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Call for Abstracts

International Research Conference 2020 - IRCUWU 2020

UWU takes pride in opening its International Research Conference (IRCUWU 2020) under the theme of “Sustainable Business Transition through Information and Knowledge Dissemination” which is scheduled to be held on June 12-13, 2020 at the Uva Wellassa University premises. IRCUWU 2020 encourages national and international researchers, scientists, and professionals to discuss, share and disseminate their novel and innovative ideas and research findings in all aspects of Science, Engineering and Management at this dignified forum of intellectualities actively engaged in keeping footprints in the journey of Sustainable Development through Information and Knowledge Dissemination.

**International Research Conference
of Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka**

2020

12th and 13th of June 2020 at Uva Wellassa University

“Sustainable Business Development through Information & Knowledge Dissemination”

IRCUWU2020

Reaching New Heights

Laying of Foundation Stone for New Library building

Foundation stone for new library building of the UWU was laid by the Vice Chancellor with blessings of Maha Sanghas's Chanting of Pirith, took place on July 18, 2019. Deans, Registrar, Librarian, Bursar, distinguished invitees, staff members and students participated in the ceremony. This three storied building will house fully fledged library for promoting research and learning of the UWU community with modern mini auditorium, computer laboratory, museum section and many more facilities. The construction will be completed by the year 2021, and thus would be another landmark in the history of UWU.



Emerald Award – 2018-2019

UWU has received an Award of Appreciation for being the emerging High User of the Emerald Content among Sri Lankan universities for the year of 2018-2019 in the International Conference of University Librarians Association (ICULA-2019), held on September 18, 2019 in Mount Lavinia Hotel, Colombo.



The 9th General Convocation



The 9th General Convocation of UWU was held on August 31, 2019 at Magam Ruhunupura International Convention Centre (MRICC), Hambantota. This year, 490 Bachelors' Degrees were conferred by Thripitakacharya Dharma Keerthi Sri Sumangala Rathanapala Dhammarakkhitha Most Venerable Bengamuwe Sri Dhammadinna Nayake Thero, the Chancellor of UWU. The best performer in every Degree Programme was rewarded with Vice Chancellor's award for outstanding performance by Prof. J. L. Ratnasekera, the Vice Chancellor. Further, Dr. Ravi Liyanage, the Founder, the Chief Executive Officer of The Kingdom of Raigam delivered the Convocation speech.

In this 9th Convocation, the Faculty of Animal Science & Export Agriculture conferred 194 Bachelor's degree under five degree programmes, the Faculty of Applied Sciences conferred 183 Bachelor's degree under four degree programmes, and the Faculty of Management conferred 113 Bachelor's degree under two degree programmes





Beyond the Horizon - Collaborations and Linkages

Chief Guest in International Conference, India - Prof. J. L. Ratnasekera

Prof. J. L. Ratnasekera, the Vice Chancellor of UWU was the Chief Guest at the International Conference on Reshaping Librarianship: Innovation and Transformations (ICRLIT – 2019) at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, India, held on August 16-17, 2019. The Vice Chancellor delivered the Keynote Address and the visit was an important step towards building a strong network between two universities.



Inauguration of Indian Corner

Inauguration of “Bharat Ek Parichay” (Know India : Sharing Knowledge with the World) India Corner at UWU with the purpose of promoting culture and literature of India, took place on July 17, 2019 with the participation of the Vice Chancellor, Representative of the Assistant High Commissioner of India, Deans, Registrar, Librarian, Bursar and Staff members of UWU.



Staffs' Outstanding Achievements

The President's Awards - Dr. Dayani Gunathilaka

Dr. Dayani Gunathilaka, Senior Lecturer, Department of Export Agriculture was awarded the President's Awards for her outstanding research papers published in the high impact journals indexed in SCOPUS database for the year of 2017. The awarding ceremony was held on August 26, 2019 at the Tai Samudra Hotel, Colombo.



Best Presenter Awards - Ms. A. C. W. W. M. C. L. K. Coswatte and Ms. A. P. Abeygunawardana

Ms. A. C. W. W. M. C. L. K. Coswatte and Ms. A. P. Abeygunawardana, Probationary Lecturers attached to the Department of Animal Science of UWU have received the Best Presenter awards in the 6th International Conference on Fisheries and Aquaculture (ICFA)-2019, held on August 22-23, 2019 in Bangkok. The conference was organized by the International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM). UWU was also served as an academic partner in the conference.



