

PERADENIYA UNIVERSITY PHYSIOTHERAPY CONGRESS 2016 – Sri Lanka's 01st
Scientific Congress in Physiotherapy

The Department of Physiotherapy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Peradeniya successfully conducted Sri Lanka's first scientific congress in Physiotherapy - "Peradeniya University Physiotherapy Congress 2016" with more than 175 participants on 9th, 10th and 11th September 2016 at the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya.

The 'Peradeniya University Physiotherapy Congress - 2016' was conducted under the theme of "Advancements in Physiotherapy in Modern Era". Promoting research in the field of physiotherapy, enhancing the awareness about physiotherapy as a profession and its benefits, providing an opportunity for the professionals to share their experience were among the objectives of this congress. This event also coincided with the 'World Physiotherapy day' which falls on the 8th September.

Dr. B.M.H.S.K. Banneheka - Head, Department of Physiotherapy chaired the congress. Vice chancellor of the University of Peradeniya - Prof. Upul B. Dissanayake graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the congress. Guest of Honour - Dr. H.J. Suraweera (Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon - Teaching Hospital, Peradeniya), Prof. R.L.Wijeyeweera - Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Peradeniya, Prof. D.B. Mahinda Wickramarathne - Dean - Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Deans of other faculties of University of Peradeniya and academic staff members of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences took part in the ceremonial inauguration of the congress.

Dr. Krishna N. Sharma – Dean of Studies / Head (Physiotherapy) – St. Louis University, Cameroon had been invited as the Keynote speaker for the congress and as the Resource person for the post congress workshops on "Muscle Energy Technique" and "Visceral Osteopathy".

The Success of the first congress enhances the courage to arrange the congress annually and it would provide a very good opportunity for the professionals and students to upgrade their knowledge to be par with the modern era.