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## Annual Scientific Sessions



**T**he 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions of the SLVA was held at the Grand Kandyan Hotel, Kandy on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023, under the theme "One health for food safety & sustainable food production."

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## INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES 2023

**WEBINAR** SLVA International Webinar Series 2023

Periodontal Disease and Therapy for the General Practitioner

  
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 **Thursday**  
06<sup>th</sup> July 2023

 **SL Time**  
7.30 - 8.30 pm

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84257382666?pwd=UTY0d2pGTzYVWQ1MmY09pRC9BNWhKZz09>

Meeting ID: 842 5738 2666      Passcode: 594338

**U**p to the quarter under review, three (3) webinars were held during the year. Eight (8) more webinars were held during the quarter under review. Expert speakers, both national and international, shared their expertise, providing valuable insights and fostering discussions on crucial issues facing the veterinary community.

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### World Rabies Day

SEPTEMBER 28



"Vaccinate every Dog, Cat against Rabies to make the world a Rabies Free Place"

The SLVA celebrated the World Rabies Day at Sri Dharma Vijerama Temple, Nawagampura, Colombo 14.

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# Annual Scientific Sessions ...



The head table of the session

**Seated from left:** Dr. Kaudika Wanigasundara (Secretary, SLVA), Dr. Mohamed Ijas (President Elect, SLVA), Prof. Hemantha Dodampahala (Chief Guest), Prof. Dilan Satharasinghe (President, SLVA), Dr. Nimal Jayaweera (Guest of Honor), Dr. M. N. M. Fouzi (Acting Dean, FVMAS), Dr. Rasika Jinadasa (Chairman, Scientific Session), Dr. Dhananjaya Karunaratne (Treasurer, SLVA)

Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association provides a meeting point to share recent research findings, clinical experiences and knowledge on the current developments in veterinary and allied sciences. This improves its scientific visibility and commemorates the notable abstracts submitted, with awards and recognition.



The event consists of five sessions: Clinical, Animal Health, Animal Production, Wildlife and Aquatic Medicine and Public Health. More than 80 scientific papers were received in all the five disciplines. More than 300 veterinarians & special invitees participated in the event.



Compere:  
Dr. Lalanthi de Silva



**75<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

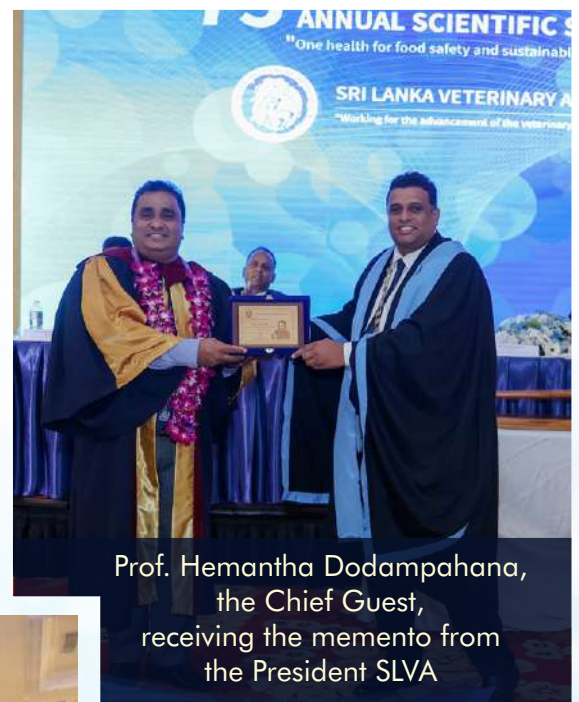


**Standing from left;** Dr. A.M.L. Dhilrukshi, Dr. Chamari Kannangara (Past Secretary), Dr. Sugath Pemachandra (Vice President), Dr. K.G.J.S. Disnaka (Vice President), Dr. U.I.K.B. Wijesinghe, Prof. C.N.R.A. Alles, Dr. Yushika Dharmasuriya (Assit. Secretary) Dr. Eranda Abeywickrama (Assit. Treasurer), Dr. Chandika Wickramasinghe, Dr. I.D.V.L. Dharmawardena, Dr. N.T. Hewagamage

**Seated from left;** Dr. Susantha Mallawa Arachchi (Past President), Dr. Kaundika Wanigasundara (Secretary), Prof. Dilan Satharasinghe (President), Dr. Mohamed Ijas (President Elect), Dr. Dhananjaya Karunaratne (Treasurer)



Dr. Rasika Jinadasa, Chairman of the Scientific Session  
being felicitated by the President SLVA



Prof. Hemantha Dodampahana,  
the Chief Guest,  
receiving the memento from  
the President SLVA



Lighting of the Oil Lamp by the Chief Guest

Dr. Rasika Jinadasa was the  
Chair of the 75<sup>th</sup> Scientific  
Committee, and Dr. Nilukshi  
Liyangunawardena  
functioned as the Secretary.



