

CURRICULUM VITAE



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EDUCATION

2006	Ph.D, Hokkaido University, Japan
2002	M.Phil in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
1997	B.Sc (Special) Honors, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

2015	NRC Merit Award
2014	SUSRED Award, National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka
2014	Presidential awards for Research
2013	Post-Doctoral Fellowship (Invitation Fellowship) - Japan Society for Promotion of Science
2013	Presidential awards for Research
2012	Presidential awards for Research
2007	Presidential awards for Research
2004	Presidential awards for Research
2002-2006	Japanese Government Monbukagakusho Scholarship for PhD Studies

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nov. 2014 to date	Professor in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
June 2013 to Nov. 2014	Senior Lecturer Grade I, Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
June 2013 - March 2014	Post-Doctoral Fellow under Japan Society for Promotion of Science Invitation Fellowship
April 2006 – June 2013	Senior Lecturer Grade II, Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
2002 to 2006	PhD candidate, Hokkaido University, Japan
2000 to 2002	Temporary Lecturer, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
1998 to 2000	Research Assistant, Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy
March 1997 to Jan.1998	Temporary Assistant Lecturer, Department of Botany, University of Peradeniya

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACULTY/ACADEMIC GROUPS/POSITIONS HELD

2019 July to date	Head , Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
2017 April to date	Chairman , Board of study in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya
2017 April to date	Member, Board of Management, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya
2019 October to date	Member , Council of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
2017 April to 2019 Aug.	Director , Science Education Unit, Faculty of Science
2016 to 2019 Aug	Chairman , Quality Assurance Cell, Faculty of Science
2016	Deputy Proctor , Faculty of Science
2011 to 2013	Head , Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
June-August 2014	Acting Head , Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
2010 to 2013	Chairman - Curriculum Development Committee, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya
June to Aug.2014	Acting Secretary - Board of study in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Postgraduate Institute of Science
2012 to 2013	Faculty Representative - Staff development Centre, Planning Committee, University of Peradeniya
2011 to date	Member , Technical evaluation Committee (Laboratory Chemicals and Laboratory equipments, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya)
2007 to 2015	Member , Editorial Board of the Ceylon Journal of Science (Biological Science)

2008 to date	Member , Board of Study in Molecular Biology & Biochemistry, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
2009- to date	Coordinator of the MSc program in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
2015- to date	Coordinator of the MSc program in Experimental Biotechnology, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
2013 to 2014	Treasurer , Science Teachers Association, University of Peradeniya,
2014 to 2015	President , Science Teachers Association, University of Peradeniya,
2013	Member , Committee to propose a scheme to improve English Language Skills of Undergraduates
2012	Member , Web Development committee, Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya
2007-2012	Senior Treasurer , Molecular Biology Association, University of Peradeniya
2010 to 2011	Member - Faculty subcommittee on the applied Science Degree program
2006 to 2010	Senior Student Counselor , University of Peradeniya
2010	Rag Prevention Committee, Faculty of Science University of Peradeniya
2010	Member , Appeal committee relating to student discipline
2007 to 2009	Member , Faculty subcommittee on the formulation of a Special degree program in Biology
2007 to 2009	Faculty Representative - Working Group on intellectual property curriculum development.
2007 to 2008	Senior Academic Sub-warden - Arunachalam Hall, Univeristy of Peradeniya
2006	Member , QA Cell of the Faculty of Science

TEACHING

Undergraduate	Biomolecules, General Microbiology, Introduction to Biotechnology and its applications, Enzymology, Molecular Cell Biology, Special topics in Cell and Molecular Biology, Environmental Biotechnology, Molecular Biology of Plant and Animal diseases, Molecular Biology of Development.
Graduate	MSc in Experimental Biotechnology - Protein Chemistry, Molecular Genetics and Molecular Microbiology MSc in Nanoscience and nanotechnology- Biochemistry related to Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Nanobiotechnology and Nanotechnology laboratory MSc in Science Education (Biology Education) - Molecular Biology and Its Applications MSc in Medical Microbiology- Microbial Genetics MSc in Pharmaceutical Botany- Analytical Methods in Pharmaceutical Science

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

2010 to date	<i>University of Peradeniya Science Alumni Association UPSAA (Life member)</i>
2000- to date	<i>Sri Lanka association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) (Life member)</i>
2007 to date	<i>Institute of Chemistry, Sri Lanka, member</i>
2010 to date	<i>Institute of Biology, (Life member)</i>

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Apr. 1-3, 2013	Coordinator/ Resource Person - Workshop for Advanced Level Biology Teachers of the Uva Province, conducted by the Science Education Unit, Faculty of Science, from 1 st to 3 rd - April 2013
April, May 2013	Resource Person , on Curriculum Revision to Revise the Molecular Biology/Biotechnology course units in the curriculum of the Departments of Botany/Fisheries/Zoology - University of Jaffna.
June 27, 2010	Resource Person , Workshop to Review the Existing Degree Programs, curricular and methods of Assessment. Organized by the Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya, held at the Hotel Topaz, Kandy
March 20, 2009	Resource Person , Workshop on Invasive Plants, Identification, Characterization and Management. Organized by the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka- held at Girl's High School, Kandy
Nov. 17, 18 -2011	Evaluator- Technical Session on Molecular Biology and Gene Manipulation, of the 23 rd Annual Congress of the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.

