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SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PULMONOLOGISTS
15TH ANNUAL ACADEMIC SESSIONS

9TH - 11TH FEBRUARY 2025
CINNAMON GRAND - COLOMBO



INAUGURATION

9TH FEBRUARY | 6:30PM ONWARDS

CINNAMON GRAND - COLOMBO

DR C G URAGODA MEMORIAL ORATION

CHRONIC PULMONARY ASPERGILLOSIS : BOTH FOLLOWS AND MIMICS PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS
A COMPLEX INTERACTION



Professor David Denning

FRCP, FRCPath, DCH, FMedSci

**Professor of Infectious Diseases and Global Health,
University of Manchester UK**

*Founding President, Chief Executive of Global Action for
Fungal Infections (GAFFI) in Geneva*



By invitation only

7:00 am - 8:00 am

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Stakeholder insights: Bridging clinical practice

Streamlining home NIV service in Sri Lanka

Professor Anita Simonds (UK)

Consultant Respiratory Physician, Royal Brompton Hospital, Professor of Respiratory and Sleep medicine, Imperial College London-UK. Past President of the ERS



8:15 am - 8:45 am

Guest Lecture 1

Advanced management strategies in COPD

Dr Jaymin Morjaria (UK)

Consultant Respiratory Physician, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS trust-UK



8:50 am - 10:10 am

SYMPOSIUM 01 - Allergy and Asthma

Basics of allergy and clinical approach to an allergic patient

Professor Pudupakkam Vedanthan (USA)

Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado, USA



Severe asthma with fungal sensitization

Professor David Denning (UK)

Professor of Infectious Diseases and Global Health, University of Manchester - UK
Founding President, Chief Executive of Global Action For Fungal Infections (GAFFI) in Geneva

Precision medicine in severe asthma, matching endotypes with biologics

Dr Hitasha Rupani (UK)

Consultant Respiratory Physician, Clinical Lead, Southampton Severe Asthma Centre,
Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Southampton, UK

10:15 am - 10:45 am

TEA BREAK

10:45 am - 11:15 am

Guest Lecture 2

Chronic cough in adults : Beyond the basics

Dr Lalitha Pereirasamy (Malaysia)

Consultant Pulmonologist, Penang General Hospital, Malaysia

Vice President of the Malaysian Thoracic Society



11:20 am - 12:20 pm

SYMPOSIUM 02 - Bronchiectasis

NTM Pulmonary Disease : A practical approach

Professor S. K. Luhadia (India)

Professor Emeritus, Dept.of Respiratory Medicine, Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India



Recent Developments in Non CF Brochiectasis

Dr Keith Hatthotuwa (UK)

Consultant in Respiratory and General Internal Medicine, Senior Lecturer in Respiratory Medicine,
Broomfield Hospital, Mid and South Essex Foundation Trust, Essex, UK

Prevention of next exacerbation of bronchiectasis - Novel antibiotic strategies

Professor S. K. Luhadia (India)

Professor Emeritus, Dept.of Respiratory Medicine, Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India



12:25 pm - 1:15 pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:20 pm - 1:50 pm

Guest Lecture 3

Evaluation and management of pulmonary hypertension in chronic lung diseases

Dr Laura Price (UK)

Consultant Respiratory Physician and Pulmonary Hypertension Physician, Royal Brompton Hospital.
Honorary Senior Lecturer, Imperial College, Associate Editor - European Respiratory Journal

1:55 pm - 2:55 pm

SYMPOSIUM 03 - Tuberculosis

Novel diagnostics in Tuberculosis

Professor Sanjeev Nair (India)

Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Government Medical College, Thissur, President of APCCM- India



Inborn errors of Immunity and Tuberculosis Disease in Adults

Dr Sangeetha Siniyah (Malaysia)

Paediatric Infectious Disease Specialist and Immunologist, Tunku Azizah Women and Childrens' Hospital,
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Therapeutic advances in tuberculosis

Professor Sanjeev Nair (India)

Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Government Medical College, Thissur, President of APCCM- India



3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

ResFire

Challenging infections

Moderator - Dr M Athavan (SL)

Consultant Respiratory Physician, TH Jaffna



Dr Bandu Gunasena (SL)

Consultant Respiratory Physician



Prof David Denning (UK)

Professor of Infectious Diseases and Global Health, University of Manchester - UK
Founding President, Chief Executive of Global Action For Fungal Infections (GAFFI) in Geneva

Dr Mahen Kotalawala (SL)

Consultant Microbiologist, NHSL



Dr Sumana Handagala (SL)

Consultant Thoracic Surgeon
NHRD, Welisara

4:00 pm

EVENING TEA

7:00 am - 8:00 am

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Stakeholder insights: Bridging clinical practice

Commencing Biologics for Asthma in Sri Lanka

Dr Hitasha Rupani (UK)*Consultant Respiratory Physician, Clinical Lead, Southampton Severe Asthma Centre,
Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Southampton, UK*

8:15 am - 8:45 am

Guest Lecture 4

Spectrum of Pulmonary Mycosis

Prof David Denning (UK)*Professor of Infectious Diseases and Global Health, University of Manchester - UK
Founding President, now Chief Executive of Global Action For Fungal Infections (GAFFI) in Geneva*