## Annual Scientific Sessions



Prof. Hemantha Dodampahala, Chairman National Research Council (NRC), graced the occasion as the chief guest and Dr. Nimal Jayaweera, Additional Secretary-Ministry of Agriculture graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Dr. M. N. M. Fouzi, Acting Dean Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science, University of Peradeniya was a special invitee of the event.

Dr. Hirofumi Kugita, Regional Representative of World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) & Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific, Tokyo, Japan was the key note speaker. Prof. Naoki Isobe of Hiroshima University, Japan, delivered the Plenary Speech.



## Clinical Session



**Session chair:** Dr. Chandika Wickramasinghe

**Judges :** Dr. Gihani Jayaweera, Dr. Alexandria de Lima, Dr. Janith Gunasekera

## Animal Health Session



**Session chair:** Dr. Roshan Madalagama

**Judges :** Prof. A.P. Jayasooriya, Dr. Bimalka Ranasinghe, Dr. Dhammika Kumarasinghe



## Wildlife and Aquatic Medicine Session



Session chair: Dr. M.N.M. Fouzi

Judges : Dr. Dhananjaya Karunaratna, Dr. Neshma Kumudinie, Dr. Eranga De Seram

## Public Health and Animal Production



Session chair: Dr. W.M.P.B. Weerasinghe

Judges : Dr. A.N.D. Chandrasiri,  
Prof. S.P. Jayaweera, Dr. Manori Wijemanne

## Poster Session



Session chair: Dr. Kashmini Sumanasekera

Judges : Dr. Kavindra Wijesundera, Dr. Krishanthi Premaratne, Dr. Gayani Weerasooriya

### Ex-Co Meetings

31<sup>st</sup> July 2023: At OPA, Colombo

Aug 2023: No Meeting was held

4<sup>th</sup> September 2023: Online Meeting

Two special meetings: September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup>

## Spaying and neutering program in Wilgamuwa



Sri Lanka Veterinary Association organized a dog sterilization and Rabies control programme in Wilgamuwa veterinary range on 18<sup>th</sup> of Aug 2023 at the Government Veterinary Office Wilgamuwa.



# International Webinar Series 2023

These sessions aimed to enhance clinical skills, update practitioners on the latest industry trends, and encourage networking among professionals, ensuring that veterinarians stay updated and equipped to deliver optimal care to animals in Sri Lanka. During some webinars, we experienced an attendance of over 100 participants,

surpassing our Zoom subscription limit and we have live streamed the webinars via YouTube. Hence, our team is very delighted and proud about our effort put forth for the advancement of knowledge and practice among our veterinarians.

## WEBINAR NUMBER 04

**WEBINAR** SLVA International Webinar Series 2023

**Treatment and Management of Common Eye Problems in Dogs and Cats**

**Dr. Gayani Peiris**  
BVSc  
General Practitioner  
Australia

**Sunday**  
02<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

**SL Time**  
1.00 - 2.00 pm

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81424148967?pwd=M2ZZMEJlYU9kbG9vQmY1cHhYaDZmZz09>

Meeting ID: 814 2414 8967 Passcode: 743264

**Topic:** Treatment and Management of Common Eye Problems in Dogs and Cats.

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Gayani Peiris, General practitioner, Australia.

## WEBINAR NUMBER 05

**WEBINAR** SLVA International Webinar Series 2023

**Periodontal Disease and Therapy for the General Practitioner**

**Dr. Brook A. Niemiec**  
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Meeting ID: 842 5738 2666 Passcode: 594338

**Topic:** Periodontal Disease and Therapy for the General Practitioner

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Brook A. Niemiec, DVM, Chief of Staff/Diplomate, European Veterinary Dental College; Fellow, Academy of Veterinary Dentistry

## WEBINAR NUMBER 06

**WEBINAR** SLVA International Webinar Series 2023

**Cardiac Ultrasound in Small Animals**

**Dr. Ranjitha Tiwari**  
Veterinary Cardiac Consultant  
Hope Pet Clinic, Hyderabad, India  
General Secretary, Veterinary Cardiovascular Society

**Sunday**  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**SL Time**  
1.00 - 2.00 pm

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8690600455?pwd=VXAYWnJKUURBbmRmNTZlQVY1WVRmdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 0600 455 Passcode: 309460

**Topic:** Cardiac Ultrasound in Small Animals

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Ranjitha Tiwari, Veterinary Cardiac Consultant Hope Pet Clinic, Hyderabad, India and the General Secretary, Veterinary Cardiovascular Society.

