

# CSSL ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

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## Message from the President

It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report for the year 2013/2014 of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) at the 26th Annual General Meeting.

The year 2014 has been a year of many successful events for the Computer Society of Sri Lanka. The CSSL was involved in many activities at national and international level gaining recognition as a professional body for ICT professionals. The Executive Council with a clear vision of the CSSL future, committed to carry out its duties and responsibilities to both its members and the ICT industry in Sri Lanka.

The 32nd National Information Technology Conference (NITC) themed “ICT for Inclusive Development” was a Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO) supported event and beyond a shadow of a doubt was the best one yet with the participation of over 750 delegates.

The NITC 2014 was a tremendous success with excellent line of speakers and well organized conference facilities. ICTA was the National partner and Ministry of IT was the official patron for the event. NITC brought together a cross section of policy makers, cabinet ministers, commonwealth representations, Key government officials, Private sector leaders, academics, professionals, researchers, representatives of international organizations and top corporate personal in the country to discuss the emerging role of ICT for millennium development goals.

CSSL mainly focused on following areas outlined at the AGM: strengthening CSSL membership, developing CSSL media presence, streamlining and promoting CSSL Certification and accreditations playing a key role in connecting Sri Lankan ICT industry to the world, Developing the next generation. National schools' software competition (NSSC), International school software competition (ISSC) and IT Mastermind, NITC, CSSL Awards, Chapters, Workshops, Monthly news letter, Press releases Utilizing social media.

We have also seen Sri Lanka being able to play a greater role in the regional and global ICT landscape. Through the CSSL, we currently hold the responsible post of Presidency in the South Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC) and post of Chairman in the International Young ICT Professionals Group (InterYIT) of IFIP.

As you browse through this report, I'm sure that you will agree that the year gone by was a very productive and successful year for CSSL and will be able to share the excitement of significant progress of the CSSL in the future. The success we achieved during 2014 would not have been possible if not for the efforts of the dynamic members of Executive Council, other members who served in various committees, staff and many other stakeholders. I take this opportunity to thank them for their support and corporation.

I look forward to your overall support for the future success of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka. I'm confident that the future is bright and CSSL will achieve greater heights in the years to come.



## 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 14th 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 2013/2014 was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The Council met almost every fortnight and had 23 council meetings and many subcommittee meetings during the year.

