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Last 32 years the Computer Society of Sri Lanka organized Members Night for CSSL members and this year due to high demand of the Sri Lankan ICT fraternity CSSL decided to move further and organize an IT dinner Dance to give a unique experience with an unforgettable and memorable dinner. This Intimate evening was held in one of the most prestige's hotels in Colombo, Hotel Waters Edge with most popular entertainers. This signature event was an ideal networking opportunity





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5th December 2014

Hotel Waters Edge Battaramulla







“To be the most valued professional society in Sri Lanka”

The Annual General Meeting of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) was held 16th December at the Kingsbury Hotel and the new executive council for the year 2015 was duly elected. Dr. Dayan Rajapakse was unanimously elected as the President, whilst Yasas V. Abeywickrama was elected as the Vice President.

The other members of the Executive Council are Secretary, W. K. Prabath Samindra, Treasurer, Chrisantha Silva, Assistant Secretary, Damith Hettihewa, Assistant Treasurer, Udana Wickramasinghe, Student Counsellor, Dr. D. A. S. Atukorale, Publications Secretary, Nishan Sembacuttiaratchy and Council Members M. A. Salgado, Dr. T. K. D. A. Prasad Samarasinghe, Dr. T. A. Samantha Sujeewa Thelijagoda, and Ninesh Daniel Amirthiah.



CSSL Annual General Meeting 2014
16th December 2014
Hotel Kingsbury



CSSL - Executive Council 2015

Dr. Dayan Rajapakse
President

Dr. Dayan Rajapakse is the founder of ESOFT Computer Studies (Pvt) Ltd and now he is the Chairman and Managing Director of the ESOFT Group. After completing the BCS professional examination in 1993 he started his career as a part time lecturer and became a sought after lecturer for BCS and ACS professional examinations. Later he graduated from the Colombo University with MBBS but gave up his medical career to continue his passion towards IT and the training industry.

He has been instrumental in uplifting the standard of IT in Sri Lanka by taking IT training to the rural areas of Sri Lanka via the expansion of ESOFT resulting in new branches being established around the country including the North and the East.

He served in the executive council of CSSL in the capacity of Council Member / Student Counsellor and Secretary. While he was the student Counsellor he started the IT Mastermind inter-school IT quiz competition with the view to uplift the standard and popularity of ICT among the school children.



Mr. Yasas Abeywickrama
Vice President

Yasas V. Abeywickrama is an entrepreneur, trainer and a freelance journalist. In 2011 he was recognized as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons (TOYP) in Sri Lanka.

Yasas has a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from University of Colombo and a Masters degree in Entrepreneurship & Innovation from Swinburne University in Australia.

He has worked in the USA, UK, Sri Lanka & Australia and being trained in the USA & Malaysia. He is currently the CEO of Lanka BPO Academy (www.lankabpoacademy.lk).



Mr. W K Prabath Samindra
Secretary

Mr. Prabath S. Wickramaratne is the Vice President/Head of IT, Deutsche Bank AG, Colombo, Sri Lanka. He has nearly 20 years of industry experience and held various positions within Deutsche Bank.

He is a member of British Computer Society and holds a MBA from Edith Cowan University, Western Australia and MSc.in IT from University of Moratuwa.

Mr. Wickramaratne is a certified Project Management Professional awarded by PMI, USA.



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Mr. Chrisantha Silva
Treasurer

Mr. Chrisantha has more than 34 years of experience in Information Technology in the areas of Software development, IT Project Management and IT Consultancy. He has served in various Government and private organizations and involved in development and implementation of application systems such as Integrated Financial Management, Human resources Management, ERP solutions and Airline applications. Mr. Chrisantha has experience in Managing large and medium size projects that involved both internal and external resources.

He is currently employed as Manager IT Business Systems at SriLankan Airlines the National carrier of Sri Lanka. He has published papers in IT magazines and has presented papers at several National and International IT conferences.

Mr. Chrisantha Silva is B.Sc. Graduate from University of Sri Lanka. He also has Post-Graduate Diploma in Management from the Open University. He obtained his professional qualifications in IT from the British Computer Society and he is a Chartered Member (CITP) of the British Computer Society.

Mr. Chrisantha is a Fellow Member of CSSL and also the Past President from 2009 to 2011.



Mr. Damith Hettihewa
Asst. Secretary

Chartered Engineer graduated from University of Moratuwa, with BSc (Eng) Electronics and Telecom Engineering. Obtained MBA from University of Hull UK. Diploma holder of Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) UK and Intermediate Qualification from Institute of Bankers Sri Lanka.

