



Laying of Foundation Stone to New Building Complex of the Faculty of Agriculture at Pilachcholai

Laying of Foundation Stone for the New Building complex of Faculty of Agriculture at Kaluwankerny which was held on 29th April 2017. Prof.T.Jayasingam,ViceChancellor, Dr.P.Sivarajah, Dean/Faculty of Agriculture, Council Members, Head of Departments, Acting Registrar ,Assistant Registrar of Faculty of Agriculture and Al.Haj.Naleem (Nazeeha Construction) participated in this event.



Message from Dean

Faculty Newsletter reflects the activities completed and to show case it to the stakeholders in the community. In this respect the Faculty Newsletter disseminates the academic, research and outreach activities both staff and students have done in 2017. This volume of the Newsletter provides a summary of the main activities conducted at the Faculty level and also staff and students achievements in many areas of agricultural development. The content of the Newsletter would be beneficial to people in working education, research, administration of agriculture programs, farmers and students of the region.

I congratulate personally the Editor and all staff who had contributed in many ways to continue publishing the faculty Newsletter for 2017.

Dr. P. Sivarajah
Dean/ Faculty of Agriculture

Message from Editor

I am delighted to publish the 11th issue of Faculty of Agriculture newsletter for 2016. The aim of the newsletter is to give a wide range of information on the academic and out-reaches activities done in the faculty of Agriculture in 2017, along with staff promotions, training programs participated, staff and student research conducted and published in journals or presented at various conferences in national and international. The faculty has carried out many events in the year 2017 but unfortunately I could not include all the events in this issue. I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to staff who contributed to it as these valuable contributions are vital to the newsletter's success.



Mrs. S. Amuthenie
Editor/Newsletter-2017

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Orientation Programme for new Students -2017

The Orientation Programme for new students of the Faculty of Agriculture was held on 19th January 2017 at Seminar hall of the Faculty of Agriculture. The Dean and Staff had pleasure to welcome all students to the Faculty of Agriculture.



Student Details

Year of Study	Number of Students		
	Male	Female	Total
4 th Year – 2013/14	21	52	73
3 rd Year – 2014/15	29	44	73
2 nd Year – 2015/16	24	35	59
1 st Year – 2016/17	17	53	70

General Annual Convocation

The 20th General Convocation of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka was held on 18th June 2017. On this session 04 BSc in Agriculture graduands had been conferred their degree.



Staff Promotion



Professor Thevaki Mahendran has been promoted to the Post of Senior Professor in Food Science and Technology in the Department of Agricultural Chemistry with effect from 17th September 2017. She obtained her BSc Degree in Agriculture from the University of Peradeniya. She was awarded the Commonwealth Scholarship Programme to pursue Doctoral studies at University of Reading, UK. Her research interests include Food Chemistry, Food Preservation and Functional Foods. In 2005, She has been working in the University of Reading, UK as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow under the Commonwealth Fellowship Plan from 2005-2006.

Dr. Somasundaram Sutharsan attached to the Department of Crop Science was promoted to the post of Professor in Crop Science with effect from 15.05.2017.



Mr. M. Rajendran has been promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr.II in the Department of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka with effect from 16th September 2017.

Scholarships/Awards

Mr Thangavelautham Geretharan, Senior Lecturer II attached to the Department of Crop Science awarded Ravensdown Scholarship - 2017 at the Postgraduate scholarship awards evening held on 16 May 2017. The scholarship was awarded by Professor Jan Thomas, Vice Chancellor, Massey University. The event was organized by College of Sciences, Institute of Agriculture and Environment, Massey University, New Zealand. Geretharan is presently pursuing PhD at Massey University, New Zealand.



Mrs Thivahary Geretharan, Senior Lecturer II attached to the Department of Agricultural Economics awarded Helen E Akers PhD Scholarship - 2017 at the Postgraduate scholarship awards evening held on 16 May 2017. The scholarship was awarded by Professor Jan Thomas, Vice Chancellor, Massey University. The event was organized by College of Sciences, Institute of Agriculture and Environment, Massey University, New Zealand. Thivahary is presently pursuing PhD at Massey University, New Zealand.

7th Annual International Conference QQE 2017 (Qualitative and Quantitative Economics Research) BEST STUDENT PAPER: THARSINITHEVY KIRUPANANTHAN "Relationship Between Livelihood Assets and Economic Security of Poor Rural Households in Ampara District, Sri Lanka" GSTF 5th June 2017 Singapore



Appointments

Dr.(Mrs) Kumuthini. D. Harris assumed duties as Head of the Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Easter University with the effect from July 2017.



Participation/Training

Dr.P. Sivarajah (Dean/Agriculture), Prof. S.Sutharsan and Dr.(Mrs) Kumuthini. D. Harris and Dr. M. Pagthinathan had participated Capacity building programme at the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand from 7th to 14th August 2017.

Participated in the International Conference: 7th Annual International Conference QQE 2017 (Qualitative and Quantitative Economics Research) organized by Global Science and Technology Forum (GSTF) at Hotel Fort Canning, Singapore from 5th to 6th June 2017.



Field visits

Students visited farmers' fields and Field Crops Research and Development Institute, Maha illupalama on 12th July 2017 and 17th July 2017, respectively.



CENSARM Activities

Workshop

Workshop on Discussion among Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Sectors with Faculty of Agriculture, EUSL was held on 30th May 2017. Staff, Faculty Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Department of Animal Production and Health, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and NGOs were participated in this workshop.

World Food Day

World food day 2017 was conducted by CENSARM on 16th October 2017 at the Nallaiyah auditorium EUSL and during this event; best 3 farmers in Agriculture in the Batticaloa District and three school students selected by quiz competition in the Kalkudah educational zone were awarded by CENSARM. Staff, Faculty Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Department of Animal Production and Health, Department of Fisheries, School students and famers in the Batticaloa District were participated in this program.

TALKS

Talk on Nuclear Techniques in Agriculture was conducted by CENSARM on 4th October 2017 at EUSL. All Academic staff, Non academic staff and students were participated in this event.

CENSARM had arranged a talk on Municipal solid waste management on 11th October 2017 to the EUSL staff. Mr.A.Sriram, Director, Indian Green Services New Delhi was participated as resource person in this event.

First International Symposium

The 1st International Symposium was held on 6th October 2017 and successfully completed. There were 24 research findings were presented in this event and Prof.A.Raja Rajan, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Education and Research, Ramakrishna mission Vivekananda University, Coimbatore Campus, India was served as Keynotes speaker in this Symposium.



Nutrition Information Corner

Nutrition Information Corner for the Agriculture Faculty was established on 21st June 2017 with the collaboration of FHCS. Dr .K.Premakumar, senior Lecturer and Dr.K.T.Suntharesan, Senior Lecturer were appointed as coordinators for the Nutrition Information Corner on behalf of Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Healthcare Sciences respectively.

Resource person

Dr. Mrs. R. F. Niranjana and Mr. K. Prasannath participated as resource persons for the workshop on “Insect pests and Disease management in paddy cultivation” organized by the Department of Agriculture, Eastern Province at In-service Training Institute, Karadiyanaru on 6th December 2017 for Agriculture Instructors.

Research Publications

Puvanitha, S. and Mahendran, S. (2017). Effect of Salinity on Plant Height, Shoot Dry Weight and Root Dry Weight of Selected Rice Cultivars. *Scholars Journal of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences*, 4(4): 126-131.

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