### Executive Council 2013 /2014



**Mr. Ajith Salgado**  
President  
Head of IT - Sampath Bank PLC



**Dr. Dayan Rajapakse**  
Vice President  
Founding Chairman &  
Managing Director - ESOF Group



**Mr. Yasar Abeywickrama**  
Secretary  
CEO - Lanka BPO Academy



**Mr. Luxaman Perera**  
Treasurer  
Head of IT - BOC



**Dr. Malitha Wijesundara**  
Assistant Secretary  
Dean of the Faculty of Computing - SLIIT



**Prabath Wickremaratne**  
Assistant Treasurer  
Vice President/Head of IT  
Deutsche Bank AG



**Mr. Udana Wickramasinghe**  
Publication Secretary  
Director ICT  
Sri Lanka Tourism



**Dr. Ajantha Atukorale**  
Student Counselor  
Senior Lecturer  
UCSC



**Mr. Chrisantha Silva**  
Council Member  
Former Manager IT  
Sri Lanka



**Mr. Mahesh Perera**  
Council Member  
Director IT  
Parliament of Sri Lanka



**Mr. Niel Gunadasa**  
Council Member  
Director of Education (ICT)  
Ministry of Education



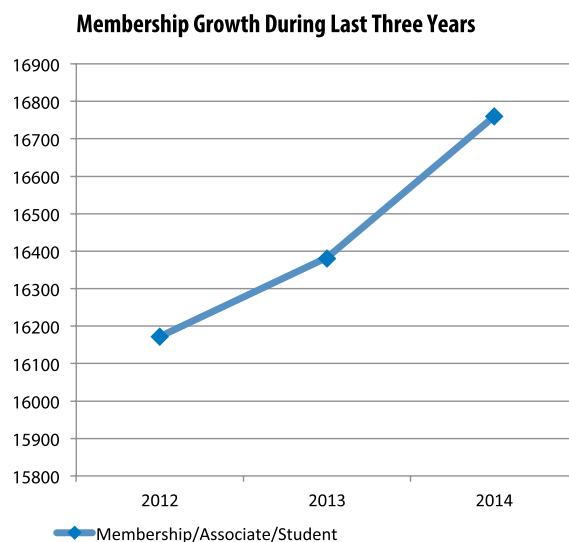
**Mr. Damith Hettihewa**  
Council Member  
Coordinator IT  
Presidential Task Force

## Membership

In the year 2014, the new membership stood at 346 bringing the total members to 1086. Also there was an increase in Associate members and total Associate membership for this year is 402 and the total student membership stood at 15,272. Further, CSSL identified the senior members who served the CSSL in the past and actively contribute to the CSSL and to the field of ICT. They were recognized for their contribution and awarded CSSL Fellow membership.

CSSL is proud of this achievement and also wishes 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 among the ICT professionals to join the Society.

A valuable gift pack including a CSSL T shirt, Cap and few other items was given to all member renewals during the 1st quarter of this year and a CSSL Car sticker was also promoted this year.



## 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, the Executive Council decided to award the Fellow status to the members who satisfy the eligibility criteria to become Fellows. For this year, it was decided to select the four senior members who satisfied the criteria accordingly, the following distinguished CSSL members were awarded the Fellow membership:

- Mr. H M B Gunaratne
- Mr. Lionel Perera
- Mr. Rohan Sirisena
- Mr. Chandana Weerasinghe



## CSSL Strategy Workshop – 2014

CSSL strategy workshop was held at Aliya Resort, Sigiriya from 24<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014 with a view to scheduling activities for 2014. Prior to the workshop, project leaders were appointed to lead a number of activities to be implemented during the year 2014. The project leaders presented their proposals in detail with tentative time schedules. All executive council members participated in the workshop which culminated into a comprehensive strategy for 2014. Further, a progress review workshop was held at the Cinnamon Bay, Beruwela on 07<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

## NITC 2014

Considering the CHOGM 2013 theme “Growth Equity and Inclusive Development”, the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) facilitated deliberations amongst ICT professionals across the Commonwealth, at National Information Technology Conference 2014 (NITC 2014) - “ICT for Inclusive Development”.

Organized for the 32nd consecutive year, the NITC involved key ICT decision makers in private and public sector together to share and discuss latest trends in Information and Communication Technology. These learning’s are usually adopted in their respective businesses or institutions for higher productivity, greater competitive advantage or customer centric service delivery.

NITC 2014 was inaugurated on August 25, 2014 at 4.30 pm at the BMICH Main Conference Hall with the participation of several Ministers, Telecommunication and ICT policy makers and technology leaders from Sri Lanka and commonwealth member countries.

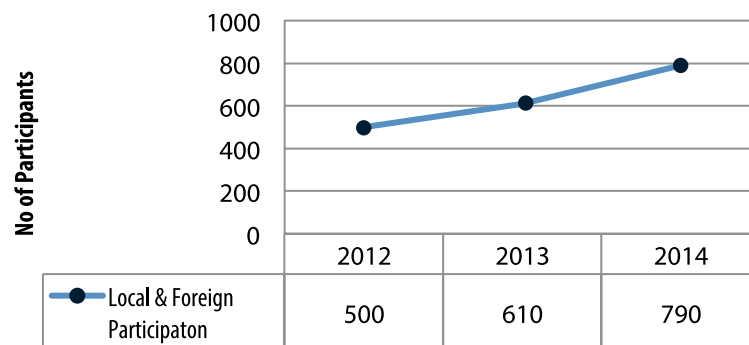
The main conference was held on August 26 and 27 at the Kingsbury Hotel Colombo. Professor Tim Unwin, Secretary General of CTO and Chairman of Commonwealth Scholarship Commission was a key note speaker at the event.

