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1. PROFILE

A scientist and a researcher in Tea production and processing. Mastered in Food Science and Technology with research interests in Tea processing and Value Addition and New product development. The objective is to serve the organization by practicing team performance, achieving goals, being creative as well as thinking on out of the box strategies.

2. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2016-2018 Master of Food Science and Technology
GPA – 3.71/4.00
Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
Board of Study – Food Science
- 2011-2015 Bachelor of Tea Technology and Value Addition (BSc) Special
Second Class Upper Division - GPA of 3.63/4.00 (English Medium)
University - Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka
Department of Export Agriculture

3. ACADEMIC HONOURS (AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS)

- The Vice Chancellors Award for the best performance in Tea Technology and Value Addition

4. PUBLICATIONS

Abstracts/Extended Abstracts

- V.P Ellepola, K.G Premathilake, P.D.P.M.D Silva., 2016, Value addition to off grade tea by incorporating tea aroma, proceedings of 6th research symposium, Uva Wellassa University, pg 64.
- W.D.M.M.R. Dissanayake, V.P Ellepola, H.R.P Fernando, W.A.J.P. Wijesinghe., 2019 Effect Osmotic dehydration on quality of green chili powder, proceedings of international research conference 2019, Uva Wellassa University, pg 226

- M.H.Y.K Chandrasiri, D.N Hettiarachchi, W.A.J.P. Wijesinghe., 2019, nutritional, physiochemical and sensory properties of *Embul* banana (*Musa accuminata* AAB) snack developed using vacuum dehydration, proceedings of international research conference 2019, Uva Wellassa University, pg245

5. RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS INVOLVED

- Topic- Optimizing a method for tea aroma encapsulation

6. THESIS SUPERVISION

- Development of banana snacks from two varieties using an appropriate dehydration
- Effect of Osmotic dehydration on quality of green chilli

7. TEACHING CONTRIBUTION

- Energy Management in Tea Processing
- Tea and Health
- Energy Plantations and Crop Diversification
- Tea Factory Automation

8. WORK EXPERIENCE

- Lecturer (Probationary)
Department of Export Agriculture
Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka
October 2018 to present
- Lecturer (Grade II) at Sri Lanka German Training Institute (SLGTI)
Department of Food Technology
January 2017 to October 2018
- Temporary Demonstrator at Uva Wellassa University
March 2016 December 2016
- Research Placement (trainee) at Eastern Brokers Ltd
April 2015 – August 2015
Research topic- Value addition to off grade tea by incorporating tea aroma

9. OTHER POSITIONS HELD

- Assistant Track Coordinator- Sustainable Business Transition through Technology and Innovation
International Research Conference 2019
Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka

- Head
Department of Food Technology
Sri Lanka German Training Institute
Killinochchi
February 2018 to October 2019

10. TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- Teaching Methodologies
- Certificate Course on Teaching in Higher Education
- Workshops on new product commercialization and Intellectual property rights

11. PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Surname : Ellepola
- Name : Vidarshani Priyanvada
- Gender : Female
- Date of Birth : 20.06.1990
- Marital Status: Single
- Nationality : Sri Lankan