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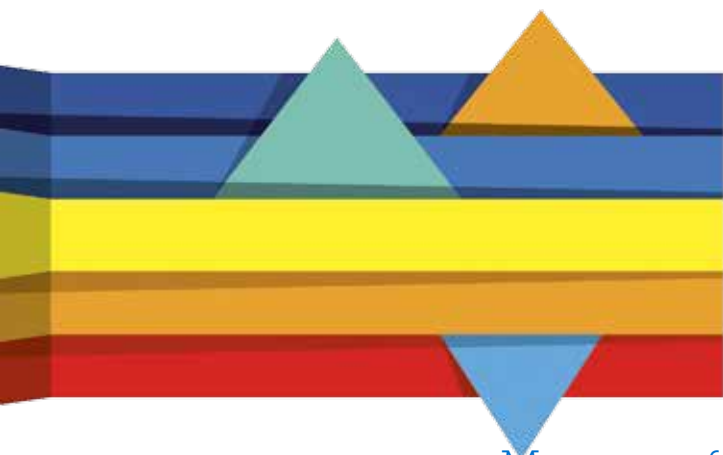
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*Shaping the future of ICT professionals*







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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report 2012/2013 of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL). Over the period, we have made good progress with the launches of new initiatives and programs to meet the expectations of our stakeholders.

In 2011, we extended the society's existing foundation and worked our way towards progress by effectively implementing the three key thrusts, announced at the 2010/2011 AGM, which was aimed at Empowering Membership, Strengthening CSSL and Promoting ICT. In the year 2013, we were able to launch all the initiatives identified at the beginning and achieve most of the envisaged objectives.

With the view of empowering membership, two new initiatives namely the CSSL Awards and the CSSL Certifications were inaugurated in 2013. The Special Interest Groups (SIG) and the Chapters have provided a forum for Members to share knowledge on diverse subject spheres, network with peers and demonstrate leadership competencies in their preferred domains. »

Further strengthening the society, the CSSL has conducted diverse initiatives and entered into MoUs with national as well as international organizations. Internal and external communication and the work of the CSSL secretariat have been further reinforced. Members in all categories have significantly grown indicating that CSSL is a valued society.

With the view of promoting ICT, the CSSL has organized many initiatives: SEARCC 2013 international conference, IT Mastermind, National School Software Competition (NSSC); International School Software Competition (ISSC) were a few success stories during the year under review.

All these would not have been possible without the help and contribution of everyone in the society. Thus, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Executive Council, members, volunteers, sponsors, partners, and the Secretariat for their efforts and driving many activities.

It is indeed an honor to serve as President of CSSL for the past two years, and with this being my last term, I would like to acknowledge that it has been a truly fulfilling two years. I am confident that with boldness, hard work, and sprinkle of imagination, CSSL will grow from strength to strength! •

**Mahesh Perera**  
President CSSL





## Who we are

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) is the premier professional association for individuals and organizations leading the Information Communication Technology (ICT) industry in Sri Lanka. It is a rallying point for ICT professionals throughout the country and espouses the shared vision of over fifty thousand individuals ranging from ICT practitioners, academics and policy makers to other professionals in diverse fields and members of the business community. Today, the CSSL is widely regarded as both the “voice” of this influential industry segment and a “key player” in ICT development, nationally.

## The humble beginning

Inspired by the vision of making ICT **‘the business driver of tomorrow’**, a small group of professionals from both the local academia and industry segments of Sri Lanka, banded together in 1976, to form the Computer Society of Sri Lanka. It has today evolved into a forum where its collective membership can meet periodically to exchange views, share knowledge and promote and propagate the use of ICT at a national level.

## Progression

The passion, vision and commitment of the CSSL founders, who foresaw the pivotal role ICT would eventually impact in shaping and advancing human life, has left a lasting impression on the minds of Sri Lankan ICT professionals. It also leads to the broad basing of its scope and activities, which eventually enabled CSSL to become the full-fledged professional association that it is today. The Computer Society of Sri Lanka was officially registered and incorporated as a Limited Liability Company under the Companies Act, No. 17 of 1982 on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1987.

## Achievements

Striving to emulate the success of their esteemed predecessors, the Executive Council is today more eager than ever to transform CSSL into a vibrant, active and truly professional organization that makes a difference in the country’s ICT profession and its’ professional community. The strategic initiatives adopted by the council enhanced the competence and competitiveness of its members and the country’s ICT community has yield rich dividends and made contribution towards improving the quality of life for all Sri Lankans.





## Our Vision, Mission and Values

### Tagline

Shaping the future of ICT Professionals

### Mission

**Value Creator:** to add value for ICT professionals by facilitating diverse initiatives for the development of their professional career and personal growth

**ICT Frontier:** to enable our members to contribute to the development and leadership of Sri Lanka's ICT industry

**Community's Voice:** to raise the voice for the ICT community

### Vision

To be the most valued professional society in Sri Lanka

### Values

**Collaboration:** We encourage collaboration among our stakeholders

**Diversity:** We promote diversity

**Respect:** We honor the rights and beliefs of individuals

**Excellence:** We focus on results

# Executive Council

The Executive Council for 2012/2013 was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The Council met almost every fortnight and had 25 council meetings and many subcommittee meetings during the year.

