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28th Annual General Meeting

The 28th Annual General Meeting of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka was held on 28th November 2016 at 6.00 p.m., at Samudra Ballroom, Taj Samudra, Colombo 3.

Seated from Left to Right:
Mr. Mr. Parakum A Pathirana (Asst. Treasurer), Dr. Ajantha Athukorala (Treasurer), Mr. Damith Hettihewa (Secretary), Mr. Yasas V. Abeywickrama(President), Mr.Prabath S. Wickramaratne (Vice President) Dr. Malitha Wijesundara(Asst.Secretary)

Standing from Left to Right:
Mr Sajith Sameera (Council Member), Mr. Heshan Karunaratne (Council Member), Dr. Dayan Rajapakse (Council Member), Dr. T A Samantha Thelijjagoda (Student Counsellor), Mr. Buddhika Senasekara (Council Member), Mr. Enosh Praveen (Publication Secretary)

President's Message

It is with pleasure that I pen my first column as the President of Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL).

The CSSL has a rich history of 40 years, an active presence and a bright future ahead. I take the responsibility for this organization with great pride but also while understanding the challenges of the role. However, I am confident of delivering results for the organization, industry and our country at large given that I am not alone in this journey.

We have a strong council, who are experienced, reputed and visionary. Together with them we can go about what we want to do. Our team is as follows –

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Dr. Dayan Rajapakse
Mr. Heshan Karunaratne
Mr Buddhika Senasekara
Mr Sajith Sameera

In addition to the council members, we have an active secretariat with able staff members, our partners, sponsors, fellow members, past presidents, past council members, Professional Members, Associate Members, and Student Members, which makes us very strong.

The CSSL is the apex body for Information Communications Technology (ICT) Professionals in Sri Lanka. We are the representative, and the voice of ICT Professionals.

At the AGM held in November, I presented my vision for CSSL in front of our valued members. I hope to lead my Society with a vision of enhancing - Representation & Engagement, Activeness, Recognition, Knowledge Platform and Being Vocal & Present.

The industry has grown exponentially over the last few years and we have broad engagements to be developed. We will have new strategies in place to achieve that. Being the voice of IT professionals gives us the challenge of being with them all the time, and having them represented aptly. Working through our corporate supporters, universities, and by developing more channels of active engagement and inclusion, we hope to develop this.

The CSSL always has been an active organization. That has to continue. As the industry has grown into a high tech one over the recent years, there are niches that we need to deliver value to. That activeness will be enriched under the leadership of the new council. A vast

range of activities from large conferences to CSSL Tech Talks will help in that. I can vouch that some of our activities this year are going to be really big. Let's leave it at that but watch this space!

We give recognition for IT Professionals in Sri Lanka. By being one of our members, a qualified and experienced person gets the stamp of being a Professional. There is no other way to get that other than being a member of the professional organization of one's industry. We would work more on educating our IT professionals of this global fact. The CSSL is already recognized locally and globally by various organizations for its work, status, processes and standards. I will give leadership to enhance this recognition in the coming year. We are especially working on some broader international recognition on our standards.

One reason why a professional would need a professional organization is the knowledge it provides to its membership, related to their sector. We are in discussions with several parties right now to enhance the knowledge we provide and make knowledge available for our valued members. This will include some cutting edge knowledge platforms internationally, and am truly passionate and excited about the potential we have in this area.

I also believe a professional society has to be vocal and present. This includes communicating what it does but also includes communicating what it stands for and its opinions. The presence of CSSL was developed over the last few years under the leadership of my predecessors and I hope to really strengthen this area. My background as a writer, and freelance journalist in the past, will help developing our strength in this area. We also have some strong persons in that area on the new Executive Council.

When we do all the above for IT Professionals, they would grow in knowledge and insight. It will attract more people to the industry. This will help our industry to grow. As we develop the Sri Lankan services sector to the level of global standards and also gear it up to meet the local and global expectations, we would have helped develop the human resources to achieve that. This is what CSSL offers the IT industry in Sri Lanka, as the industry increases its current export revenue from 1 billion USD to 5 billion USD in 2022.