Staffs' Outstanding Achievements

Best Presenter Award - Mr. K. K. T. N. Ranaweera

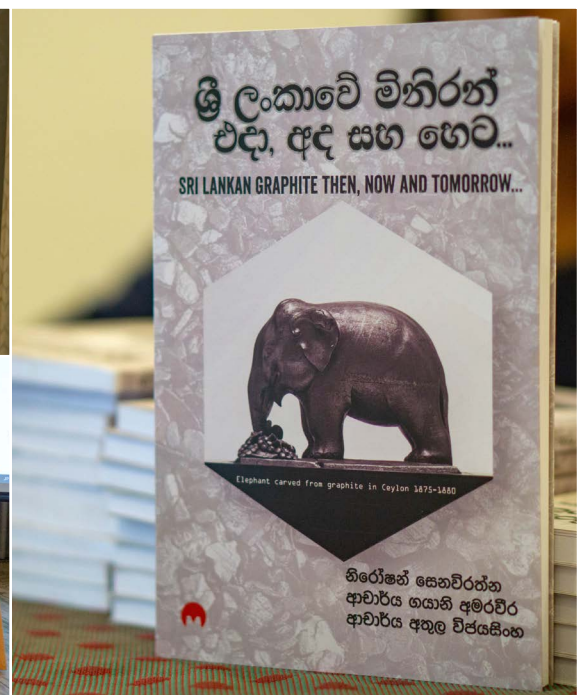


Mr. K. K. T. N. Ranaweera, Probationary Lecturer attached to the Department of Animal Science of UWU won the Session's Best Presenter award at the 31st Annual Congress - 2019 of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), held on November 21-22, 2019 at the University of Peradeniya.



Launching Ceremony of “ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ මිනිරන් ඵදා අද සහ හෙට...”

Mr. Niroshan Senevirathna, Lecturer, UWU and Gayani Amaraweera, Senior Lecturer, UWU in collaboration with Dr. Athula Wijayasinghe, Senior Research Scientist, National Institute of Fundamental Studies published a book entitled ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ මිනිරන් ඵදා අද සහ හෙට ... (Sri Lankan Graphite Then, Now and Tomorrow...). The launching ceremony took place on August 11, 2019 in Kandy. The book addresses the historical, geological, sociological, cultural, political and financial context of the graphite industry and projects the future trends and research pathways. The book is a publication of Muses Publication House.



Co-existence within Cultures, Traditions, Religions and Festivities

Malaithtenthal 2019

Malaithtenthal is annual event organized by the Tamil undergraduates of UWU to promote the artistic and cultural values of the students exhibiting the cultural diversity of the university. The event organized for the 6th consecutive time on December 29, 2019 at the Badulla Simon Pieris Memorial Conference Hall. The Vice Chancellor, UWU participated as the Chief Guest. Staff members of UWU, students and general public took part in this occasion.



Dorothea 2019

The annual Christmas Carol Service of UWU was held on December 22, 2019. The function was organized by the students of UWU to share the joy of Christmas with members of UWU family. There were cultural programmes performed by UWU students.



Aurora 2019

The Department of Animal Science of UWU organized Aurora 2019 on October 28, 2019 at UWU, offering memorable culinary experience to UWU family. The music circle of UWU charmed the event with dashing music. This event created the opportunity to all university community to gather under a same hut and taste with variety of delicious food prepared by students of UWU with the purpose of raising funds to assist community development activities.



Agro Food Fiesta 2019

Agro Food Fiesta 2019 organized by the Agro Club of Department of Export Agriculture, held on July 4, 2019 at UWU premises. The event was initiated to provide practical exposure and experience in food product branding, packaging and marketing to the students of Department of Export Agriculture.



Students' Remarkable Journey and Achievements

Winner of Inter-University Business Plan Competition – BIZ MINDZ 2019 - Ms. S. M. D. R. R. Senarathne

Ms. S. M. D. R. R. Senarathne, 3rd year student of Export Agriculture Degree Programme, UWU participated in the Inter-University Business Plan Competition (BIZ MINDZ 2019) organized by the Young Entrepreneurs Association (YEA) of the University of Kelaniya. She won the Inter-University Business Plan Competition – 2019 competing with 25 individuals/ teams represented by state universities. The awarding ceremony was held on January 9, 2020 at the University of Kelaniya.



UWU Robot Battle 2019

UWU Robot Battle 2019 was successfully conducted for the 3rd consecutive time by the UWU in collaboration with US Embassy on October 20, 2019 at Trace Expert City, Colombo. The competition was held under two categories; School and Open, where number of enthusiastic young students took part in the robotic battle. There were 101 teams comprising a total of more than 500 participants competed. The first and second places won by the University of Moratuwa and the University of Vocational Technology respectively.



