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SriLanKoRRA member assumes duties as new Director General of Agriculture



Ms. P. Malathi, a member of the SriLanKoRAA assumed duties as the Director General of Agriculture on 2nd January 2023. Before assuming duties as the DGA, she served at the Ministry of Agriculture as the Additional Secretary (Technology). SriLanKoRAA wishes a great success to the new DGA.

ASDA (2021) Lifetime Award for Eminent Agriculturist



Mr.K.E. Karunathilaka, Former Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture was the recipient of the Annual Symposium of the Department of Agriculture (ASDA), 2021 Best Agriculturist Lifetime Award which was held on17th Dec 2021 at the Plant Genetic Resources Centre, Gannoruwa, Peradeniya. Mr. Karunathilake has 34 years illustrated career in the Department of Agriculture and the Ministry of Agriculture as an Extensionist and policy maker. He was the key person pioneering to develop the Maize sector in Sri Lanka. He completed BSc (Agriculture) degree from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya and obtained his Post Graduate from the University of West Virginia USA and PGIA, University of University of Peradeniya. He was also a past President of SriLanKoRAA.

ASDA (2022) Lifetime Award for Eminent Agriculturist



Mr. Shantha Emitiyagoda, former Additional Secretary (Agricultural Development) of the Ministry of Agriculture was elected as the recipient of the Lifetime Award for Eminent Agriculturist of the Annual Symposium of the Department of Agriculture (ASDA) 2022, which was held on 23rd September 2022 at the Plant Genetic Resources Centre, Gannoruwa, Peradeniya. Mr. Emitiyagoda served in the Department of Agriculture in various capacities and his work on FAO Fertilizer Project, as the Assistant Director of Agriculture in Ampara and the Yaya Programme was very commendable and considered as milestones of the DOA. He has 34 years illustrated carrier in the Department of Agriculture and Ministry of Agriculture. Mr. Emitiyagoda received his BSc (Agriculture) degree from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya and MSc (Extension Education) from the University of Illinois, USA. He is the present Hon. Secretary of SriLanKoRAA.

Mid Year Event 2021

The Midyear event of the Sri LanKoRAA was held on 29th January 2022 at the In-service Training Institute Gannoruwa with the participation of 38 members together with 34 of their family members. The event could not held as planned due to Covid -19 pandemic situation in the country. The event was held taking all COVID 19 precautions following health guidelines given by the Ministry of Health. SriLanKoRAA appreciated very much the members and their family members who have participated to make the event a success.





SriLanKoRRA Welcome New KOPIA Director

Mr Kang Chulgoo has been appointed as the new Director of the KOPIA Centre of Sri Lanka. A dinner was held on 11th December 2021 at the Queen's Hotel to welcome the new KOPIA Director Mr Kang Chulgoo. The SriLanKoRAA warmly welcome Mr Kang and wishing him a greater success in further strengthening partnership.



Farewell to Dr Choi In Hu, Director, KOPIA Centre

Dr. Choi In Hu, who has rendered exemplary service to Agricultural Development in Sri Lanka for nearly 6 years as the Director, KOPIA Centre and returned to Korea. To appreciate his service, a Farewell party was held to at the roof top of Oak Ray Residence on 5th March 2021. KOPIA advisory members were also participated to say goodbye to Dr. Choi. SriLanKoRAA wish him a long healthy life and a great success in his future endeavours.





SriLanKoRAA member as the New Director General to Department of Agriculture

Dr W. M. W Weerakoon, the Director General of Agriculture, retired on 02. 08. 2021 and Dr S H A de Silva succeeded him as the Director General of Agriculture. In his carrier in the Department of Agriculture and Ministry of Agriculture, Dr Weerakoon excelled in various capacities such as Researcher, Research Manager and Policy maker. He is also the President of SriLanKoRAA. Dr. Ajantha de Silva served as the Additional Secretary (Technology) of the MoA before assuming duties as DGA,. To mark the event, a felicitation ceremony was held at Senani Hotel, Kandy on 31st October 2021 . The SriLanKoRAA wishes Dr Weerakoon a happy retirement and Dr. Ajantha de Silva as the new DGA.

Scholarship Programme

SriLanKoRAA continued it's programme to give scholarships to the children of the SriLanKoRAA members who are selected to pursue higher studies in recognized universities and colleges approved by the University Grant Commission. In addition to those scholarships , SriLanKoRAA is awarding scholarships to Students of Agriculture Faculties of Peradeniya (8 No.), Rajarata and Jaffna Universities (4 nos. each) on needy basis. SriLanKoRAA wishes them success of their studies.