Worked at Dialog Axiata Plc as Head of Enterprise Solutions Group SBU, at Millennium Information Technologies as Head of Network Business. Former CEO of Infotel Lanka Ltd and Federation of IT Industry Sri Lanka. Started engineering career at Sampath Bank. Worked at PillPos Software Plc London UK, Bank of Ceylon London Branch. Had short stints at Uni Levers Ltd and Nestle Lanka Ltd.

Appointed as a member of Presidential Task Force on English and IT and Knowledge Hub Steering committee by His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka.

Conference Chairman on NITC 2014 – ICT for Inclusive Development. Successfully led the pilot to demonstrate world's first IPTV on MPLS and ADSL in Sri Lanka 2003. Pioneered ICT training for Ex-LTTE combatants in rehabilitation camps in association with Bureau Commissioner General Rehabilitation in 2010. In 2013, initiated and spearheaded establishment of IT/BPO facility to provide white collar employment for Ex-combatants in Jaffna with public private partnership with Presidential Secretariat and John Keells Holdings Plc.



Mr. Udana Wickramasinghe
Asst. Treasurer

Mr. Udana Wickramasinghe is currently serving as the Director- ICT for Sri Lanka Tourism. He has over 17 years of experience in diverse fields of ICT covering Banking, Telecom, Tourism and Government working for prestigious organizations both local and overseas.

Mr. Wickramasinghe is passionate about promoting E-Tourism (ICT enabled travel and tourism) in Sri Lanka to help the Sri Lankan tourism industry to move into next generation tourism.

He holds a BSc in IT from University of Sunderland-UK and a MBA from Victoria University- Australia and he is a past student of Trinity College, Kandy.



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Mr. Sembacuttiaratchy
Publication Secretary

Mr Nishan Sembacuttiaratchy is currently serving as the CEO of ESOFT Metro Campus and as a Director of ESOFT International Education. In line with his vision, ESOFT has branched out to all areas of Sri Lanka in order to make internationally recognized qualifications affordable and achievable for many. He has over 17 years of experience in diverse fields in ICT and in Management including development of ICT solutions and in offering his services as a Consultant for local and multinational organisations in the fields of Software Validation, Regulatory Affairs, and Network Solutions.

He is also a Senior Lecturer in a wide range of topics and subjects for undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications, and is a sought after Project Supervisor at the undergraduate level.

He holds a Masters Degree in IT from Charles Sturt University Australia, a BSc Honours Degree in Information Systems from London Metropolitan University, and holds membership in the British Computer Society and the IEEE, and is presently reading for his PhD. He is a past pupil of Isipathana College.



Dr. Ajantha Athukorala
Student Counselor

Dr. Ajantha Atukorale received his B.Sc. Degree with first class honors in Computer Science from University of Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1995. He started his career as a lecturer in Computer Science at the University of Colombo. He obtained his Ph.D. degree in 2002 from University of Queensland, Australia in the field of neural pattern recognition.

Currently Dr. Atukorale is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) and conduct lectures for undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs.

His research interests include Neural Networks, Pattern Recognition, Machine Learning, Computer Networks and Virtualization. He is a member of the IEEE and a member of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) from 2006.



Mr. Ajith Salgado
Council Member

Mr. Salgado is the Head of IT of Sampath Bank.

He has over 15 years ICT experience in banking and finance sector.

His academic credentials include BSc. Engineering degree in Electronics and Telecommunications from the University of Moratuwa. He obtained his Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from the University of Colombo.



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Dr. T K D A P Samarasinghe
Council Member

Dr Samarasinghe holds a B.Sc. (Eng) Degree in Electronics and Telecommunications with First Class Honors and a M.Sc. in Engineering, both from the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. A member of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) and the IET (Institute of Engineering and Technology), he also has a Licentiate (Parts I and II) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka with the island's best results in Financial Accounting, Business Mathematics, Statistics and Data Processing. Dr Samarasinghe is also Managing Director of Telecom Frontier (Pvt) Ltd and Bell Solutions (Pvt) Ltd, both of which are subsidiaries of Lanka Bell. Lanka Bell is a world class telecommunications operator which provides a full range of telecommunication solutions to its vast clientele of corporate and residential customers across Sri Lanka.



Dr. Samantha Thelijagoda
Council Member

Dr. Samantha Thelijagoda, is currently a senior lecturer and head of the Department of Information Systems Engineering, Faculty of Computing, Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology, Malabe. He received his first degree in Statistics with First Class honors from university of Sri Jayewadenepura. He received his Master of Engineering degree in Electronics and Computer Engineering and Doctoral degree in Information Systems Engineering from the University of Gifu, Japan. His research interests span several areas of artificial intelligence, including natural language processing, machine translations and speech recognition. He is a charter member of SLIIT toastmasters club and currently a competent leader.



