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EDITORIAL

Dear Members of SLCR,

It is with great pleasure that we present this edition of our newsletter, highlighting the dynamic academic and professional activities that continue to strengthen and inspire our radiology community. Over the past months, we successfully conducted several Continuing Medical Education events, fostering knowledge sharing and enhancing clinical practice through expert-led sessions and interactive discussions.

A significant milestone this year was the Annual Academic Sessions, which brought together radiologists, trainees across the country.

This issue also features a special article titled “Shaping Radiology’s Future: Lessons and Leadership from AOSOR Youth Club 2025, Taipei.” The insights gained from this international forum highlight the evolving role of young radiologists in global leadership, innovation, and multidisciplinary collaboration.

We also proudly joined the global community to celebrate the International Day of Radiology, recognizing the transformative impact of imaging in patient care and the dedication of radiology professionals worldwide.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all contributors, participants, and readers. Your continued engagement drives the growth and excellence of our specialty.

We look forward to your active participation in upcoming events as we work together to advance radiology for the benefit of our patients and our profession.

Warm regards,

Udari Liyanage, Jeevani Udupihille
Co- Editors/Radiology News

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Continuing Medical Education (CME)

The 4th CME of the year was held on 27th July on “Liver Sonography” which was sponsored by GE health care. Dr Chander Lulla Consultant Radiologist and fetal Medicine Specialist and Dr Dhanushi Abeynayake Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist were the faculty for this workshop.


GE HealthCare


Ultrasonographic Imaging of the Liver



27th July
2025



8:30 AM
Onwards



Auditorium, new
OPD building NHSL

Faculty

Dr. Chander Lulla
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Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
DGH Embilipitiya



Agenda

Timings	Topics	Speakers
8:30AM-08:45AM	Registration	
08:45 AM-09:00AM	Welcome Address	
9:00 AM - 09:30 AM	Emerging Pandemic	Dr. Chander Lulla
09:30 AM -10:00 AM	Session by Gastroenterologist	Dr. Dhanushi Abeynayake
10:00 AM -10:30 AM	Advance Tools to Evaluate Liver Using USG	Dr. Chander Lulla
10:30 AM -10:45 AM	Tea Break	
10:45 AM -11:15 AM	Live Workshop	Dr. Chander Lulla
11:15 AM -12:45 PM	Case Presentation	Dr. Chander Lulla
12:45 PM -01:15 PM	Q/A	Dr. Chander Lulla
01:15 PM -01:30 PM	Hands on (Targeted Customers)	
01:30 PM -01:45PM Onwards	Vote of thanks followed by lunch	

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

The 5th CME of the year was held on 31st of August at Hotel Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo. It was a part of the Indian Radiological & Imaging Association Radiology Outreach Program which held in association with SLCR.



Annual Academic Sessions of Sri Lanka College of Radiologists 2025

The pre-congress workshop of SLCR AAS 2025 was held at Hotel Cinnamon Grand, Colombo, Sri Lanka on 3rd October 2025. It focused on Medical Informatics and the application of AI across various medical disciplines, and the latter half was dedicated to educating the local radiology community on the FRCR examination format. It also included an examiner training session and practice oral examination sessions



