

**2ndRuhuna International Science & Technology
Conference (RISTCON 2015)
22-23 January 2015
Faculty of Science, University of Ruhuna,
Matara, Sri Lanka**

PROGRAMME

INAUGURAL SESSION

22nd January 2015

Venue: Professor AlawaththagodaPemadasa Auditorium

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| 0800 h | Registration |
| 0830 h | Arrival of the Chief Guest & Guest of Honors |
| 0835 h | Ceremonial Procession |
| 0840 h | Lighting the Traditional Oil Lamp |
| 0850 h | University Anthem |
| 0855 h | Welcome Address by Professor P.D. Abeysinghe
<i>Chairperson/RISTCON2015</i> |
| 0905 h | Address by Professor W.G.D. Dharmaratne
<i>Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Ruhuna</i> |
| 0920 h | Address by Professor S.G.J.N Senanayake
<i>Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhuna</i> |
| 0930 h | Address by the Chief Guest Prof. KshanikaHirimburegama
<i>Chairperson, UGC, Sri Lanka</i> |
| 0940 h | Keynote Address by Prof. Dilantha Fernando
<i>University of Manitoba, Canada</i>
<i>"Socioeconomic and Environmental Sustainability through Integrated
Research for Development - A Sri Lankan Focus"</i> |
| 1030 h | Refreshments |
| 1100 h | Invited Speechby Prof. Monte Casim,
<i>President, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University</i>
<i>"Role of High Technology and Citizen Scientists in Conservation
Biology of Tropical Ecosystems"</i> |
| 1150 h | Awarding Ceremony
Invention and Enovation Exhibition-2014 |
| 1220 h | Vote of Thanks
<i>Jt. Secretary/RISTCON2015</i> |
| 1225 h | National Anthem |
| 1230 h | Lunch break |

Day 1 Afternoon: TECHNICAL SESSIONS-I- Summary Programme

Time	Topic
13.30 – 14.30	Invited Presentation by Prof. Upul Wijayantha <i>Loughborough University, UK</i> “Recent Research Advances at ERL”
14.30 – 15.00	Tea break
15.00 – 16.15	Technical sessions (Five parallel sessions) 5x5 Oral presentations
16.15 - 17.15	Invited Speech by Prof. Sarath Kotagama <i>Department of Zoology, University of Colombo</i> “Integration of natural resources in development through research”

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TECHNICAL SESSIONS-II – Summary Programme

Time	Topic	
08.30 – 09.30	Technical sessions (Four parallel sessions) – 4x4 Oral presentations	
09.30 – 10.30	Invited Presentation by Prof. Naoki Hirotsu <i>Toyo University, Japan</i> “The genetic control of rice yield using novel genes”	
10.30 – 11.00	Tea break	
11.00 – 12.00	Invited Presentation by Dr. Saman Seneweera , <i>University of Melbourne, Australia</i> “Climate change threaten global food and nutrient security: Challenges and opportunities for increase micronutrient density in cereals”	Invited Presentation by Dr. Wimal Ubhayasekera , <i>Uppsala University, Sweden</i> “Structural biology: a path to understand molecular mechanics”
12.00 – 13.15	Lunch break	
13.15 – 14.15	Poster session	
14.15 – 15.30	Technical sessions (Four parallel sessions) – 5x4 Oral presentations	
15.30 – 16.00	Tea break	
16.00	Closing the Programme	