8:50 am - 10:10 am

SYMPOSIUM 04 - NIV and Sleep

Mastering Home ventilation in neuromuscular failure

Professor Anita Simonds (UK)*Consultant Respiratory Physician, Royal Brompton Hospital, Professor of Respiratory and Sleep medicine,
Imperial College London-UK, Past President of the ERS*

Obesity hypoventilation syndrome

Dr Shirmila Withana (UK)*Consultant Respiratory Physician, Clinical Lead for Sleep and Ventilation
Department of Respiratory Medicine, Harefield Hospital part of Guys' and St Thomas', NIHS Foundation Trust*

Sleep disordered breathing in children

Professor Mahesh Babu Ramamurthy (Singapore)*Head & Senior Consultant Division of Paediatric Pulmonary Medicine and Sleep, Department of Paediatrics, Khoo Teck
Puat- National University Children's Medical Institute, National University Hospital, Singapore*

10:15 am - 10:45 am

TEA BREAK

10:45 am - 11:15 am

Guest Lecture 5

Challenging Cases in Interventional Paediatric Bronchoscopy

Dr Sarabon Tahura (Bangladesh)*Paediatric Interventional Pulmonologist, Associate Professor, Department of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine,
Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute, Dhaka, Bangladesh*

11:20 am - 12:20 pm

SYMPOSIUM 05 - Critical Care

Oxygen and ventilatory support in acute respiratory failure

Dr Sin-Man Lam (Hong Kong)*Specialist in Critical Care Medicine, Consultant, Department of Intensive Care,
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, Hong Kong*

Practical weaning strategies

Professor Vasanti Pinto (Sri Lanka)*Professor of Anaesthesiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, SL*

Preventing Ventilator Associated Pneumonia

Dr Sin-Man Lam (Hong Kong)*Specialist in Critical Care Medicine, Consultant, Department of Intensive Care,
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, Hong Kong*

12:25 pm - 1:15 pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:20 pm - 1:50 pm

Guest Lecture 6

Advances in management of Pneumothorax

Dr Rakesh Panchal (UK)*Consultant Respiratory Physician, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester. Honorary Associate Professor, University of Leicester, UK*

1:55 pm - 2:55 pm

SYMPOSIUM 06 - Oncology

Lung cancer screening : Sharing experiences from UK

Dr Jaymin Moorjaria (UK)*Consultant Respiratory Physician, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS trust-UK*

The utilization of minimally invasive thoracic surgery

Dr Dhammike Rasnayake (Sri Lanka)*Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara-SL*

Panel Discussion - Improving early detection of Lung Cancer in Sri Lanka

Moderator - Dr Saman Iddagoda, Consultant Thoracic Surgeon - NHRD

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

ResFire

Interstitial Lung Diseases

Moderator**Dr Amila Rathnapala (SL)***Consultant Respiratory Physician, NH, Galle***Dr Wijitha Senaratne (SL)***Consultant Respiratory Physician***Dr Chathurika Dandeniya (SL)***Senior Lecturer in Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist, Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya***Dr Sumudu Paliyawadana (SL)***Consultant Radiologist, NHRD, Welisara*


4:00 pm

EVENING TEA

WORKSHOPS



PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

08 - 02 - 2025 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

VENUE	WORKSHOP	RESOURCE PERSON	
PGIM Rodney Street, Colombo 8	Non invasive ventilation in neuromuscular disease	Professor Anita Simonds (UK) (Co-ordinator - Dr Dilesha Wadasinghe)	

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

10 - 02 - 2025 & 11 - 02 - 2025

VENUE	WORKSHOP	RESOURCE PERSON	
Cinnamon Grand Colombo 4:15 pm - 6:15 pm	Allergy Testing	Professor Pudupakkam Vedanthan (USA) (Co-ordinator - Dr Hasitha Gajaweera National Hospital, Galle)	
Cinnamon Grand Colombo 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Sleep Disordered Breathing in Children (Round table discussion)	Professor Mahesh Babu Ramamurthy (Singapore)	

POST-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

12 - 02 - 2025 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

VENUE	WORKSHOP	RESOURCE PERSON	
NHRD Welisara	Thoracic Ultrasound : The basics and beyond	Dr Rakesh Panchal (UK) Dr Sumudu Palihawadana (SL) Co-ordinator - Dr Bodhika Samarasekara	 

REGISTRATION



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REGISTRATION FEE

FOREIGN DELEGATES

2 Days : USD 100

1 Day : USD 75

SRI LANKAN DELEGATES

2 Days : LKR 10,000 (Limited Participation: on a First come First Serve Basis)

1 Day : LKR 7,500 (Limited Participation: on a First come First Serve Basis)

WORKSHOPS

NIV : Limited for 60 participants

Thoracic Ultrasound : Limited for 30 participants

Foreign Delegates : USD 50

Sri Lankan Delegates : LKR 4,000

Sleep Disordered Breathing in Children : Limited for 30 participants

Allergy Testing : Limited for 50 participants

Foreign Delegates : USD 25

Sri Lankan Delegates : LKR 2,000

MORE DETAILS

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