I hope I have elaborated the broad vision we have for the CSSL, IT Professionals and the industry clearly. I hope to get into the details of each area, as well as about our initiatives in my future monthly columns. I would like to invite you to share your ideas and opinions, and get engaged with us. This will help us in devising our strategies and also being more relevant for our professionals.

I invite you to visit www.cssl.lk to know more about us and to apply for membership. I look forward to meeting you at our future events, and you can get in touch with us at membership@cssl.lk

Thank you.

Yasas Vishuddhi Abeywickrama
President
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National School's Software Competition (NSSC) 2016

National Schools' Software Competition (NSSC) organized by CSSL in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the University of the Colombo school of computing (UCSC) was held in November 2016. This annual national event is organized with the intention of encouraging innovation and creativity in ICT amongst students. In 2016, many students participated covering all 9 provinces. Nipun Gamlath of Maliyadeva College, Kurunegala emerged as the winner of under 19 category whilst Hansaka Ratnaweera of Ananda College Colombo 10 secured the 1st place of under 17 category.

The complete list of winners of the competition is given below.

The award ceremony was held on 25th November 2016 at the Ministry of Education under the patronage of Minister of Education Hon Akila Viraj Kariyawasam.

Name	School
Under 19 Category	
G.R.D.Nipun Gamlath	Maliyadeva College - Kurunegala
N.M.A. Sudharaka Narasinghe	Royal College - Colombo 7
T.D. Charithmal De Silva	Nalanda College - Colombo 10
Under 17 Category	
A. Hansaka Rathnaweera	Ananda College - Colombo 10
H.N. Yashmika Siriwardanea	Ananda College - Colombo 10
Merit Winners	
P.T. Liyanapathiranaa	Thelijjawila Central College
D.M. Chandeepa Dissanayakee	St Sylvester's College - Kandy

NSSC 16 WINNERS

NSSC 16 Final Round Participants

NSSC Award Ceremony 2016 was held on the 25th November 2016 at the Ministry of education Auditorium

The `IT Blast` Dinner Dance, an exclusive event for IT Professionals organized by the CSSL was held on 25th November 2016. CSSL organized this prestigious event to give a unique experience with an unforgettable night for IT professionals in Sri Lanka. This signature event was an ideal networking opportunity for those in the industry. This intimate evening was held at Hotel Cinnamon Lake side, Colombo.

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CSSL continues to strengthen the partnership with SEARCC

The Executive Council Meeting of the South East Asian Computer Confederation (SEARCC) was held on 30th November 2016 in Sydney Australia. Many regional countries participated in the meeting and Sri Lanka was represented by the newly elected President of CSSL, Yasas V. Abeywickrama and outgoing President of CSSL, Dr Dayan Rajapakse.

The SEARCC ExCo congratulated the new CSSL President and wished him well in his broad strategic plan for CSSL. SEARCC offered its fullest cooperation as CSSL implements its activities in the coming year.

The SEARCC ExCo had been organized in parallel to Reimagination Conference of the Australian Computer Society (ACS), as well as SEARCC Conference 2016, occurring on an event platform in Sydney on 30th November and 1st December. The ACS also celebrated its 50 years' anniversary during these events.

The CSSL new President Yasas V Abeywickrama started his journey with professional bodies as an activist of the ACS 10 years ago, and it was aptly that his first official engagement after being elected as CSSL President was also with Australia. Mr. Abeywickrama and Dr Rajapakse engaged in various discussions with the ACS and other participating countries on getting their support and broad collaborations for the benefit CSSL members and Sri Lanka. These activities will be initiated from January 2017.

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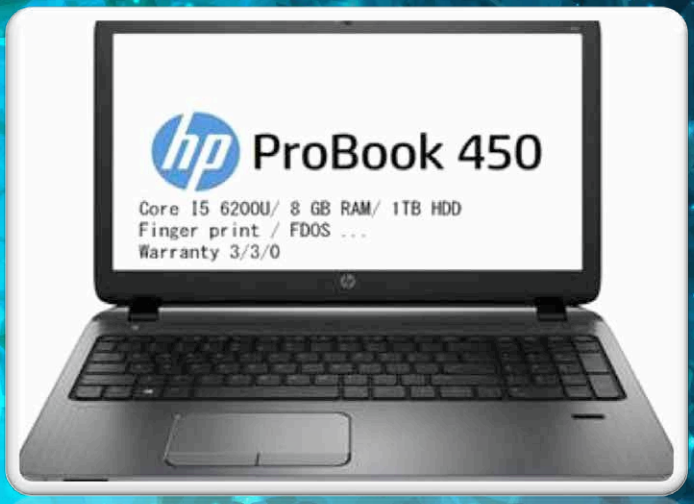