GRADUATE STUDENTS ALONG WITH THEIR THESIS TITLES

1. RS Diyabalanage-PhD (2019) Thesis title- Chemico geography of selenium and its impact on food chain quality and animal health in Sri Lanka. (co- supervisor)
2. RS Hewawasam. – PhD (2018) Thesis title - Bioethanol and wine from fruits of *Musa* spp. By microbial fermentation. (co supervisor)
3. KNM Wijayathilaka - PhD (2016) Thesis title: Phylogenetic relationships, biogeography and ecology of Sri Lankan Microhylids (Anura: Microhalynae) (co-supervisor)

4. WBWMRYC Aluwihare - PhD (2016) -Thesis title: Identification of the genomic regions associated with phosphorus deficiency tolerance in Sri Lankan rice germplasm for marker assisted breeding (co- supervisor)
5. CS Hettiarachchi - PhD (2015)-Thesis title: Rhizobiology of some crop legumes in Sri Lanka for production of rhizobial inoculants (co- supervisor)
6. BJG Jayawardhana - MPhil (2016) - Thesis title: Molecular phylogenetics and physiogeography of two bufanoid lineages (Anura: Bufonidae: Adenominae) of Sri Lanka. (co- supervisor)
7. AIS Priyadarshan - MPhil (2015) - Thesis title: Exploring the phenetic and genetic diversity of genera *Tephrosia* and *Flueggea* (vern: pila) and developing effective propagation systems. (co- supervisor)
8. AMTK Bandara - MPhil (2013) -Thesis title: Purification and characterization of thermostable DNases from Bacteria in hot springs of Trincomalee, Sri Lanka (Principal supervisor)
9. IMCCD Bandara - MPhil (2013) - Thesis title: Development of self-cleaning and antimicrobial textile material (co- supervisor)
10. ALA Lakmini MSc (2019) – Thesis title- Bacterial diversity profile of rice endophytes with biofilm biofertilizer and chemical fertilizer applications (co-supervisor)
11. HPKU Jayathilake, MSc (2018)- Thesis title -Determination of the phylogenetic position of *Nepenthes distillatoria* using *rbcL* and *rbcS* sequences (supervisor)
12. VRRU Udapamunuwa MSc (2018)- Thesis title- Physiological characterization and genetic diversity analysis of rhizobial populations inhabiting *Gliricidia sepium* from selected locations of Anuradhapura district, Sri Lanka. (supervisor)
13. MGKP Dayarathne -MSc- (2018). Thesis title-Identification, partial purification and Characterization of serine and aspartic protease inhibitors from *Nothopegia beddomei* (supervisor)
14. DVS Samarasinghe -MSc- (2018) -Thesis title- Evaluation of treatment efficiency of the serum from skim Latex coagulation with different coagulants by aerobic microbes. (Supervisor)

15. BDS Muthusinghe-MSc-(2018)-Thesis title- Identification of pathogenic *Leptospira* species among swine in Sri Lanka: use of *flaB* gene-based PCR and *16S rRNA* based lamp method. (co supervisor)
16. A. Rajalingam- MSc - (2017) - Thesis title: Characterization of *Rhizobium* spp. In *Mimosa pudica* L from five different districts of Sri Lanka. (Supervisor)
17. TSGSB Wijayarathna - MSc - (2017) - Thesis title: Development of an assay procedure for aspartic protease inhibitory activity and screening candidate plants (Supervisor)
18. T Theivendram - MSc - (2017) - Thesis title: Characterization of *Rhizobium* spp. In *Clitoria ternatea* L from five different districts of Sri Lanka (Supervisor)
19. LD Rangama- MSc - (2016) - Thesis title- Phylogenetic group distribution of human fecal *Escherichia coli* in Kandy district, Sri Lanka. (co- supervisor)
20. RMPCD Rajapaksha- MSc (2016)-Thesis title: Improved bactericidal activity of graphene oxide, FeO nanocomposite against pathogenic bacteria (co-supervisor)
21. JGB Epakanda - MSc (2016) - Thesis title: Storage, durability and antibacterial efficacy of antibiotic coated gauze in diabetic wounds and enhancement after coating Nano Zinc oxide (co- supervisor)
22. YA Haleema - MSc (2016)-Thesis title: The purification and partial characterization of foam nest proteins of *Polypedates cruciger* (Principal supervisor)
23. TCMF Karunarathne -MSc (2015)- Thesis title: Occurrence of serine protease inhibitory activity in the bark extract of *Entada pursaetha* (Supervisor)
24. NPA Hasna-MSc (2015) - Thesis title: studies of serine protease inhibitors in the bark extract of *Derris parviflora* (Supervisor)
25. MBD Lakmalie - MSc (2014) -Thesis title: A DNA fingerprinting scheme to identify the mix ups in semen samples of cattle breeds in artificial insemination programs of Sri Lanka. (co- supervisor)
26. EVK Erathne - MSc - (2014) - Thesis title: Investigation of Aspartic Protease Inhibitory activity in the bark extract of *Dillenia retusa* (supervisor)
27. V Karmegam -MSc (2013) - Thesis title: Antimicrobial efficacy of Nano zinc Oxide coated cross linked cotton (co- supervisor)