## Executive Council 2012 /2013



**Mahesh Perera**  
President



**Ajith Salgado**  
Vice President



**Meryl Nonis**  
Secretary



**Luxaman Perera**  
Treasurer



**Prabath Wickremaratne**  
Assistant Secretary



**Vishaka Nanayakkara**  
Assistant Treasurer



**Shantha Fernando**  
Student Counselor



**Yasas Abeywickrama**  
Publication Secretary



**Malitha Wijesundara**  
Council Member



**Udana Wickramasinghe**  
Council Member



**Rohith Udalagama**  
Council Member



**Sameera Jayawardane**  
Council Member



## Membership

Towards the end of 2012 the Executive Council promoted new membership through various activities and continued the same in 2013. During SEARCC 2013 the ExCo had a special membership drive and received over 100 applications just within 2 weeks.

In the year 2013, the new membership stood at 124 bringing the total members to 740. Associate members increased by 34 bringing the Associate membership to 385 and the student membership increased by 16 bringing the total student membership to 15,258. Further, Fellow Members have increased in three fold.

We are proud of this achievement and also wish to state that many leading ICT professionals have joined the membership forte this year. CSSL is pleased to state that there is a growing interest seen among the ICT professionals to join the Society.





**Event Highlights**



## CSSL Strategy Workshop – 2013

CSSL strategy workshop was held at Dickwella Resort, Dickwella from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 with a view to scheduling activities for 2013. Prior to the workshop, project leaders were appointed to lead a number of activities to be implemented during the year 2013. The project leaders presented their proposals in detail with tentative time schedules.

All executive council members participated in the workshop which culminated in to a comprehensive strategy for 2013.

Further, a progress review workshop was held at the Palms Hotel Beruwala on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

## Members' Nite

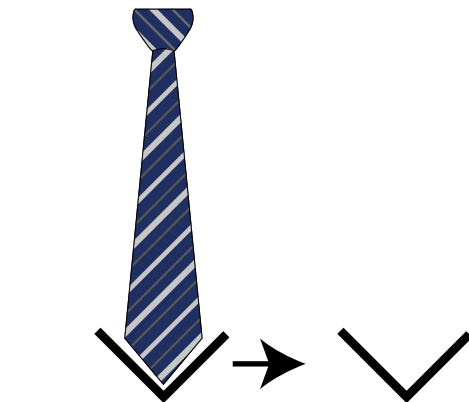
Members Nite 2013 was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at Green Garden, Kirulapone. Over 125 CSSL members, their family members and representatives who attended the Executive Council meeting of SEARCC participated in the event. Networking activities, games and singing competitions were the highlights of the event.

## CSSL Logo

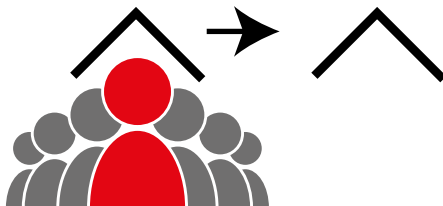
Over the years, the Computer Society of Sri Lanka has made a significant impact on betterment of the ICT industry in Sri Lanka. The CSSL brand has been a recognized identity among the industry stakeholders both within and outside Sri Lanka where it stands as the icon of professionalism and value creator.

With the expansion and modernization of the society, a long felt requirement for changing the logo of the CSSL was accomplished in year 2013. The new logo which was unveiled at the Members' Nite illustrates the professionalism, growth and window of opportunity for all stakeholders of ICT industry in Sri Lanka. The new logo would further strengthen the brand value of CSSL.

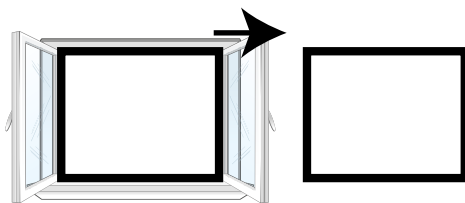
## CSSL Logo Background



Value Creator: gives ICT professionals added value by facilitating diverse initiatives for the development of their professional career and personal growth



ICT Frontier: Enables members to contribute to the development and leadership of Sri Lanka's ICT industry



Community Voice: Voices the thoughts, views and opinions of the ICT community



C 100 + M 100

C 85 + M 85

C 54 + M 14

K 100

## **CSSL Cricket Tournament - Presidents Award**

For the first time, a 6-a-side softball cricket tournament was held at Air Force Grounds on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013, as a networking and membership promotion event. Each team had a minimum of 3 CSSL members. 20 teams were selected on the first-come-first-served basis, and there was a very high enthusiasm to form teams among those who came to know the notice of the event.

Sampath Bank Team A won the Presidents Award and WNS team was the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up.

