

Annual Academic Session of Sri Lanka Association of Dermatologists and joint meeting with the German Dermatological Society

The 3rd joint meeting of the Sri Lanka Association of Dermatologists (SLAD) and the German Dermatological Society (GDS) was held from 24th – 27th February 2005. Dr. Gunter Schwenzer and Dr. W. D. H. Perera were the co-chairpersons of this meeting. Many distinguished delegates from Germany lead by Prof. Harald Gollnick (President GDS) participated in this joint meeting.

A pre-congress workshop on Immunobullous Disorders was held at Medical Research Institute Colombo, conducted by Dr. Balbir Bhogal (UK) and Dr. (Mrs) Ganga Sirimanna (Sri Lanka). A large number of post-graduate trainees in the fields of Dermatology and Pathology participated in this.

His Excellency Jurgen Weerth, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany was the chief guest at

the Inauguration ceremony held at Ceylon Continental Hotel, Colombo on Friday 25th February.

Dr. Lakshman Ranasinghe delivered the SLAD oration on "The Atopic Pyramid". The 1st Douglas Abeysinghe Gunawardene Memorial gold medal for the best research paper was awarded to Dr. J. K. W. Akarawita.

In addition to eight speakers from Germany (Dr. Markus Schwarz, Dr. Dieter Reinel, Dr. Reinhard W. Gansel, Prof. Harald Gollnick, Prof. Max Hundeiker, Prof. R. Stadler, Prof. Eckart Haneke, Dr. Heino Hugel) guest lecturers from UK (Dr. Balbir Bhogal) and India (Prof. A. J. Kanwar) delivered lectures during the academic sessions. A large number of our post graduate trainees presented free papers and posters.

The joint meeting concluded successfully with an excellent clinical session at Teaching Hospital Kandy.