



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



It is with great pleasure and humility I write this message as the President of ASN on its 5th year. Although the Association is still in its younger years it has kept its mark firmly among the medical community in Sri Lanka due to the untiring efforts of the Past Presidents and the Council Members. My aim was to continue the good work of previous councils and to explore the areas that have not being addressed adequately in the previous years, and to improve the standard of neurology services in the country.

The monthly ASN Clinical Forum at NHSL has gained popularity as a much awaited event among most categories, including clinicians working in the National Hospital and postgraduate doctors. The well attended Scientific Sessions in Anuradhapura was a good example of the need for medical education for the busy doctors in distant areas in the country.

Although our membership is still small in number it has given us a feeling of one family, and the strength and support to liaise with health care authorities to improve the facilities of neurology in the country.

This year's annual scientific sessions will be an attractive event for everybody, which will include a pre-congress work shop on movement disorders and symposia on headache, neuroimmunology and topics that were not covered during the past years. I hope all of you keep the dates (2nd, 3rd, 4th December) free in your diary for this event.

I take this opportunity to thank my council, and all the members for their untiring support to achieve another successful year.

Dr Sunethra Senanayake MD, FCCP
President - ASN 2011

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5th Annual Scientific Sessions

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are called for poster presentations at 5th Annual Scientific Sessions to be held on 3rd and 4th December 2011.

Instructions for authors of abstracts

- Abstracts should conform to the following requirements.

1. Structure

1. Title – No abbreviations (acronyms) should be included.
2. Objectives – To include the general objective with a brief justification.
3. Methods – To include briefly study design, setting and participants, sampling technique, study instruments and statistical analysis if relevant.
4. Results – To include all salient findings in relevance to the objectives of the study.
5. Conclusions – To be based on the findings of the study.

2. General information

1. The study should be related to the field of neurology.
 2. The number of words in the abstract should not exceed 300.
 3. Abstracts should be prepared as Microsoft Word documents using Times New Roman, Font size 12.
 4. The title of the abstract should be brief but adequately descriptive.
 5. The acronym should be spelt out the first time it is used in the abstract.
 6. Author's surname should be preceded by the initial(s) or forename(s), but not by prefixes such as Mr., Dr. or Professor. The names of authors and place of work (current institutional affiliation of all authors) should be mentioned.
 7. The corresponding/presenting author's email address must be stated.
 8. Figures and tables should not be included in the abstract.
 9. Case reports and case series' in neurology will also be considered. These must conform to the following structure:
 1. Title – No abbreviations (acronyms) should be included
 2. Introduction – A brief justification
 3. Case report or series
 4. Discussion – learning outcomes of the case / series
 10. If the work has been previously presented or published, in whole or in part, this should be stated clearly when submitting the abstract. Please note that this does not disqualify a paper.
- Abstracts or case reports not conforming to the above instructions will be rejected.
 - Accepted abstracts will be published in the book of abstracts.

- The guidelines for poster preparation will be notified to corresponding authors of accepted abstracts.
- The presenting author of accepted abstracts must register for the conference.
- The presenting author must be present during the poster session, to discuss the points raised by the delegates viewing the posters.
- The best two posters selected by a panel of judges during the conference will receive awards.

Abstracts should only be submitted via email to assl.neuro@gmail.com. Please indicate 'ASN Abstract' in the subject field.

Closing date for abstract submission: 15 November 2011

DESHAMANYA DR JB PEIRIS ORATION 2011

Applications are invited for the Deshamanya Dr. JB Peiris oration to be held on 3 December 2011 during the inauguration ceremony of the 5th Annual Scientific Sessions of the ASN. The subject of the proposed oration should be directly related to the field of neurology. A summary script not exceeding 3000 words should be submitted with a covering letter and the curriculum vitae of the applicant.

Applications should only be submitted as Microsoft® Word documents via email to assl.neuro@gmail.com. Please indicate 'Deshamanya Dr. JB Peiris Oration 2011' in the subject field.

Closing date: 15 November 2011

ASN Clinical Forum Lectures for 2011

Date	Topic	Speaker
16 March	Memory dysfunctions in clinical practice	Prof Saman Gunatilake
6 April	Epilepsy- why a syndromic diagnosis?	Dr Jithangi Wanigasinghe
4 May	Journey through some short cases in Neurology	Dr Sunethra Senanayake
22 June	Diagnostic approach to peripheral neuropathy	Dr Gamini Pathirana
20 July	Inflammatory demyelination of CNS	Dr MTM Riffisy
17 August	Essential tremor revisited	Dr Bimsara Senanayake
7 September	Clinical approach to myoclonus	Dr Janaka Peiris
5 October	Cerebral small vessel disease and Leukoariosis - What do we know?	Dr Senaka Bandusena

NEWS:

Outstation academic session was a great success with keen interest shown by both ASN members and the doctors in Anuradhapura.

