



“Joint commitment for creating a drug-free society through best evidence-based practices and innovative approaches”

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG-RELATED STUDIES 2022
1st and 2nd December 2022
Waters Edge, Sri Lanka

Inaugural session at Grand Ballroom, Waters Edge	
8.30 am – 9.00 am	Registration of participants, Seating of guests and participants
9.00 am – 9.10 am	Opening of Inaugural session
9.10 am – 9.25 am	National Anthem and Welcoming participants
9.25 am – 9.35 am	Welcome address and Introductory Remarks Mr.Shakya Nanayakkara, Chairman, National Dangerous Drug Control Board (NDDCB)
9.35 am – 9.45 am	Remarks by Honorable Mr.Tiran Alles, Minister to the Ministry of Public Security,
9.45 am – 10.05 am	Keynote address by Ms. Giovanna Campello, Chief of the Prevention, Treatment & Rehabilitation Section, UNODC
10.05 am – 10.15 am	Remarks by Dr.Benjamin Reyes, Secretary General of The Colombo Plan
10.15 am – 10.25 am	Remarks by Mr.S.Hettiarachchi, Secretary to the Ministry of Public Security
10.25 am – 10.35 am	Remarks by Mr.Tetsuya YAMADA, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency – JICA
10.35 am – 10.40 am	Vote of thank
10.40 am – 10.50 am	Overview of the forthcoming sessions and end of the inaugural session
10.50 am – 11.15 am	Refreshments

Agenda of Technical Sessions (Tentative)

Day 01

PARALLEL SESSION I : At Albatross, Waters Edge	
SESSION I - “ Envisioning the new countenance of drug addiction recovery.” Exploring the new paradigm of drug addiction recovery- Is it a matter of mind or drug that optimally deal with drug addiction recovery?”	
Panel Discussion	
Chair: Mr. Shakya Nanayakkara, Chairman, National Dangerous Drugs Control Board	
Panelists	
11.15 am – 11.45 pm	Prevention and Early Intervention. Impacts of School-Based Mindfulness programmes - <i>Rev. U.Dhammajeewa, Founder of Sathipasala Foundation</i>
11.45 pm – 12.15 pm	Mindfulness based interventions for treatment recovery <i>Dr. Dhammika Ariyananda, Medical Officer, National Institute of Mental Health / Trainer, Sati Pasala Foundation</i>
12.15 pm – 12.45 pm	Ways to Bring More Mindfulness into Your Life Today – A practical Session <i>Dr. Sanath Mahavithanage, Senior Lecturer, University of Sri Jayawardhanapura</i>
12.45 pm – 1.15 pm	Introducing of Buddhist Psychology manual for alcohol and drug use prevention and treatment <i>Mr.Shakya Nanayakkara, Chairman - NDDCB</i>
1.15 pm – 1.40 pm	Paper presentations and Discussions
Lunch Break	

PARALLEL SESSION II : At Link, Waters Edge	
SESSION II Drug prevention to ensure the future of children, youth, families and communities	
Panel Discussion	
Chair : Dr.Manoj Fernando, Senior Lecturer in Health Promotion, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka	
11.15 am – 11.45 pm	Community empowerment in drug use prevention <i>Dr.Manoj Fernando, Senior Lecturer in Health Promotion, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka</i>
11.45 pm – 12.15 pm	Implications of Alcohol and Tobacco as gateway drugs <i>Dr. Samadhi Rajapakshe, Chairman, National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol</i>
12.15 pm – 12.45 pm	Youth led drug prevention, Myths and Realities <i>Mr. Pubudu Sumanasekera, Executive Director , ADIC</i>
12.45 pm – 1.00 pm	Discussion
1.00 pm – 1.40 pm	Paper presentations
Lunch Break	
2.40 pm – 3.30 pm	Paper presentations