A seminar on Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP) was organized by the Commonwealth Telecommunication Organization (CTO) and added great value to NITC 2014 participants.

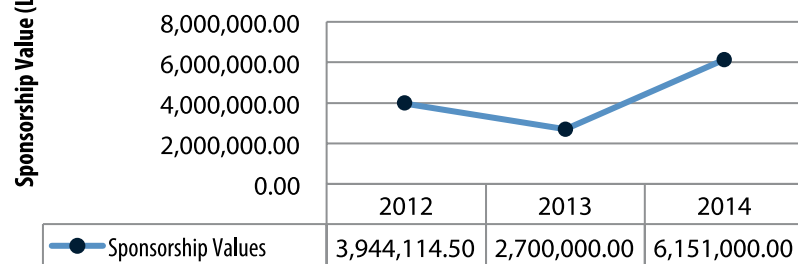
Under the theme “ICT for Inclusive Development”, the NITC 2014 conference created a platform for discussion on the innovative use of ICT to create better solutions under main conference tracks of Innovations for ICT4ID, Smart Societies, E-governance, Security, Big Data, Cloud Computing and Social Media.



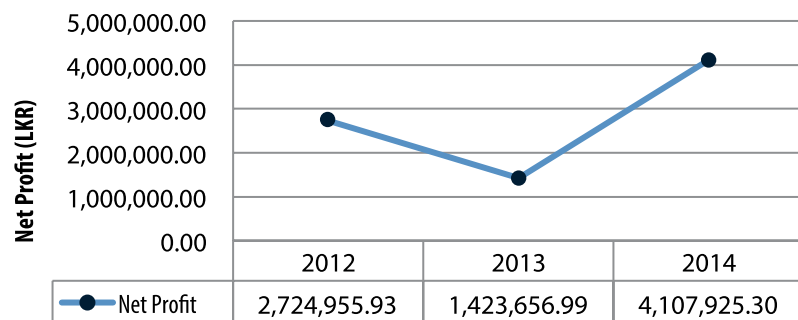
### NITC Participation Growth During Last 3 Years



### Sponsorships During Last 3 Years



### NITC Net Porfit During Last 3 Years















## Commonwealth ICT deliberations at NITC 2014

CSSL received conference papers from many commonwealth countries including the Commonwealth Secretary General's office to facilitate commonwealth wide deliberations.

The conference further elaborated CHOGM 2013 ICT related declarations to be brought to their fulfillment. Several representatives from the Commonwealth were invited to participate at the inauguration ceremony and parallel roundtable discussions on "ICT for Inclusive Development beyond MDGs in the Commonwealth."

The results of this discussion will have commonwealth wide impact.

### Few Comments from the National and International participants on NITC

- *Extracted from NITC FB Page.....*



**Tim Unwin** Thanks again for an excellent event. I really enjoyed meeting with so many computer professionals from Sri Lanka. Looking forward to continuing to work together in the future!

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- *Extracted from Conference Application Feedbacks.....*

- The content presented in the conference is excellent. Covering hot topics such as big data and cloud is good. As an information security professional, I learned a lot about these concepts and was able to understand security issues which will occur when implementing such concepts.~

Boominda Anushka - Information Security Analyst, **Sri Lanka CERT**

- Even though Mr. Jason Musakuqaski has changed his topic to ' Driving competitive advantage in a new era of smart' he has nicely built his point and explained lot of key aspects to success in this smart business and finding our own opportunities in that smart business era...very good presentation. .Overall presentations were quite interesting and more related to the ICT when linking ICT to smart society.

~Nimesh Nadeesha Pollwaththage – Programme Specialist ,**Sri Lanka Telecom**

► In overall, a good day of a well planned NITC. Very good.

