

Sri Lankan Society for Microbiology – 14th Annual Conference and Scientific Sessions

The 14th Annual Conference and Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lankan Society for Microbiology (SSM) were held on the 31st of January 2025 at the International Institute of Health Sciences (IIHS) Multiversity, Wattala, Sri Lanka.

This conference marked a significant milestone, being held in Colombo, the capital city, for the first time, reflecting the Society's commitment to expanding its reach and strengthening national collaboration.

In keeping with the mission of the SSM, the scientific programme brought together multidisciplinary expertise across human health, animal health, agriculture, environment, and public health, highlighting the importance of the One Health approach, further reinforced by the One Health Pre-Conference Workshop titled *“Working Together for One Health: A Unified Approach to Emerging Health Challenges.”*

The conference featured a diverse collection of research from Sri Lanka and beyond, including, for the first time, international abstract presenters. The presentations covered a wide range of fields such as infectious diseases, environmental microbiology, microbiomes, food and water safety, and microbial technologies.

This supplement contains the abstracts presented at the sessions and aims to facilitate wider dissemination of current research and promote future collaborations.

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