Inauguration Ceremony and the Dr S.N.B.Talwatte Memorial Oration

Venue : Cinnamon Grand, Colombo

Date : 3rd October 2025



Fellowship Awards



Dr Lilangani De Silva



Dr Sumedha
Kumanyake



Dr Janaka Rajapaksa



Dr Uditha
Kodithuwakku



**Dr A.W.Athukorala Gold Medal for
part 1 Exam 2024**

Dr Piyumi Ridmika Ranathunga

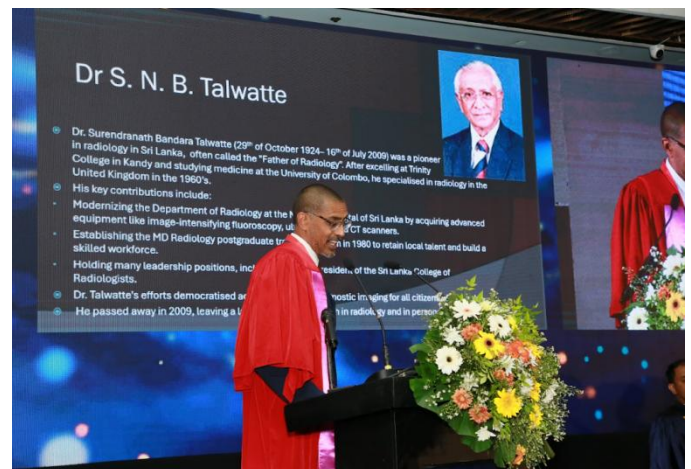


**Cash prize for best performance at Radiology
Radiology part 2 Exam 2024**

Dr Suntharam Tharani



Dr S.N.B.Talwate Memorial Oration was delivered by Dr Devinda Karunaratne, Consultant Cardiothoracic Radiologist at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom. It was on "The burden of cardiovascular disease and our management strategies"



A vibrant evening of entertainment and a fellowship dinner followed the event.



Annual Academic Sessions of Sri Lanka College of Radiologists 2025

The SLCR AAS 2025 was held at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The main scientific sessions took place on the 4th and 5th of October 2025 and were attended by more than 180 participants

Faculty



Dr. Ravi Shrestha



Dr Rachel Hyland



Prof S Sukumar



Dr V Rudralingam



Dr Suresh Fernando



Dr Kyungmin Kim



Dr Chris Stubbs



Dr Priya Suresh



Dr Daniel Lyndon



Dr Melanie Greaves



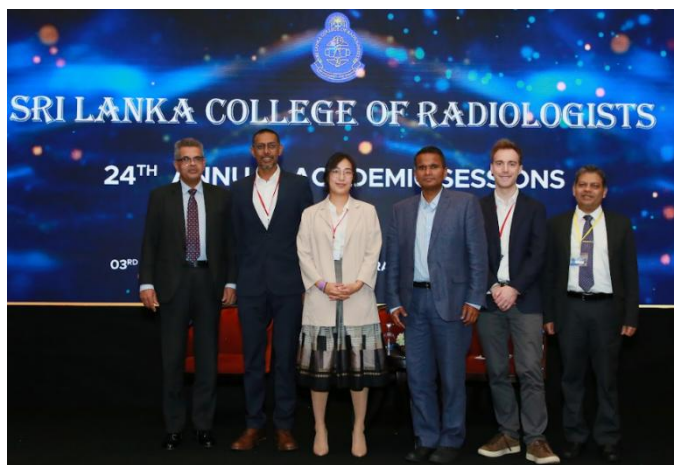
Dr Devinda Karunaratne



**Prof Hans-Ulrich
Kauczor**

Day 1 : 04.10.2025



Day 2 : 05.10.2025

Feature Article

Shaping Radiology's Future: Lessons and Leadership from AOSOR Youth Club 2025, Taipei

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A Global Platform for the Next Generation

The Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) has long been a unifying force for radiologists across the Asia-Oceania region. Its educational arm, the Asian Oceanian School of Radiology (AOSOR), plays a pivotal role in nurturing collaboration and leadership among early-career radiologists. One of AOSOR's flagship initiatives—the Youth Club (YC)—was established in 2015 to develop leadership, communication, and management skills among young radiologists from member countries. The AOSOR Youth Club 2025, hosted by the Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology from 10–13 September 2025 at the Four Points by Sheraton Taipei Bali, brought together delegates from across Asia and Oceania. I was privileged to represent the Sri Lanka College of Radiologists (SLCR) at this inspiring and transformative event.

A Curriculum that Blends Science, Leadership, and Mindfulness

The Youth Club featured an engaging mix of lectures, interactive sessions, and team-building exercises. The opening sessions emphasized mindfulness and self-compassion, highlighting the importance of emotional intelligence and self-care for radiologists who often face high clinical and academic demands. These reflections set the tone for a programme that focused on leadership not only as a professional skill, but also as a mindset of balance and resilience. Participants were then guided through topics such as strategic thinking, academic presentation skills, and society management, emphasizing how radiologists can move beyond the reading room to take active roles in shaping institutional and national healthcare policies.