~ Thushara Suraweera - Programme Specialist, **ICT Agency of Sri Lanka**

► This is a very good program to refresh and gain new knowledge for the ICT personal. The knowledge and experience shared by the speakers are remarkable. Very good.

~ RMS Iresh Bandara – Assistant Manager **Bank of Ceylon**

► Well organized.Very good. Many thanks for brain storming us with lot of knowledge!!! Congratulations!!!

~ Subodha Ellawala - Assistant Director (Administration), Department of **National Archives**

► Quality of presentations very good

~Sonia Rani – **CDAC, India**

► Quality of presentation, proceedings, arrangements, opportunity to network is very good.

~ Muthukumar Thuaisingham - Additional DGI, **Irrigation Department**

► Conference was excellent; you need to do some improvement to avoid long queues.

~ Prasad Sirinayake - Manager System Administration, **Janashakthi Insurance PLC**

► Overall Excellent heartiest congratulations to Computer Society of Sri Lanka for an excellent and informative show.

~ Dilshan ranasinghe – CIO, **Phoenix Industries**

► Very good conference. ~

Kugagoda Sarath Dayanda - Deputy Chief Training Manager , **Sri Lanka Ports Authority**

► Good set of speakers. All keynote speakers and very much application side~ Amitha Caldera – Lecturer , **UCSC**

► Very good opportunity gather knowledge, networking and share thoughts.~  
Balakumaraa Puvanendran - Asst Manager (IT) , **Union Assurance PLC**

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### **NITC 2014 - supported by London-based Commonwealth Telecommunication Organization (CTO)**

The conference was organized by CSSL in collaboration with Sri Lanka's Ministry of Telecommunication and IT Sri Lanka, Ministry of External Affairs and Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) and was supported by London-based Commonwealth Telecommunication Organization (CTO).

## NITC 2014 Suppoters

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## 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); The Ministry is to provide the redrafted Bill for approval to the parliament.

## The National School Software Competition (NSSC)

The National School Software Competition (NSSC) was conducted for the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, in two stages: the preliminary round, a provincial level paper based competition, was held at 17 regional test centers on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014. 871 students registered from 201 schools representing all 9 provinces. The final round, an on-line computer based competition, was held in Colombo with the participation of 31 students, selected from the provincial competitions. 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 finals were held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014 at University of Colombo School of Computing. All 31 students were given two day training with food and lodging before the online exam and the following students were adjudged winners of the competition:

### Under 17 Category Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Witharamalage Mudith Nirmala Witharama	R/Eheliyagoda M.M.V
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ramith Udara Hettiarachchi	Ananda College
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Thisura Dodangoda	Royal College

### Under 19 Category Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Don Jude Shamika Roshnal Lihinikadu	Royal College
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Nisal Periyapperuma	D.S.Senanayake College
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jagodage Sadeep Darshana Weerasinghe	Royal College

### Merit Certificate Winners

Ranasinghe Arachchilage Chamath Sandaru Ranasinghe	Kuli/ Kuliypitiya Central College
Alahakoon Jaliyagodage Nuwan Madushanka Jaliyagoda	Dharmaraja College
Pasindu Chathuranga Wijesena	Ananda College
Gamlath Ralalage Damika Nipun Gamlath	Maliyadeva College
Narasinghe Mudiyanseelage Adithya Sudharaka Narasinghe	Royal College
Udesh Upalanka Kumarasighe	K/Vidyarthi College
Kaluarachchige Tharuka Danusha Perera	Ananda College
Dissanayake Mudiyanseelage Chandeepea Dissanayake	K/St.Sylvester's College



## International Schools Software Competition (ISSC)

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.

From the winners of the National Competition, students under 18 years of age 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 Indian Computer Society (ICS) was held in Chennai from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. The ISSC participating Sri Lanka teams were given another 2 day training at University of Colombo School of Computing. Six teams representing 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 team. 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. Indian Team came in the second place while Sri Lankan Team A won the third place. Sri Lanka Team B won the fourth place.