## **CSSL Fellow Members**

Having identified that many senior members who have served the CSSL in the past and continue to actively contribute to the CSSL and the field of ICT need to be recognized for their contribution, and also identifying that such an awarding has not taken place for several years after selecting the initial 5 Fellows, the Executive Council decided to award the Fellow status to the members who satisfy the eligibility criteria to become Fellows year by year. For this year, it was decided to select the first 11 senior members who satisfied the criteria, with a view of clearing the backlog as well, with a decision to consider the remaining eligible senior members in the years to come.

Accordingly, the following distinguished CSSL members were awarded the Fellow membership:

**Ruwan Ratnathunga | Abeyratne Attanayake**  
**John Nicholes Lawarance Cyril Fernando**  
**Nimal Ranjith Ganepola | Kanishka Sugathadasa**  
**Chrisantha Silva | Gamini Wickramasinghe**  
**Jagath Ranasinghe Ranawaka**  
**Manikkuwadumestri Vimal Indrasoma**  
**Thambiayah Lalkumar Chandranath**  
**Niranjan de Silva**

## Communication and Social Media Presence

Communication forms an important part of any organization. Typically, an organization needs to maintain strong internal and external communication with its stakeholders.

Internal communications were fairly strong at CSSL over the years; however during this tenure we have further strengthened it by improving and timely updating the website, introducing a new website for the SEARCC 2013 Conference, regular email updates to members, better use of CSSL email addresses and a review process for all membership emails.

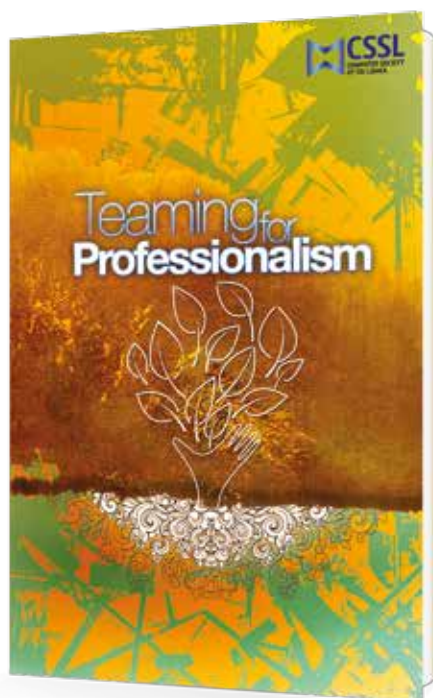
During 2013, external communications, especially the public relations aspect has been strengthened significantly. There were monthly press releases that were published in national newspapers and e-flyers highlighting various project activities. The national newspapers such as the Daily News, Daily FT and The Island regularly published news items about CSSL activities.

Digital media coverage of CSSL was improved during the year including the introduction of an E-Newsletter, having a CSSL brand presence in all major social media channels (i.e. Facebook, LinkedIn etc.) in a synchronized manner. For the first time, LinkedIn Ads were used to target IT professionals to increase the participation for the SEARCC 2013 conference.

## Strengthening CSSL Secretariat

Over the period, the CSSL secretariat has been strengthen by undertaking various strategic initiatives: recruiting and selecting competent staff, restructuring the secretariat and introducing management best practices.





## CSSL Profile Book

For the second consecutive year, the “CSSL profile booklet” was published for distribution among the members, partners, the industry and other interested parties. Information about CSSL and its activities, the projects earmarked for 2013, and collaborations with government and much other important information are available in the CSSL profile booklet.

## Incorporation under an Act of Parliament

The first reading of the CSSL Parliamentary Bill took place on March 22, 2012 in Parliament. The draft bill, No. 165, was gazetted and published by the parliament. Further, the draft Bill has been sent to the Ministry of Telecommunication and IT to have the Bill redrafted by the Legal Draftsman and to obtain Attorney-General’s Certificate.

The Second Reading of the Bill was moved by the Parliament on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013 and referred to the Standing Committee B (Legislative); however, the Ministry is yet to provide the redrafted Bill for approval.

# SEARCC<sub>2013</sub> *International Conference*



The South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC) International Conference in partnership with National Information Technology Conference (NITC) themed "I3CT: Innovation, Integration for Impact" organized by the CSSL was held at the Hotel Galadari from the 12th to 14th August, 2013.

The ceremonial inauguration was held on 12th August 2013 at the Galadari Hotel with Hon. Dr. Sarath Amunugama, Minister (Senior) for International Monetary Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning, as the Chief Guest and Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Technology and Research as the Guest of Honour with a gathering in excess of 150 distinguished invitees. All speakers commended the contribution made by CSSL for the development of ICT professionalism in Sri Lanka. Mr. Mahesh Perera, Conference Chairman CSSL, made the welcome speech and Mr. Ajith Saldado Conference Manager CSSL delivered the Vote of Thanks.