Mr. Ninesh D. Amirthiah
Council Member

An IT professional with a great sense of business. Believes that Information Technology should not be a commodity anymore, but a business enabler. Information Technology should take the lead in transforming business. A strong believer that the growth of the country depends on how our younger generation of IT professionals are molded. Very experience IT strategic partner, who sits in many leadership organizations within the company. An experienced project manager, having managed many ERP implementations and business startups within the organization. Experienced in Software development, managing of Software departments, General Management in IT, IT Off shore team management and Project management.





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CSSL “Excellence In ICT” Awards 2014

CSSL ICT awards intend to encourage, recognize and celebrate the excellence in ICT practice by rewarding the best and the finest of ICT professionals.

This year (2014) February CSSL Awarded the Dr. R B Ekanayake Memorial Award & Cash Price for the Best Performer in MSc. in Information Technology of the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology .

Being the premier organization dedicated to promoting and improving professional standards in the information communication technology sector, the CSSL, awarded three awards for ‘Emerging ICT Leader of the Year’, ‘Female ICT Leader of the Year’ and ‘ICT Leader of the Year’

CSSL ICT Leader of the Year



Harsha Purasinghe

Founder – Microimage, Microimage Mobile Media, Microimage HCM Asia & WSO2 Mobile
CEO – Microimage & Microimage Mobile Media (Colombo, Sri Lanka)

Director – Microimage HCM Asia (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

Harsha is a serial entrepreneur who founded number of technology ventures & contributed towards building notable products since his debut in software industry at the age of 19. Harsha is behind founding of Microimage, Microimage Mobile Media and Microimage HCM Asia in 1995, 2007 and 2014 respectively.

Today, Microimage is considered the most successful High School Start Up Story in the ICT industry of Sri Lanka.

In 2013, Harsha founded WSO2 Mobile to build a suite of lean, enterprise, mobileware to solve enterprise mobility challenges. This was incorporated, as a fully owned subsidiary of WSO2 the leading open source middleware company.

Harsha was recognized as the "Most outstanding entrepreneur in IT/BPO industry in Sri Lanka" in 2007. Harsha was also chosen to the list of 40 under 40 Business Leaders listing compiled by Echelon Magazine - A leading business magazine in Sri Lanka. He was also one of the 21 selected globally for the "2014 Eisenhower Innovation Fellowship" granted by the Eisenhower Fellowship in the US.

CSSL Female ICT Leader of the Year



Lakmini Wijesundera

Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Asia Pacific, Middle East & Africa Ironone Technologies

Lakmini Wijesundera is the co founder and CEO of Ironone Technologies. She has vast experience in enterprise software & Management, and as CEO of IronOne Technologies, she leads a team of over 100 technology professionals with offices spanned across USA, Malaysia and Sri Lanka with partner offices spanning many other countries such as Singapore, Philippines, South Africa, UK among others.

She is the driving force behind IronOne's technological breakthroughs and go to market strategies.

Lakmini graduated from Imperial College, University of London in Engineering in 1994. Starting out her career as a Computer Engineer and progressed to lead her own Engineering firm which caters to globally ranked companies including Citi Bank, Prudential, Victoria Secrets, May Bank, Stock Exchange of Malaysia, Maxis Telecom which are all global leaders in their spheres. She now handles the global strategy, marketing, sales and operations by leading a highly talented hand picked super-team at Ironone technologies.

Lakmini's vision is to place Sri Lankan talent in the spotlight of the world and is confident that with niche IT products.

CSSL Emerging ICT Leader of the Year



Dhanika Perera

CEO, Founder at Bhasha Lanka (Pvt) Ltd

Dhanika Perera is the Founder & CEO of Bhasha Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, a Sri Lanka based software company & a social enterprise dedicated for developing local language software solutions.

He is the inventor of Sinhala rendering technology on Android platform & he invented SETT Browser as the first Sinhala/Tamil supported mobile web browser & Bhasha Helakuru as the first Sinhala soft-keyboard for Android, enabling local masses to get the benefit out of ICT solutions in their own languages.

He founded his company Bhasha while he was following his bachelor's degree at University of Moratuwa converting his professional life from an engineer to an entrepreneur. He was awarded the mBillionth South Asian Award in 2011, the e-Swabhmani National Award in 2011 & 2012 & the NBQSA National Award in 2012 for his innovations & honoured as the Emerging Entrepreneur in 2013 by University of Moratuwa.

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