.

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