Students' Remarkable Journey and Achievements

SHECODERess V3.0

SHECODERess is an Inter University Girls' Only Hackathon in Sri Lanka which was organized by the WIE Affinity Group of IEEE Student Branch of UWU. It was an overnight event on November 2-3, 2019 at UWU premises. The event was organized in order to popularize coding, programming and other necessary IT skills among the ladies of ICT workforce in the Island. More than 150 competitors from UWU, University of Colombo, University Moratuwa, Wayamba University, Sabaragamuwa University, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, University of Kelaniya, Eastern University and National School of Business Management participated in the event. University of Sri Jayewardenepura won the first place in the competition.



Creative Initiatives

Aqua forum – 2019

The Aqua forum – 2019 (AF-2019) on Nurturing the 21 Million: Towards the Blue Economy, organized by the Department of Animal Science was held on November 28, 2019 at the University premises. Over 350 participants from Sri Lankan Universities along with expertise from research institutes, industries participated in this forum where six guest speakers from universities and research institutes delivered addresses in the field of aquaculture and fisheries industry.



Creative Initiatives

Galena 2019

“Galena 2019” was organized by the students of Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management Degree Programme, held on July 8, 2019 with the purpose of providing students with practical exposure on Catering Banquet Management and Events Management. The theme of “Galena 2019” was “Welcome to the Fabulous Vegas - Feed your dreams” which focused on offering a unique culinary experience to the guests.



Creative Initiatives

Career Fair 2019

Career fair - 2019 on “Explore Your Future” was organized by the Faculty of Management, UWU on September 02, 2019 at the university premises with the purpose of providing a platform to the Faculties and Students; prospective employers from industries and services sector; HR Consultants and Career Counseling firms to interact for each other’s mutual benefits. Many resource persons representing different sectors shared their experiences and enlightened the students about the career prospects.



Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

Certificate in English for School Leavers – 8th Intake

The Inauguration Ceremony of Certificate in English for School Leavers course for 8th Batch of students offered under Center for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) of UWU was held on December 7, 2019 with the presence of the Vice Chancellor and staff members and more than 100 prospective students along with their parents.



Short Course in Robotics and Arduino Programing

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Short course in Robotics & Arduino Programing for 2019/ 2020 batch of students offered under Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) of UWU was held on December 14, 2019. This course is offered for those who wish to uplift their knowledge on Arduino Programing and Robot Control mechanism.



Workshops and Seminars

Workshop on Ornamental Fish Farming

One-day Workshop on Ornamental Fish Farming, organized by the Department of Animal Science in collaboration with Aqua Club of UWU and Association of Live Tropical Fish Exporters of Sri Lanka was held on October 4, 2019. The main purpose of the workshop was to exchange and share the industrial experience on ornamental fish industry. The workshop covered various topics related to fish farming, opportunities and challenges in exporting. It was conducted by experts of government departments and private industries and there were more than 250 participants from University of Ruhuna, Ocean University, University Collage of Anuradhapura and UWU.



Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

ENM Trophy 2019

The ENM trophy 2019, the annual Softball Cricket Tournament organized by the undergraduates of Entrepreneurship & Management Degree Programme was held on November 30 & December 01, 2019 at the University playground. With the purpose of encouraging team spirit while strengthening the harmony, this was successfully held with the participation of 14 teams including a team from staff members. The Championship of ENM Trophy 2019 was won by the team represented the Tea Technology & Value Addition Degree Programme.



Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

ANS Trophy 2019

The undergraduates of the Animal Science Degree Programme organized the ANS Trophy 2019 football tournament on November 26, 2019 for the 12th consecutive time encouraging the students of the fellow departments to brush up their ingenuities while empowering the team spirits among students. The tournament created an entertaining atmosphere for both freshers and professionals to play the game. The Championship of ANS Trophy was won by the team represented the Faculty of Management.



Appointments and Promotions

Appointments



Dr. W. D. D. C. Wijerathne
Lecturer (Unconfirmed)
Faculty of Applied Sciences
With effect from 01.08.2019



Mr. M. Arunshankar
Senior Assistant Registrar
Capital Works Division
With effect from 11.11.2019

Promotions



Dr. M. M. S. M. Premathilake
Senior Lecturer Gr. (I)
Faculty of Applied Science
With effect from 01.06.2018



Dr. A. P. Henagamage
Senior Lecturer Gr.(I)
Faculty of Applied Science
With effect from 01.08.2018



Dr. N. C. Jayasinhe
Senior Lecturer Gr. (II)
Faculty of Management
With effect from 06.04.2019



Mr. A. J. M. D. N. B. Nawela
Deputy Registrar
General Administration
Division
With effect from 07.10.2019



Mr. G. U. S. Kurugala
Deputy Registrar
Center for Open and Distance
Learning
With effect from 07.10.2019



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