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CSSL Supports iNCOTeM 2016

Department of Management of Technology, University of Moratuwa successfully concluded the International Conference in Technology Management 2016 (iNCOTeM 2016). The conference was held at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) from 9.00 a.m. on-wards on the 27th of December 2016.

The Conference provided a platform for both local and international researchers and industry Experts in Technology Management, Entrepreneurship and General Management, to share knowledge, experiences, perspectives and insights in the aspects of sustainable technology management, innovation management and entrepreneurship. Therefore, the organizing committee thinks that, iNCOTeM Conference addressed the need and importance of the following elements which will be vital for the economies to stay ahead of competition.

- Sustainable Management of Technology
- Best Practice in Innovation Management
- Entrepreneurship and Tech-Start-Ups
- Technology related issues in General Management (Organizational Behavior, Human Resource Management, Marketing Management, etc.)

Further, it is a well-known factor that emerging economies all over the world are doing extremely well in challenging technological frontier and creating wealth through new technological innovations. Countries such as Taiwan, China, India, etc are prime examples for such nations. But, Department of Management of Technology, University of Moratuwa saw the gap of not having a forum to discuss matters related to these nations, hence, decided to conduct this conference with the theme 'Technology Management for Sustainable Development in Emerging Economies'

Technology Management for Sustainable Development in Emerging Economies

Conference Date: **27th of December 2016**
Abstract Submission Deadline: **21st September 2016**
Submit Your Abstract to: **incotem@uom.lk**

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Dr. Dayan Rajapakse

was Awarded prestigious Honorary Fellowship from Kingston University UK

One of Sri Lanka's premier educators and entrepreneurs, Dr. Dayan Rajapakse, was awarded a prestigious HonoraryFellowship from KingstonUniversity (UK) during the graduation ceremony held on 10th December 2016 at the BMICH in Colombo. Kingston is one of the top 500 universities in the world and they confer Honorary Awards on persons of distinction who enhance the reputation of the university and strengthen its mission. This award was in recognition of Dr. Dayan Rajapakse's visionary thinking and hard work which has contributed significantly to developing Kingston's international partnership with ESOFT; one which has already produced a number of graduate engineers who are making a real difference in the Engineering landscape of Sri Lanka.

Dr. Dayan Rajapakse is the Founding Chairman and Managing Director of the ESOFT Group which has diversified interests in Education, Software/BPO and Travel and Tourism. Educated at Maliyadeva Boys College - Kurunegala, he completed the #BCS professional examination in 1993 and started his academic career as a part-time lecturer, going on to become a well-respected and highly sought-after lecturer for the BCS and ACS professional examinations within a very short period. Later, he graduated from the University of Colombo with an MBBS but gave up his medical career to continue his passion for education and training. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Software Engineering from the University of Westminster (UK) and an MBA from London Metropolitan University (UK).

Dr. Dayan Rajapakse is the former President of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (#CSSL). He has also served as the President of the South-East Asia Regional Computer Confederation(#SEARCC).

Prof. Mahesha Kapurubandara brings glory to Sri Lanka.

CSSL member, Prof. Mahesha Kapurubandara was awarded the 2nd place in the education category at the SEARCC International Awards held on 1st December 2016 in Sydney, Australia.

This year's SEARCC Conference will be held in conjunction with the ACS Re imagination Thought Leaders' Summit and the Digital Disruptors Awards. The SEARCC International Awards recognise excellent achievement by outstanding individuals in the ICT profession.

About the Awards

SEARCC announced the inaugural SEARCC International Awards which were presented at a gala dinner following Re imagination 16 at The Star, Sydney on 1 December 2016.

There are three categories of individual awards for the 2016 SEARCC International Awards:

- ICT Professional of the Year
- ICT Researcher of the Year
- ICT Educator of the Year

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