

**13th Annual Sessions & International Conference of
Sri Lanka Association for Laboratory Animal Science (SLALAS)
At Renuka City Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka**

January 24th and 25th, 2026

Program of Day 1 (24th Jan 2026)

Time	Description
8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	Registration
9.00 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	Inauguration of the 13 th Scientific Sessions & International Conference.
9.15 a.m. – 9.25 a.m.	Welcome Address Dr. Varuni Gunathilake Honorary President SLALAS- 2025/2026
9.25 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Launching of the e-proceedings of the 13 th scientific sessions and international conference. (by the Guest of Honor and the Chief Guest)
9.30 a.m. – 9.40 a.m.	Address by the Chief Guest Prof. Neelika Malavige Department of Immunology and Molecular Medicine Faculty of Medicine, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
9.40 a.m. – 9.50 a.m.	Address by the Guest of Honour Prof. Chrishantha Abeyseña Hon. Minister of Science and Technology
9.50 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Address by Dr. Upali Karunaratna Director of Medical Research Institute, Sri Lanka
10.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Presidential Address Dr. Varuni Gunathilake Honorary President SLALAS- 2025/2026
10.45 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.	Felicitation video
10.50 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Vote of Thanks Dr. Anusha Senevirathne Honorary Secretary SLALAS 2025/2026
Closure of the Inauguration Ceremony	
11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.	Morning Tea & Group photograph
11.20 a.m. – 12.05 p.m.	Keynote Address Prof. Neelika Malavige Department of Immunology and Molecular Medicine Faculty of Medicine, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

12.05 p.m. – 12.35 p.m.	Guest Speech 1 Prof. Ashoka Dangolla Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science University of Peradeniya
12.35 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	Lunch
1.15 p.m.-1.25 p.m.	Flashback video of SLALAS journey 2025
1.25p.m. – 2.05 p.m.	Guest Speech 2 Prof. Suresh Poosala Founder of Acasta Health & OncoSeek Bio Pvt Ltd, India Ex-Chief at NIA/NIH Comparative Medicine, USA Ex-BMS Senior Leader Pre-Clinical
2.05 p.m. – 3.05 p.m.	Scientific Paper Session-I (oral presentations)
3.05 p.m. – 3.25 p.m.	Tea
3.25 p.m. – 3.55p.m.	Guest speech 3 Dr. Kalpani Ratnayake Department of Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Sciences Faculty of Health Sciences CINEC Campus, Malabe
3.55 p.m. – 4.25 p.m.	Guest speech 4 Prof. Vir Vikram Principal cum Professor School of Pharmaceutical Sciences CT University Ludhiana, India
4.30 p.m.	Tea & Closure of Day 1
7.30 p.m.	Conference Dinner

Day 2 (25th Jan 2026)

Time	Description
9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Guest Speech 5 Prof Pooja Gupta Department of Pharmacology All India School of Medical Sciences New Delhi, India
9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Guest Speech 6 Prof Marcel Frajblat ICLAS General Secretary Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
10.00 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	Tea break
10.15 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Guest Speech 7 Prof. Mangala Gunatilake Founding President of SLALAS Department of Physiology Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Video of sponsors

11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Guest Speech 8 Dr. Sachini Amarasekara Department of Zoology and Environment Sciences University of Colombo
11.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	Video (sponsor)
11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Lunch
12.30 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.	Poster presentation session
12.45 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	Guest Speech 9 Prof. Kavindra Wijesundara Department of Veterinary Pathobiology Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science University of Peradeniya
1.30 p.m.-2.00 p.m.	Guest Speech 10 Dr. Vijay Pal Singh Honorary President LASA, India
2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Mini workshop by the sponsor: Mr Himanshu Vashishth
3.00 p.m. – 3.10 p.m.	Tea
3.10 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	Announcing of the winners of oratorical competition and the Emeritus Prof Vera Baumans award
3.15 p.m.-3.25 p.m.	Award of certificates for the best oral and best poster presentations
3.25 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	Vote of thanks Dr. Anusha Senevirathne Honorary Secretary SLALAS 2025/2026
3.45 p.m.	Closure of Scientific Conference
3.45 p.m. onwards	AGM of SLALAS