Photos from Anuradhapura sessions



The three key academic events held in Colombo during September 2011 were considered to be of very high standard. They were the Annual Academic Sessions of the Ceylon College of Physicians, the launch of the Sri Lankan chapter of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) and the Asia Pacific Stroke Conference (APSC). One thing common to all three: All three events were led by ASN members as President/Chairperson. Dr. Padma Gunaratne was the driving force behind the success of the Annual Academic Sessions of the Ceylon College of Physicians which had many lectures and symposia related to neurology and she was also behind the success of APSC as the Co-Chair and President of the National Stroke Association of Sri Lanka. Prof Ranjanie Gamage as the Founder President of SLLAE was the team leader in the Epilepsy Update

**ASN Annual Academic Sessions 2011
Programme**

	3 December	4 December
09.00 – 09.30	Plenary lecture: Clinical syndromes in Dementia Prof Martin Rossor	Plenary lecture: Recent advances in Alzheimer disease Prof Martin Rossor
09.30 – 10.45	Symposium: Therapy in Neurology 1. Anti-platelet therapy in stroke/TIA Dr Tissa Wijeratne 2. Non-motor complications of PD Prof Carl Clarke 3. CNS tuberculosis Prof Rajanie Gamage	Symposium: Headache 1. Headache disorders, their importance and management Dr Timothy Steiner 2. Some uncommon headaches Dr Kempasagar Ravishankar 3. Headache: a Sri Lankan experience Dr Athula Dissanayake
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break	
11.15 – 11.45	Plenary lecture: Neuromuscular Disorders Prof Angela Vincent	Plenary lecture: Autoimmune encephalitis Prof Angela Vincent
11.45 – 12.15	Plenary lecture: Idiopathic Generalised Epilepsy Dr Udaya Seneviratne	Plenary lecture: Peripheral Neuropathy - don't miss the treatable - Prof Mary Reilly
12.15 – 12.45	Plenary lecture: HIV neurology Dr Romesh Marcus	Plenary lecture: Recent developments in Parkinson disease therapeutics Prof Carl Clarke
12.45 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 14.45	Symposium: Practical Neurology 1. Approach to the patient with memory loss – Prof Martin Rossor 2. Approach to the patient with tingling feet – Prof Mary Reilly 3. Approach to the patient with acute flaccid paralysis – Dr MTM Riffisy	Symposium: Movement disorders 1. Dystonia – Dr Darshana Sirisena 2. Atypical Parkinsonian syndromes – Dr David Williams 3. Emergencies in movement disorders – Dr Lim Shen-Yang
14.45 – 15.15	Plenary lecture: Huntington disease Dr Andrew Churchyard	Plenary lecture: Things that go bump in the night: how to diagnose paroxysmal nocturnal events - Dr Udaya Seneviratne
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30 – 16.00	Plenary lecture: Neuro-ophthalmology Dr AT Alibhoy	Plenary lecture: Brain imaging: pearls and pitfalls Prof Saman Gunatilake
19.00 – 22.00	Inauguration	ASN dinner

Pre-Congress Session on Movement Disorders
2 December 2011, Auditorium, Department of Surgery,
National Hospital of Sri Lanka

Time	Topic	Speaker
08.30 – 09.00	Registration	
09.00 – 09.15	Introduction	Dr Tissa Wijeratne
09.15 – 9.45	Phenomenology of movement disorders	Prof Ranjanie Gamage
9.45 – 10.15	Aetiology, pathogenesis and diagnosis of PD	Prof David Williams
10.15 – 10.45	Management of PD (Early vs. Advanced)	Prof David Williams
10.45 – 11.15	Tea	
11.15 – 11.45	Tremor	Dr Bimsara Senanayake
11.45 – 12.25	Approach to a patient with chorea, athetosis and ballism	Dr Lim Shen-Yang
12.25 – 12.45	Tics & Tourette Syndrome	Dr Pyara Ratnayake
12.45 – 13.15	Approach to a patient with myoclonus	Prof David Williams
13.15 – 13.45	Approach to a patient with gait disorder	Dr Lim Shen-Yang
	Lunch	

Faculty

International

Prof Martin Rossor (President ABN – UK)
 Prof Mary Reilly (UK)
 Prof Carl Clarke (UK)
 Prof Angela Vincent (UK)
 Prof Timothy Steiner (Norway)
 Prof Lim Shen-Yeng (Malaysia)
 Dr David Williams (Australia)
 Dr Udaya Seneviratne (Australia)
 Dr Romesh Marcus (Australia)
 Dr Tissa Wijeratne (Australia)
 Dr Andrew Churchyard (Australia)
 Dr Kempasagar Ravishankar (India)

Local

Prof Ranjanie Gamage
 Prof Saman Gunatilake
 Dr AT Alibhoy
 Dr Athula Dissanayake
 Dr Bimsara Senanayake
 Dr Pyara Ratnayake
 Dr Darshana Sirisena

Registration fee onsite

Consultants	Rs 3000/-
Non-Consultants	Rs 2000/-

One day registration

Consultants	Rs 2000/-
Non-Consultants	Rs 1500/-

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