Over 600 participants attended the conference on 13th and 14th August 2013 and a total of 46 speeches were delivered by local and foreign speakers addressing the issues most relevant to "I3CT: Innovation, Integration for Impact". There were four SEARCC workshops during this event and they were conducted by Australia, India and Malaysia.

Among the speakers at the conference were Prof. Mohan Munasinghe Economist/ Vice Chairman of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC-AR4) and the first Sri Lankan Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Nick Tate, President ACS & SEARCC Mr. Logan Nathan, Digital Marketing Consultant, SoloMoIT, Australia, Prof. Gihan Dias Professor at University of Moratuwa, Domain Registrar at LK Domain Registry, Dr. Manodha Gamage Founder/Managing Director - ISaC (Intelligent Solutions and Consultancy (pvt) Ltd,) Mr. Chandika Jayasundara Co-Founder & CEO at Cinergix Pvt. Ltd. Australia & Sri Lanka, Mr. Deepal

Suriyaarachchi Commissioner/Chairman Sri Lanka Inventors Commission, Mr. Niranjana De Silva CEO Metropolitan Computers, Ms. Deepani Perera Founder and Chief Executive Officer Target Resource (Pvt) Ltd, Mr. Wasantha Deshapriya Director ICTA Sri Lanka, Mr. Asanga Abeygoonasekara Executive Director Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute for International Relations & Strategic Studies (LKIIRSS), Mr. Rohan Jayaweera Sri Lanka Country Consultant Google Asia Pacific, Ms. Brenda Aynsley FACS CP, Chair IFIP & International Professional Practice Partnership (IP3), Mr. Alan Patterson, CEO Australian Computer Society.

The SEARCC 2013 brought together a cross section of policy makers, cabinet ministers, key government officials, private sector leaders, academics, professionals, researchers, representatives of international organizations and top corporate personnel in the country to discuss the emerging role of ICT for development of the country.

The Strategic Partners were Mobitel (Pvt) Ltd, Millennium IT, Hitachi Data Systems and 3M Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. The Strategic Alliances were Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Technology, ICTA, Sri Lanka Tourism, Sri Lankan Airlines and Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka.

Also DMS and Fortuna Global were Solutions Partners. Idea Partner was Ideahub (Pvt) Ltd, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd provided Print Media Partnership and ITN & Vasantham TV were the Electronic Media Partners. Readme.lk was the Online Media Partner.

The CSSL wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all these organizations and their management for their sponsorship which contributed towards the success of this event.

## Other Significant Features of the SEARCC 2013

- » Full two page newspaper supplement in the Daily News on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 - Giveaways to Participants
- » Recommendation Report – a recommendation report based on the speeches delivered during the conference was prepared and presented to the Ministry of Telecommunication and IT and ICTA for the purpose of action.

Significant commendations received from the speakers and invitees and the appreciation demonstrated by participants in the feedback forms, distinctly points out to the remarkable success of SEARCC 2013.

## Organizing Committees of SEARCC International Conference 2013

### Conference Chairman

Mr. Mahesh Perera

### Conference Manager

Mr. Ajith Salgado

### Marketing

Mr. Prabath Wickremaratne

Mr. Rohith Udalagama

### Program

Mr. Meryl Nonis

Mr. Udana Wickramasinghe

### Sessions

Mr. Yasas Abeywickrama

Mr. Sameera Jayawardane

Dr. Shantha Fernando

### Papers

Dr. Malitha Wijesundara

Mrs. Vishaka Nanayakkara

### Facilities

Mr. Rohith Udalagama

Dr. Shantha Fernando

### Registration

Mr. Luxman Perera

Mrs. Vishaka Nanayakkara

### Conference & Inauguration

Mr. Sameera Jayawardane

Mr. Rohith Udalagama

Mr. Udana Wickramasinghe

### Workshops

Dr. Malitha Wijesundara

Mr. Sameera Jayawardane

### Finance & Budget

Mr. Luxman Perera

Mr. Meryl Nonis



## CSSL Awards

The annual CSSL Excellence in ICT Awards was inaugurated at the SEARCC International Conference held in Colombo.

These awards intend to encourage, recognize and celebrate the excellence in ICT practice by rewarding the best and the finest of ICT professionals. Being the premier organization dedicated to promoting and improving professional standards in the information communication technology sector, the CSSL, in its inaugural year, awarded three awards for 'Emerging ICT Leader of the Year', 'Female ICT Leader of the Year' and 'ICT Leader of the Year'.

The Emerging ICT Leader of the Year award was won by Chamira Prasad Jayasinghe, a serial entrepreneur, innovator and an avid programmer. Having obtained a Bachelor of Science (Hons) degree in information technology from the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology, he established a company of his own, Arimac Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. Upamalika Ratnayake became the Female ICT Leader of the Year. She is the CIO / Senior Deputy General Manager – ICT at Ceylinco Insurance PLC, Life Division. Upamalika counts nearly three decades of experience in the ICT industry. The ICT Leader of the Year was Sanjiva Weerawarana. Sanjiva founded WSO2 in 2005 in order to reinvent the way enterprise middleware is developed, sold, delivered and supported through an open source model.