Building Effective Leadership in Radiology

Sessions on global leadership and professional governance were among the most impactful. Professor Joseph Lee (United States) delivered a thought-provoking session on Global Leadership, stressing the importance of vision, empathy, and collaboration in driving radiological progress. Dr. Evelyn Ho (Malaysia) shared practical insights on Academic and Society Member Management, demonstrating how engagement, transparency, and inclusivity strengthen professional organizations. Equally enlightening was a session on Trends in Radiology in Asia Oceania, delivered by Dr. Charles Goh (Singapore), who outlined the regional transformation driven by artificial intelligence, remote reporting, value-based healthcare, and sustainability. His emphasis on responsible AI integration, data governance, and eco-friendly radiology practices offered valuable direction for countries striving to modernize their imaging services. Other faculty members discussed financial management, scientific activity planning, and inter-society collaboration, ensuring that participants left with a holistic understanding of what it means to lead in radiology today.

Adapting the Lessons to Sri Lanka

For Sri Lanka, these lessons are both relevant and timely. As our imaging services continue to expand in reach and sophistication, there is a clear need to cultivate leadership among the next generation of radiologists.

Several insights from the Youth Club are directly applicable:

- Investing in leadership development through structured mentorship and training.
- Promoting digital health and AI adoption, especially in teleradiology and workflow optimization.
- Encouraging sustainability—from energy-efficient imaging practices to eco-conscious waste management.
- Enhancing collaboration across regional societies to share knowledge, training opportunities, and resources.

By embracing these principles, Sri Lanka can strengthen its radiology ecosystem while aligning with regional and global standards of excellence.

Beyond the Lectures: The Human Connection

Beyond academic enrichment, the Youth Club fostered genuine friendship and cultural exchange. Informal discussions, shared dinners, and collaborative projects created a network of young professionals united by a common vision—to advance radiology for the benefit of patients across Asia and Oceania. Representing Sri Lanka among such diverse peers was both humbling and inspiring. The experience reinforced the idea that leadership in radiology transcends borders and titles—it begins with openness, curiosity, and shared purpose.

Looking Ahead

The AOSOR Youth Club 2025 was more than a conference—it was a glimpse into the future of radiology. It reminded us that tomorrow's radiology leaders must combine clinical expertise with strategic thinking, global awareness, and compassion.

As we return to our home institutions, the challenge lies in applying these lessons locally: empowering colleagues, modernizing systems, and fostering sustainability in our departments. With continued engagement and collaboration, Sri Lanka's radiology community can confidently take its place among the region's innovators and leaders.

Acknowledgements

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR) and the Chinese Taipei Society of Radiology (CTSR) for organizing this enriching programme, and to the Sri Lanka College of Radiologists (SLCR) for the opportunity to represent Sri Lanka at this international forum.



International Day of Radiology

The Sri Lanka College of Radiologists marked the International Day of Radiology on 8th November at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel. The event was graced by Prof. Badra Hewavithana as the chief guest, and featured a lecture by Dr. Gowrishankar Paramasivam titled 'Targeted Foetal Imaging in Modern Obstetrics: Necessity or Luxury?'. The celebration continued on 9th November with a workshop titled 'Masterclass in Antenatal Imaging: Skill Meets Practice', held at the Army Hospital Auditorium."



Radiology News



Dr. Kusala Nathawitharanalage was awarded the prestigious Gold Award at the FRCR Final Examination in 2025. Presented by the Royal College of Radiologists (UK), this honor is bestowed upon an outstanding candidate at each sitting of the FRCR Final Part B exam, based on the recommendation of the Exam Board.

Dr. Madhavi Wijagapala represented Sri Lanka College of Radiologists at the AOSOR youth club which was held in Four Points by Sheraton Taipei Bali in September 2025.





A regional IDoR celebration program was held at DGH Horana on 7th November 2025, organized under the leadership of Dr. D.U.P.S. Jayakody, Consultant Radiologist at DGH Horana.



At the Monthly Clinical Meeting of the Sri Lanka Medical Association in Collaboration with Sri Lanka College of Radiologists, **Dr Aruna S Pallawatte** delivered a lecture on "Imaging relevant to Stroke Management" and **Dr Sathiyasazzlan Maniharan** delivered a lecture on "Interventional Radiology: The Minimally Invasive Revolution in modern Medicine". This was held on 5th December 2025

Announcements

Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka College of Radiologists will be held on the 11th of January 2026 (The venue and time will be notified in due course.)

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