## 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 2014. Over 2700 students participated in the first round of the quiz that was held as an online test to select top 200 candidates during March 2014. These 200 candidates sat for the 2nd round of the quiz, which was held as a written examination in different provincial centres covering all districts during March 2014. 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. Quiz programme is being broadcast on ITN on Wednesday from 6.30 pm to 7.00 pm.





## CSSL Dinner Dance “IT Blast”

For the first time in the history, the CSSL organized an IT Dinner Dance to give an unique experience to IT professionals. This Intimate evening was held in Waters Edge, Battaramulla one of the most prestige hotels with most popular entertainers. This signature event was an ideal networking opportunity.



## 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 CSSL & NITC website, regular email updates to members, better use of CSSL email addresses and a review process for all membership emails. During 2014, 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 regularly published news items about CSSL activities. Digital media coverage of CSSL was improved during the year including the E-Newsletter; having a CSSL brand presence in all major social media channels (i.e. Facebook, LinkedIn etc.) in a synchronized manner.

### Communication and Social Media Presence



## CSSL Column in the Daily FT News Paper

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka maintained a separate CSSL column in the Daily FT Newspaper, to discuss matters relating to ICT professionals, ICT industry as well as to represent ICT professionals in the country. CSSL members were invited to provide any suitable content for this column.

## CSSL organizes ICT training for Teachers in Sri Lanka with the support of Ministry of Education & Deutsche Bank

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL), embarked on a number of initiatives to uplift the standards of ICT literacy among Sri Lankans. One such initiative is to provide necessary training on ICT skills for both students and teachers, who would be playing a key role in making Sri Lanka as an ICT hub in the region. A Teacher Training on Java Language for ICT teachers was successfully initiated in September 2014 with the support of Deutsche Bank. The program is conducted under the supervision of the Ministry of Education in Sri Lanka. The program is conducted in “Train-the-Trainer” format which would be beneficial for a number of teachers and students.



## ICDL

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

ICDL, the world's most recognized IT skills qualification, is delivered in 150 countries, to 13 million people in 41 languages through 24,000 study centres. It is approved by academic and international experts from around the world.

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, 2 new center were accredited as Accredited Test Centres (ATCs) and 72 existing Accredited Test Centres (ATCs) were re-accredited. In order to streamline the accreditation process of ICDL, the following steps were taken in 2014.

- ▶ A MoU was signed between ICDL Sri Lanka & CSSL
- ▶ Re launch the “New” ICDL  
 ICDL Sri Lanka launched their new programme ‘New ICDL’ which is a major revision of the programme, developed to reflect technology changes and labour market requirements. The launch was held at the Waters Edge, Battaramulla on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014, and was attended by Educators in the School, Professional, Higher and Technical Education sectors, Heads of HR and Training of Corporates and BPOs. Mr. Anura Dissanayake, Secretary of Education graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.  
 New ICDL is made up of a range of modules which provides a practical programme of up-to-date skills and knowledge areas, which are validated by a test. New ICDL enables learners to develop and certify their computer skills in the subject areas of their choosing and to the level that they need.
- ▶ 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.

## CSSL Certification

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.

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.

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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.

SFIA is an open source, two dimensional skills matrix developed in 1998, by the SFIA Foundation, a UK consortium comprising IET, IMIS, e-skills UK, and BCS. This framework is revised and updated constantly. The current version of the framework is version 5, which was released in December 2011.

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## CSSL Awards 2014

The annual CSSL Excellence in ICT Awards will be held for the 2nd consecutive year in December 2014 at the Kingsbury Hotel 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, will be awarding three awards for 'Emerging ICT Leader of the Year', 'Female ICT Leader of the Year' and 'ICT Leader of the Year'

## CSSL President Appointed as President of South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC)

The President of CSSL, Mr. Ajith Salgado was appointed as the President of the SEARCC this year.