The awards presentation happened during the SEARCC International Conference.



NATIONAL SCHOOLS SOFTWARE COMPETITION-2013

## National Schools Software Competition

The National School Software Competition (NSSC) was conducted for the 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, in two stages: the preliminary round, a paper based competition, was held at provincial level at 18 regional centers on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 with the participation of 220 students representing 40 schools; the final round, an on-line computer based competition, was held in Colombo with the participation of 44 students, selected from the provincial competitions, representing 26 schools. The finals were held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at University of Colombo School of Computing and the following students were adjudged winners of the competition:

### Under 17 Category

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**D. J. S. Roshnal Lihinikadu**  
Royal College, Colombo 07

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**M.N.M.Nadil Hassan**  
Al-Azhar Central College, Kalagedihena

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**K. T. D. Perera**  
Ananda College, Colombo 10

### Under 19 Category

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**J. P. C. Madushan Jayalath**  
KE/Dudley Senanayake Central  
College, Tholangamuwa

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**T. Beniel**  
T/R.K.M Sri Koneswara  
Hidu College, Trincomalee

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**N. I. U. De Silva**  
Royal College, Colombo 07

## International Schools Software Competition (ISSC)

The winners of the finals were recognized as National Champions of the Software Competition at the National ICT Championship Awards organized jointly by the CSSL and Ministry of Education (MoE), which was held in Colombo in December, 2013. Hon Bandula Gunawardana, the Minister of Education, and many other distinguished invitees attended the award ceremony.

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka has been conducting this annual competition since 1990. One of the key objectives of the competition is to promote the IT knowledge and interest among the Sri Lankan school children. The winners of the National Competition have the opportunity of participating in the International Schools Software Competition (ISSC) organized by South East Asian Computer Regional Confederation (SEARCC).

The International Schools' Software Competition (ISSC) hosted by the CSSL was held in Colombo from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. The competition took place at the University of Colombo School Of Computing. The trial competition was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 while the main competition was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

Seven teams representing Australia, India, Papua New Guinea, Taiwan and Sri Lanka participated at this competition. Both India and Sri Lanka had two teams each competing while other countries were represented by one consisting of 3 children and a chaperon.

The duration of the competition, consisting of four programming problems, is two hours. The competition was held in C++ and Java.

The winner of the competition was Republic of China (Taiwan) team. Australia came in the second place while Indian team won the third place. Sri Lanka Team A won the fourth place. The awards ceremony was held at Great Wall Restaurant, Colombo 03, on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

ISSC is an annual event, organized by the South Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC), that is being held in one of the member countries in the region with the aim of bringing out problem solving and programming talent in school students in a competitive environment, within international standards. This competition also provides an opportunity for students from the Asia Pacific Region to meet and exchange valuable experience in the field of ICT. The competition further provides opportunities for the young people of the region to acquire better awareness of culture, life-style and aspirations of each other's country, leading to social harmony in the region.

## IT Mastermind

This year's IT Mastermind programme was well organized together with ESoft as the strategic partner, and ITN Sri Lanka as the media partner. Applications were received in February 2013.

Over 2700 students participated in the first round of the quiz that was held as an online test to select top 500 candidates during March 2013. These 500 candidates sat for the 2nd round of the quiz, which was

held as a written examination in different provincial centres covering all districts during April 2013.

108 candidates were shortlisted for the preliminary rounds of the main competition that was to be broadcast on ITN. These 108 candidates contested in quiz competitions held at the Open University Recording studio, with live recording. CSSL Council and Fellow members and appointed personnel from ESoft served as judges. Mr. Faizal Bongso served as the quiz master. There were 18 preliminary live quiz competitions where 6 contestants participated. Each competition had 3 rounds. Winner and the 1st runner up of each preliminary competition, hence 36 contestants, were selected for the second live round of 6 competitions. Winner of each of the 2nd round live competition were selected for the Grand Finale, Winners were awarded certificates, medals, laptops and computer equipment for their respective schools. Each quiz recording is being broadcast on ITN on Mondays from 630 pm to 700pm.

The winner of the competition was Dushan Chanuka of Ananda College, Colombo, Roshnal Lihinikadu of Royal College, Colombo and Rishikeshan Lavakumar St. Joseph's College, Trincomalee were the 1st and 2nd runners up respectively.



## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide a forum for the Professionals to improve and share knowledge on specific subject matters by organizing workshops, educational programs, publications, newsletters, etc. Year 2013 was exceptional to SIGs: there were several events and each event was attended by over 30 participants (with one event marking 80 participants).

Among activities organized by the SIG was a paid workshop on Enterprise Mobile Application Development with Titanium. The workshop was conducted by Erandika Hunugampola at the Renuka Hotel on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013. A large number of professionals attended the workshop, making it a profitable exercise. The following SIGs were active over the period.