## WEBINAR NUMBER 07

**WEBINAR** SLVA International Webinar Series 2023

**Common Emergencies in Dogs and Cats**

**Dr. Bimal Thennakoon**  
BVSc, MSc  
Veterinary Specialty Centre of Newfoundland and Labrador

**Sunday**  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**SL Time**  
1.00 - 2.00 pm

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84257382666?pwd=UTY0d2pGTzVWQUl1mY09pRC9BNWVhKZx09>

Meeting ID: 842 5738 2666 Passcode: 594338

**Topic:** Common Emergencies in Dogs and Cats

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Bimal Thennakoon, Veterinary Specialty Centre of Newfoundland; Australia



## WEBINAR NUMBER 08



**WEBINAR** SLVA International Webinar Series 2023

**Ensuring the Well-being of Chelonians; Effective Turtle and Tortoise management and key health consideration**

**Dr. B. G. S. S. Gamage**  
BVSc (Hons), MPhil  
Lecturer, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023** **SL Time 1.00 - 2.00 pm**

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89344478714?pwd=RktSY0Npdnc4S0EvNHhRNFJhNGVXUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 4447 8714 Passcode: 507783

**Topic:** Ensuring the well-being of Chelonians; Effective Turtle and Tortoise management and key health consideration

**Resource Persons:** Dr. B. G. S. S. Gamage  
Lecturer, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya

## WEBINAR NUMBER 09



**WEBINAR** SLVA International Webinar Series 2023

**Abstract Writing**

**Prof. Kalana Maduwage**  
MBBS, MPhil (SL), PhD (Aust), FRSPH (UK)  
Senior Lecturer, Discipline of Biomedical Sciences  
University of New England  
NSW, Australia

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023** **SL Time 1.00 - 2.00 pm**

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89094623067?pwd=SzRZNlprUEBScVd6MndETUkZSkcGdz09>

Meeting ID: 890 9462 3067 Passcode: 576165

**Topic:** Abstract writing

**Resource persons:** Prof. Kalana Maduwage,  
Senior Lecturer, University of New England, New South Wales.

## WEBINAR NUMBER 10



**WEBINAR** SLVA International Webinar Series 2023

**Rehabilitating Rescued Wildlife: Experience of Wildlife Veterinarian in Sri Lanka**

**Dr. Dinusha De Silva**  
BVSc (Hons)  
Planners science (Fish and Wildlife Management)

**Sunday 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2023** **SL Time 1.00 pm**

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86897187374?pwd=QkR3QmJicHhseFhPSjVib2I4VWdCQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 9718 7374 Passcode: 976536

**Topic:** Rehabilitating Rescued Wildlife: Experience of Wildlife Veterinarian in Sri Lanka

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Dinusha De Silva

## WEBINAR NUMBER 11



**WEBINAR** SLVA International Webinar Series 2023

**Reproduction Management of Dairy Cows in New Zealand**

**Dr. Iroshana Kulathunga**  
Farm Manager  
Glendhu Dairies, New Zealand

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023** **SL Time 1.00 pm**

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89330272785?pwd=IklkOgYzFRcVlqGmZPVIj0IEalI>

Meeting ID: 893 3027 2785 Passcode: 802895

**Topic:** Reproduction Management of Dairy Cows in New Zealand

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Iroshana Kulathunga,  
Farm Manager - Glendhu Dairies, New Zealand

## Experience in Australian Dairy Development



An enlightening seminar titled "Experience in Australian Dairy Development" was held at the Oak Ray Hotel, on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The seminar featured a lecture by Dr. David Pullen, Manager of Australian Fresh Milk Holdings, focusing on pivotal moments in Australian dairy development. Field Veterinary Surgeons specializing in the dairy sector participated in the seminar. The lecture followed by an engaging panel discussion.



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