SEARCC is a forum of national Information and Communication Technology professional societies in the Asia Pacific region that promotes IT professionalism across the region.

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 and SEARCC Conference.



## CSSL Secretary appointed as Chairman of International Young ICT Professionals Group of IFIP

Mr. Yasas V. Abeywickrama, Secretary of The Computer Society of Sri Lanka was appointed as the Chairman of the International Young ICT Professionals Group (InterYIT) of IFIP.

InterYIT is a group for young professionals in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT). InterYIT comes under IFIP – the International Federation for Information Processing. IFIP is the leading multinational organization in ICT, recognized by the United Nations and other world bodies.

IFIP has the representation of ICT societies in 56 countries/regions, covering five continents with a total membership of over half a million. It links more than 3500 scientists from Academia & Industry. The Computer Society of Sri Lanka represents Sri Lanka in the IFIP.

InterYIT has objectives such as being the umbrella organization for all young ICT professionals around the world, foster communication between young ICT groups and promote representation of young professionals in computer societies as well as within the IFIP.

## IFIP Annual Assembly at Vienna

IFIP's technical assembly and general assembly met in Vienna on **11-13 September 2014** and CSSL President Mr. Ajith Salgado and Secretary Mr. Yasas Abeywickrama participated at this event.

## The IT and Management Professional Bodies Join Hands to Improve Professionalism

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) joined hands with the Institute of Management of Sri Lanka (IMSL) in a move to develop IT savvy corporate leaders and IT professionals with good management skills.

With a view to improve the IT skills of the managers, the ICT infrastructure of the organizations and the leadership skills of the ICT professionals, the President of the CSSL, Mr. Ajith Salgado and the President of IMSL, Mr. Anver Dole signed a MOU at the CCSL secretariat this year .

Together the organizations will work towards a mutual goal of developing productivity using emerging ICT technologies and management practices and would be holding joint educational events and workshops.





## Sri Lanka Foundation Ties up with Computer Society of Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF) the National Centre for Leadership Education and Training under the purview of the Presidential Secretariat was founded in 1974 (Under Act of Parliament Sri Lanka Foundation Law No.31 of 1973). SLF is a premier non- formal adult education centre in Asia with a specific focus on democratization through training and dissemination of knowledge.

The Language and ICT Unit of SLF which is established to develop ICT and Linguistic abilities took the initiative to tie up with CSSL, and came to a collaborative understanding with the vision of strategically empowering both the organizations in terms of developing National ICT Education, Leadership and Training in Sri Lanka. By this collaboration it is expected mutual endorsement of Trainings, conducting collaborative events as well as facilitating events conducted by both organizations within the common context of ICT Development in Sri Lanka.

The President of the CSSL, Mr. Ajith Salgado and the Chairman of SFL, Prof. Ranjith Bandara signed a MOU at the Sri Lanka Foundation this year.



## CSSL Member of Organization of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka

The CSSL has been an active member of Organization of Professional Association of Sri Lanka (OPA). CSSL Fellow Member Mr. Wimal Indrosoma and Council Member and former President Mr. Mahesh Perera represented for the year 2013/2014 at OPA committees.

## CSSL Workshops

### How to recruit an IT Professional

CSSL organized a workshop on “How to recruit an IT Professional” and Mr. Sampath Jayasundara CEO of hSenid Business Solutions, Director of Pioneer Institute of Business & Technology conducted this workshop with the participation of corporate sector HRM professionals. During this full day workshop participants were educated on IT professionals recruiting, evaluating, salary considerations, training & developing IT professionals skills.



## The Next Generation Protocol IPv6

“The Next Generation Protocol IPv6” is another successful workshop organized by CSSL this year and Mr. Sarada Hettiarachchi Systems Engineer & Instructor Trainer - Cisco Networking Center, University of Moratuwa conducted the workshop a workshop. Introduction to IPv6 , IPv6 Address Assignment , IPv6 & Routing , IPv6 Transition Techniques were widely discussed during the event.