Title	Conducted by
Evaluation and impact of Advance persistent threats	Dr. Chandana Gamage
Framework based Test Automation	Mr. Kishan Navaratna
High performance central storage systems	Clutch Automation
The Other side: dark side of the internet	Prof. Abhaya Induruwa

These sessions were well attended by both members and non-members.

## CSSL Chapters

In order to strengthen various segments of the ICT professional community of within and outside of CSSL, the following Chapters were active over the period:

### Sri Lankan Women in Computing Chapter

One of the perceptions of the Sri Lanka ICT sector is that, it is a male dominated industry and strategies should be in place to lure females into the sector. Sri Lankan Women in Computing Chapter is to encourage females to select Computing as a career and to encourage the female professionals to achieve their dreams.

The inaugural meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at the OPA auditorium. Ms Upamalika Ratnayake, CIO Ceylinco Life leads this chapter.

### CIO Chapter

The main objective of the chapter is to engage the CIOs in a positive manner with CSSL (both members and non-members) and develop a dialogue to discuss present day challenges when working as a CIO.

The inaugural meeting was held in November 2013. Mr. Rohan Muttiah, CIO at Commercial Bank of Ceylon leads the CIO Chapter.

### Young IT Professionals Chapter

This initiative was formed as a platform for Sri Lanka Young ICT Professionals to communicate, share and network in order to build and establish strong ICT relationships both locally and globally whilst recognizing and rewarding young professionals in the country through an active organization and therefore lay the footsteps in creating a strong global ICT force.

The first meeting was held in second week of December and Mr. Hashan Sirisena, who is a young ICT consultant, was elected with other office bearers to lead the chapter.

## ICDL

The European Computer Driving Licence Foundation Limited (ECDL Foundation), based in Dublin, Ireland, is the worldwide governing body and licensing authority for the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) and the ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence), the global standard in end-user computer skills certification.

The ICDL Asia Pacific Limited (ICDLAP), based in Singapore, is a fully owned subsidiary of the ECDL Foundation, and is the regional governing body and licensing authority for the ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence).

During the period under review, 30 new centres were accredited as Accredited Test Centres (ATCs) and 87 existing Accredited Test Centres (ATCs) were re-accredited.

In order to streamline the accreditation process of ICDL, the following steps were taken in 2013.

- » Close monitoring of ICDL centers to ensure that the accreditation program is right on track
- » Changes were made to the discount structure for multiple center registrations and collection procedure to increase the revenue.
- » Currently in the process of employing additional auditors to make the center auditing process more efficient.

These measures have contributed to revenue improvements and accreditation of new centers.

## CSSL Certification

The CSSL Certification was inaugurated at the SEARCC International Conference held in Colombo.

Certification of ICT skills using an internationally recognized benchmark is extremely important for the ICT industry from multiple perspectives. The industry wide recognition of such a benchmark could drastically shorten the recruitment process, optimize training expenditure and provide a snapshot of the skills available within an organization. For the ICT practitioners, this provides a method to self-assess the ICT skills and plan their career development for a target ICT role both locally and globally.

CSSL Certification is offered in partnership with the Australian Computer Society (ACS), based on the SFIA (Skills Framework for the Information Age) competency framework. Any CSSL member could now apply to be certified in any of the 96 SFIA skills and 7 levels of responsibility defined in the SFIA framework.

CSSL has six ACS trained evaluators who are now able to evaluate the candidates using the SFIA framework based on the evidence provided. This is an online process monitored and audited by the ACS to maintain a high standard and the consistency.

At the launch, 9 CSSL members were awarded their CSSL ICT Skills certificates at the SEARCC 2013 conference held in Colombo in August.

The National Science Foundation and SLASCOM have shown interest in partnering with the CSSL in order to adopt this certification in their respective domains.

## CSSL Representation in other organizations

### SEARCC

The CSSL has been a member of the South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC) Since 1986. During the year under consideration the CSSL has played a vibrant role in SEARCC activities, including the International School Software Competition which was held in Colombo in October and the SEARCC 2013 Conference.

The President of CSSL Mr. Mahesh Perera was appointed as the President of the SEARCC at its Executive Council meeting which was attended by the presidents/representatives of 5 member countries including Australia, India, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. The meeting was held in September 2013 in Colombo in conjunction with the SEARCC 2013 conference.

## **SEARCC Executive Council Meeting**

The CSSL hosted two SEARCC Executive Council Meetings in March and August 2013, which were attended by the representatives of the SEARCC member countries.

## **MoU with the Australian Computer Society (ACS)**

The Australian Computer Society (ACS) and the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL), the peak bodies for Information and Communication Technology professionals in their respective countries signed an MoU to improve trade in the region through improved professionalism in ICT.

ACS President Dr. Nick Tate and CSSL President Mahesh Perera signed the MoU at the conclusion of the SEARCC Executive Meeting held in Sri Lanka on 08<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Signing the MoU with ACS has greatly contributed to materializing the CSSL certification programme, which was inaugurated in 2013.