Tea Break and the end of the day 01

Day 02 - 2nd December 2022

PARALLEL SESSION I : At Albatross, Waters Edge	
SESSION III - A Discerning approach to drug law enforcement and Striking the Balance Between Medical Use and Diversion	
Panel Discussion	
Chair: Mr.Priyantha Nawana, President's Counsel, Senior Additional Solicitor General, AGs Department	
Panelists	
9.00 am – 9.30 am	Emerging drug trafficking and abuse challenges on the Criminal Justice System and recommendations to way forward. <i>Mr.Priyantha Nawana, President's Counsel, Senior Additional Solicitor General, AGs Department</i>
9.30 am – 10.00 am	Utilizing of sea routes for drug trafficking in Sri Lanka; Countermeasures and challenges Commander, Lasith Wickramasinghe, Sri Lanka Coast Guard
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Addressing Drug Law Enforcement Challenges and significance of cooperative mechanism <i>DIG Mr.Waruna Jayasundara, Commandant of STF</i>
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Effectiveness of scientific evidences for effective drug law enforcement process <i>Mr.Azad Navavi, Deputy Solicitor General, Attorney General's Department</i>
11.00 am – 11.15 am	Discussion
Tea Break	
11.15 am – 1.15 pm	Paper presentations and Discussions

PLENARY SESSION II : At Link, Waters Edge	
SESSION IV : Drug treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration	
Panel Discussion	
Chair: Dr. Jayamal De Silva, Consultant Psychiatrist.	
9.00 am – 9.30 am	Overcoming the Challenges of Prison based rehabilitation <i>Mr.Chandana Ekanayake, Additional Commissioner General of Prisons, Department of Prisons in Sri Lanka.</i>
9.30 am – 10.00 am	Community based treatment for drug offenders in Japan <i>Mr. OTSUKA Takeaki, Professor, United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI)</i>
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Importance of effective follow-up and continuum care measures for social reintegration: Community outreach perspective <i>Ms.Udeni Ranasinghe – Counsellor , Ms.P.P.U.Lakmali - Assistant Counsellor and Ms.Lakmi Nilanka - Assistant Counsellor of NDDCB</i>
Tea Break	
11.00 am – 1.15 pm	Paper presentations

Lunch

PARALLEL SESSION I : At Albatross, Waters Edge	
SESSION V - The alliance of science, technology, and innovation toward combatting the drug menace	
Panel Discussion	
Chair: Dr.Mahesha Nandugala, Senior Scientific Officer , National Science Foundation	
Panelists	
2.00 pm – 2.30 pm	Scientific Analysis and recommendations to overcome challenges in the criminal Justice System. <i>Ms.Sandya Rakapaksha, Deputy Government Analyst</i>
2.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Significance of Scientific approaches for combating the challenge of drug trafficking and abuse <i>Mr.Ranjith Wickramasinghe – Scientific Officer, National Narcotic Laboratory, National Dangerous Drugs Control Board</i>
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	The challenges of the emergence of new psychoactive substances. <i>Lim Jong Lee Wendy, Division Director - Illicit Drugs Laboratory , Illicit Drugs Division , Applied Sciences Group, Singapore</i>
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	Discussion
3.45 pm – 5.00 pm	Paper presentations and Discussions

PARALLEL SESSION I : At Link, Waters Edge	
SESSION VI - Technical challenges on overcoming drug trafficking and abuse	
Panel Discussion	
Chair: Mr. Ajith Rohana, Senior Deputy Inspector General, Southern Province, Sri Lanka Police	
Panelists	
2.00 pm – 2.30 pm	Recommendations to overcome the challenge of drug trafficking through internet and social media <i>Ms. Anudi Nanayakkara – Senior Manager – Legal, Information and Technology Agency (ICTA)</i>
2.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Overcoming the challenge of drug related Crime <i>Mr.Ruwan Gunasekara, Director – Legal, Department of Police</i>
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Discussion
	Paper presentations and Discussions

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