## Sri Lanka's Journey towards an Innovation Driven Economy

CSSL organized a workshop on “Sri Lanka's Journey towards an Innovation Driven Economy” which was conducted by Mr. Asanga Abeyagoonasekera who is the Executive Director of the Premiere National Think Tank namely Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute for International Relations and Strategic Studies (LKIIRSS). The workshop was conducted at the Sri Lanka Foundation in November this year.

## 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:

### 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.

CSSL organized the CIO Chapter with the theme “Digital Marketing” on 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2014 and Mr. Niranka Perera, Manager Digital Advertising Dialog Axiata, shared four real life case studies of advertising campaigns which involved digital advertising and the outcomes of these campaigns, all of which showed the inevitable. This event was a fruitful event for all CIOs participated.

The CIO chapter, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Renuka Hotel was a very successful event that brought together CIOs from leading companies in Sri Lanka. Mr. Justin Chiah product category head HP networking Asia Pacific and Japan gave a valuable speech on “Software defined Networks & Network Function Virtualization” at this forum and CIOs widely discussed matters under “Establish a professional forum for CIOs and define a development path for future CIOs”



### **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.

### **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.

## Our Trailblazers Past Presidents

<i>Mr. Mahesh Perera</i>	2012 – 2013
<i>Mr. J.M. Chrisantha Silva</i>	2009 – 2011
<i>Dr. Prasanna Lokuge</i>	2008
<i>Mr. Dinesh C.A. Sattrukalsinghe</i>	2006 – 2007
<i>Mr. P. Lionel Perera</i>	2004 – 2005
<i>Mr. L.M.C. Weerasinghe</i>	2003
<i>Mr. K.V.N. De Silva</i>	2001 – 2002
<i>Mr. T.L. Chandranath</i>	1999 – 2001
<i>Mr. Y.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 its success over the period.



## Treasurer's Report

CSSL completed another successful financial year. During this year, both income and expenditure of CSSL have increased compared to last year. Income from membership fees is up by Rs. 2 million but this has been offset by the reduction in profit from National IT Conference 1.4 million. There are no other major variations in sources of income and expenditure. Finally, CSSL accumulated fund could be increased by nearly Rs.1.4 million.

**Luxaman Perera**

Treasurer CSSL



**THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA  
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH**

		<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
(All Amounts Are In Sri Lanka Rupees)	Note		
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
Application Fees	03	29,400.00	17,036
Registration Fees & Annual Subscriptions	04	2,022,650.00	1,543,134
Surplus/(Deficit) On National IT Conference	05	1,423,656.99	2,724,956
Surplus/(Deficit) On Workshops	06	240,576.29	214,502
Surplus/(Deficit) On National School Software Competition	07	(226,630.99)	(158,798)
Surplus/(Deficit) On Australian Computer Society (ACS)	08	-	(16,193)
Surplus/(Deficit) On CSSL Skill Certification	09	13,880.00	-
Surplus/(Deficit) International Computer Driving License (ICDL) Fees	10	1,443,831.01	1,491,949
Members Night	11	-	(591,658)
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Rent Income		198,000.00	230,893
Other Income		136,185.00	2,670
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,281,548.30</b>	<b>5,458,491</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>			
Programmes & Workshops	12	(224,273.00)	(857,150)
Administration Expenses	13	(6,646,024.98)	(5,001,669)
<b>Net Surplus /(Deficit ) On Operating Activities</b>		<b>(1,588,749.68)</b>	<b>(400,328.54)</b>
Interest Income	14	3,081,064.63	1,576,154
Finance & Other Expenses	15	(43,064.80)	(199,108)
<b>Net Surplus /(Deficit ) For The Year Before Taxation</b>		<b>1,449,250.15</b>	<b>976,717</b>
Income Tax		-	-
<b>Net Surplus /(Deficit ) For The Year After Taxation</b>		<b>1,449,250.15</b>	<b>976,717</b>