## **MoU with FITIS**

Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka (FITIS) and the CSSL has signed an MoU with the view of increasing synergies within the ICT industry in the country.

## **OPA**

The CSSL has been an active member of Organization of Professional Association of Sri Lanka (OPA) and Mr. Mahesh Perera and Mr. Yasas Abewikkrama represented for the year 2012/2013 at OPA committees:

## **ICTA**

The CSSL represented many events organized by Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka. Mr. Mahesh Perera CSSL President contributed as a resource person at the Future Gov. Conference and FOSS for Government events organized by ICTA.





Events at a Glance

## Annual General Meeting 2012



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## IT Mastermind







## CSSL Members Night





## CSSL Presidents Award Cricket Tournament



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## CSSL Representaion in other organizations







# SEARCC 2013





CSSL Awards



CSSL Fellows





## CSSL Certification



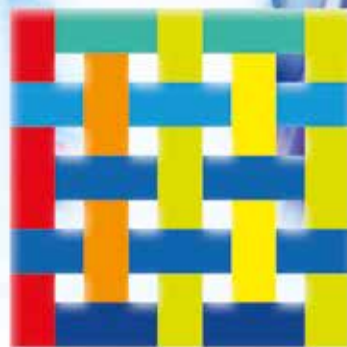
## SIG



## Our Trailblazers

### Past Presidents

<i>Mr. J.M. Chrisantha Silva</i>	2009 – 2011
<i>Dr. Prasanna Lokuge</i>	2008
<i>Mr. Dinesh C.A. Sattukalsinghe</i>	2006 – 2007
<i>Mr. P. Lionel Perera</i>	2004 – 2005
<i>Mr. L.M.C. Weerasinghe</i>	2003
<i>Mr. K.B.N. De Silva</i>	2001 – 2002
<i>Mr. T.L. Chandranath</i>	1999 – 2001
<i>Mr. V.R. Karunaratne</i>	1991 – 1999
<i>Dr. R.B. Ekanayake</i>	1976/77 – 1981-1991



## Conclusion

During the year under review, the Executive Council adhered to the strategy by implementing the three key thrusts declared at the previous year AGM. The CSSL has made significant progress with the launches of diverse initiatives that were enhanced in depth and scope to meet the stakeholder expectations and **made a difference** in the ICT landscape of the country.

The CSSL was appreciated and acknowledged for its contribution in many national and international forums, indicating that CSSL is a **valued society!**





**Financial Statement**



## **Hon. Treasurer's Report**

CSSL completed another successful financial year. During this year, both income and expenditure of CSSL have increased marginally compared to last year. Income from membership fees is up by Rs. 1 million but this has been offset by the reduction in profit from National IT Conference. There are no other major variations in sources of income and expenditure. Finally, CSSL Accumulated Fund will be increased by approximately Rs. 1.2 million.

**Luxaman Perera**  
Treasurer CSSL



**THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA**  
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**  
**(All Amounts Are In Sri Lanka Rupees)**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
Application Fees	<b>01</b>	17,035.72	11,116
Registration Fees & Annual Subscriptions	<b>02</b>	1,543,134.00	425,838
Surplus/(Deficit) On National IT Conference	<b>03</b>	2,724,955.93	3,879,993
Surplus/(Deficit) On Workshops	<b>04</b>	214,501.53	(209,832)
Surplus/(Deficit) On National School Software Competition	<b>05</b>	(158,797.63)	(254,001)
Surplus/(Deficit) On Australian Computer Society (ACS)	<b>06</b>	(16,192.63)	43,362
Surplus/(Deficit) International Computer Driving License (ICDL) Fees	<b>07</b>	1,491,948.73	1,495,817
Members Night	<b>08</b>	(591,657.50)	100,000
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Interest Income	<b>09</b>	1,576,153.68	1,391,943
Rent Income		230,892.86	-
Other Income		2,670.00	80,477
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,034,644.69</b>	<b>6,964,712</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>			
Programmes & Workshops	<b>10</b>	857,150.20	937,210
Administration Expenses	<b>11</b>	5,001,669.35	4,450,134
<b>FINANCE &amp; OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
Bank Charges		21,918.13	34,227
Other Expenses	<b>12</b>	177,190.06	369,186
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,057,927.74</b>	<b>5,790,757</b>
<b>Net Surplus /(Deficit ) For The Year Before Taxation</b>		<b>976,716.95</b>	<b>1,173,955</b>
Income Tax		-	-
<b>Net Surplus /(Deficit ) For The Year After Taxation</b>		<b>976,716.95</b>	<b>1,173,955</b>

The Accounting Policies and Notes set out on pages 06 to 18 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

**THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH**  
**(All Amounts Are In Sri Lanka Rupees)**

	2013	2012
Note		
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>		
Net Profit / (Loss) Before Taxation	976,716.95	1,173,955
<b>Adjustment For;</b>		
Depreciation	413,186.24	438,571
(Gain)/ Loss On Translation Of Foreign Currency	-	-
Interest Income	<u>(1,576,153.68)</u>	<u>(1,391,943)</u>
<b>Operating Profit / (Loss) Before Working Capital Changes</b>	(186,250.49)	220,584
(Increase) / Decrease In Advances & Receivables	(196,589.42)	(131,971)
(Increase) / Decrease In Value Added Tax Receivable	-	-
Increase / (Decrease) In Creditors & Accruals	<u>254,303.41</u>	<u>(150,195)</u>
<b>Cash Generated From / (Used In) Operations</b>	<u>(128,536.50)</u>	<u>(61,582)</u>
Tax Paid	-	-
<b>Net Cash Flow From / (Used In) Operating Activities</b>	<u>(128,536.50)</u>	<u>(61,582)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase Of Property, Plant & Equipment	(252,257.00)	-
Interest Received	1,576,153.68	1,391,943
Investment In Fixed Deposits	(2,780,499.81)	(5,935,200)
Investment In Treasury Bills	<u>2,188,222.00</u>	<u>3,922,797</u>
<b>Net Cash Flow From / (Used In) Investing Activities</b>	<u>731,618.87</u>	<u>(620,460)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>		
(Gain)/Loss On Translation Of Foreign Currency	-	-
<b>Net Cash Flow From / (Used In) Finance Activities</b>	-	-
<b>Net Increase / (Decrease) In Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	603,082.37	(682,042)
Cash & Cash Equivalents At The Beginning Of the year	854,033.72	1,536,075
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents At The End Of The Year</b>	<u>1,457,116.09</u>	<u>854,033</u>

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**THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN**  
**ACCUMULATED FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2013**  
**(All Amounts Are In Sri Lanka Rupees)**

	<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance As At 01.04.2011	22,178,062.38	22,178,062.38
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) For The Year	1,173,955.65	1,173,955.65
Balance As At 31.03.2012	23,352,018.03	23,352,018.03
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) For The Year	976,716.95	976,716.95
Balance As At 31.03.2013	24,328,734.98	24,328,734.98

**THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH**  
**(All Amounts Are In Sri Lanka Rupees)**

	Note	2013	2012
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	13	4,263,315.65	4,424,245
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,263,315.65</b>	<b>4,424,245</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Fixed Deposits	14	10,715,699.81	7,935,200
Treasury Bills	15	7,768,980.00	9,957,202
Commissioner General Of Inland Revenue	16	277,268.01	277,268
Advances & Receivables	17	328,560.00	131,971
Cash & Cash Equivalents	18	1,457,116.09	854,034
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,547,623.91</b>	<b>19,155,674</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>24,810,939.56</b>	<b>23,579,919</b>
<b>EQUITY &amp; LIABILITIES</b>			
Accumulated Fund		24,328,734.98	23,352,018
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>24,328,734.98</b>	<b>23,352,018</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors & Accruals	19	482,204.58	227,901
<b>Total</b>		<b>482,204.58</b>	<b>227,901</b>
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>		<b>24,810,939.56</b>	<b>23,579,919</b>

The Accounting Policies and Notes set out on pages 06 to 18 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

The Council of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements.

Signed for and on behalf of the Council by,

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 President/Secretary  
 Colombo  
 24th October 2013  
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.....  
 Treasurer

# Jayasinghe & Co

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### TO THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

We have audited the accompanying financial Statements of The Computer Society of Sri Lanka which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in accumulated fund and cash flows for the year then ended, together with the significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of Council of Management & Auditors**

The Council of Management of The Computer Society of Sri Lanka is responsible for preparing and presenting these financial statements in accordance with the relevant Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice for Not-for-Profit Organizations (Including Non Governmental Organizations) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements, based on our audit.

#### **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the said financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the said financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the council, evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements, and determining whether the said financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice for Not-for-Profit Organizations (Including Non Government Organizations) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. We therefore, believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, so far as appears from our examination, the Society has maintained proper books of accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said statement of financial position and statements of comprehensive income, changes in accumulated fund and cash flows and the accounting policies and notes thereto, which are in agreement with the said books and have been prepared and presented in accordance with the relevant Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice for Not-for-Profit Organizations (Including Not Government Organizations) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 and its surplus for the year then ended.



**Jayasinghe & Co.**

Chartered Accountants.

Colombo, Sri Lanka

4<sup>th</sup> November 2013

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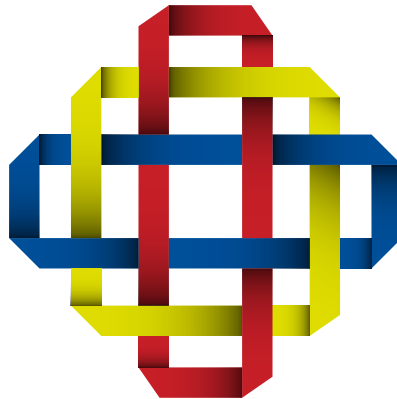
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