

Sri Lankan Society for Microbiology – 13th Annual Conference and Scientific Sessions

The 13th Annual Conference and Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lankan Society for Microbiology (SSM) were held on the 7th of December 2024 at the J Hotels, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

This marked many firsts in the Annual Conference and Scientific Sessions of SSM. Firstly, this was the first sessions that was held out of Kandy, Sri Lanka. For the first time, pre-congress programmes became part of the Annual Conference and Scientific Sessions which consisted of a workshop on anti-microbial resistance [AMR] for school children/teachers and a theme seminar on ‘microbiome’.

The conference programme line up included a keynote address and two plenary sessions. The format of the sessions was changed and both oral presentations and poster presentations were categorised into three themes, namely, ‘Surveillance and diagnostics of infectious diseases in humans’, “Microbiome” and ‘The environment and innovative approaches’. The new format saw authors of both oral and poster presentations gathering for a question-and-answer session at the end of each thematic session. This increased the participation of audience and engagement with authors of poster presentations.

The SSM wishes to continue to have more innovative approaches to engage conference participants and audience in meaningful dialogues in future sessions as well.

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