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

	Note	2014	2013
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>			
Net Profit / (Loss) Before Taxation		1,449,250.15	976,717
<b>Adjustment For;</b>			
Depreciation		402,902.64	413,186
(Gain)/ Loss On Translation Of Foreign Currency		-	-
Interest Income		(3,081,064.63)	(1,576,154)
<b>Operating Profit / (Loss) Before Working Capital Changes</b>		<b>(1,228,911.84)</b>	<b>(186,250)</b>
(Increase) / Decrease In Advances & Receivables		(1,188,449.26)	(196,589)
(Increase) / Decrease In Value Added Tax Receivable		-	-
Increase / (Decrease) In Creditors & Accruals		175,830.75	254,903
<b>Cash Generated From / (Used In) Operations</b>		<b>(2,241,530.35)</b>	<b>(128,536)</b>
Tax Paid		-	-
<b>Net Cash Flow From / (Used In) Operating Activities</b>		<b>(2,241,530.35)</b>	<b>(128,536)</b>
<b>Cash Flows From / (Used In) Investing Activities</b>			
Purchase Of Property, Plant & Equipment		(4,000.00)	(252,257)
Interest Received		3,081,064.03	(1,576,154)
Investment In Fixed Deposits		(3,437,065.57)	(2,780,500)
Investment In Treasury Bills		3,609,809.94	2,188,222
<b>Net Cash Flow From / (Used In) Investing Activities</b>		<b>3,249,808.40</b>	<b>731,619</b>
<b>Cash Flows From / (Used In) 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>		<b>1,008,278.05</b>	<b>603,082</b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents At The Beginning Of the year		1,457,116.69	854,034
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents At The End of The Year</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2,465,394.74</b>	<b>1,457,116</b>

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**THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN  
ACCUMULATED FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014  
(All Amounts Are In Sri Lanka Rupees)**

	<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance As At 01.04.2012	23,352,018.03	23,352,018.03
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) For The Year	976,716.95	976,716.95
<b>Balance As At 31.03.2013</b>	<b>24,328,734.98</b>	<b>24,328,734.98</b>
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) For The Year	1,449,250.15	1,449,250.15
<b>Balance As At 31.03.2014</b>	<b>25,777,985.13</b>	<b>25,777,985.13</b>

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

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	16	3,864,413.01	4,263,316
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,864,413.01</b>	<b>4,263,316</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Fixed Deposits	17	14,152,765.38	10,715,700
Treasury Bills	18	4,159,170.06	7,768,980
Commissioner General Of Inland Revenue	19	277,268.01	277,268
Advances & Receivables	20	1,517,009.26	328,560
Cash & Cash Equivalents	21	2,465,394.74	1,457,116
<b>Total</b>		<b>22,571,607.45</b>	<b>20,547,624</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>26,436,020.46</b>	<b>24,810,940</b>
<b>EQUITY &amp; LIABILITIES</b>			
Accumulated Fund		25,777,985.13	24,328,735
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>25,777,985.13</b>	<b>24,328,735</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors & Accruals	22	658,035.33	482,205
<b>Total</b>		<b>658,035.33</b>	<b>482,205</b>
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>		<b>26,436,020.46</b>	<b>24,810,940</b>

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Council Of Management by,

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 President/Secretary  
 Colombo  
 15th October 2014  
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.....  
 Treasurer

# Jayasinghe & Co

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### TO THE COMMITTEE 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 at 31st March 2014 and the related statements of comprehensive income, changes in accumulated fund and cash flow 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 about 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 directors, evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements, and determining whether the said financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with the relevant 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 purposes 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 account for the year ended 31st March 2014 and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said statement of financial position and the related statement of comprehensive income 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 Non 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 Computer Society of Sri Lanka as at 31st March 2014 and its surplus for the year then ended.



**Jayasinghe & Co.**

Chartered Accountants.

Colombo, Sri Lanka

27<sup>th</sup> October 2014

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