28. P Paramasamy MSc (2013) - Thesis title: Characterization of molecular diversity and physiological properties of Rhizobial populations in *Crotolaria juncea*. (Supervisor) \
29. SNJ Pathirana MSc (2013)- Thesis title: Isolation of lipolytic fungi and partial purification of lipases (co- supervisor)
30. NS Wickremasinghe - MSc (2013) - Thesis title: Isolation and identification of petroleum degrading fungi and bacteria from petroleum contaminated soil (co-supervisor)
31. BDS Jayawardana - MSc (2012) - Thesis title: Protease inhibitors in *Sesbania grandiflora* and *Terminalia catappa* (co- supervisor)
32. NADJ Bandara- MSc (2010)- Thesis title: Isolation and characterization of a trypsin inhibitor from seeds of *Tamarindus indica* (co- supervisor)
33. EMWGP Ekanayake - MSc (2010)-Thesis title: Improvement of performance of students through an activity-oriented approach to teach enzymes for G. C. E advanced level Biology students (Supervisor)
34. EA Prabodha Ekanayake - MSc (2009) - Thesis Title: Characterization of deoxyribonucleases from pitcher fluid of *Nepenthes distillatoria* (co- supervisor)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Dissecting the molecular mechanism underlying follicle rupture during ovulation in vertebrates
- Studies on hydrolytic enzymes from Carnivorous plants and thermophilic bacteria
- Development & characterization of functional Textile materials with antimicrobial activities
- Characterization of Physiological and genetic diversity of *Rhizobium* spp. in wild legumes in Sri Lanka
- Protease inhibitory activity of Sri Lankan plants
- Evaluation of species limits of Sri Lankan flora by DNA barcoding
- Production of bioethanol as a Renewable Energy Source using Microbial Fermentation with different microbial species, using Economical Substrates.

RESEARCH GRANTS

YEAR	AWARDING BODY	PROJECT TITLE	DURATION
2006	University of Peradeniya	Purification and characterization of nucleases from <i>Nepenthes distillatoria</i>	1 year

2008	University of Peradeniya	Purification and characterization of phosphatases from the pitcher fluid of <i>Nepenthes distillatoria</i>	1 year
2009	National Research Council	Purification, enzymic and structural characterization of novel hydrolytic enzymes from <i>Nepenthes distillatoria</i>	3 years
2009	National Science Foundation	Development & characterization of functional Textile materials with stain resistant & antimicrobial activities	3 years
2011	National Research Council	Identification of genomic regions Associated with phosphate deficiency tolerance in Sri Lankan rice germplasm for marker assisted breeding	3 years
2011	National Science Foundation	Exploring Biological and Chemical diversity of Genera <i>Flueggea</i> and <i>Tephrosia</i> and to develop effective propagation systems	3 years
2012	University of Peradeniya	Systematic and microhabitat utilization of <i>Pseudophilautus</i> species (Sri Lanka shrub frogs) in Peak Wilderness Sanctuary	1 year
2013	University of Peradeniya	Development of an antigen capture ELISA for the detection of pathogenic leptospire during the early phase of infection	2 years
2013	National Research Council	Chemico-geography of selenium and its impact on food chain quality and animal health in Sri Lanka.	3 years

CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Chief examiner for marking at the G.C.E/ advanced level Examination - Biology, in 2008, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. Chamikara M, Dissanayake R, Dissanayake I, Herath D, Karannagoda N, Amarasekera S, Rajapaksha P, Tennekoon A (2016) Glossary in Sinhala Language (a state language in Sri Lanka) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology-Volume 1. Sooriyapathirana S, Chamikara M, Dissanayake R, **Rajapakse S.** (Eds.) ISBN 978-955-41753-2-77.
2. Daundasekera K, De Silva A, Kularathna T, Madhukalpani S, Ranawaka B, Sylvester T, Tennakoon M (2016) Glossary in Sinhala Language (a state language in Sri Lanka) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology-Volume 2. Sooriyapathirana S, Dissanayake R, **Rajapakse S.** (Eds.) ISBN 978-955-41753-4-1. All authors have equally contributed in writing the Book. Their names are indicated in alphabetical order.
3. Ananda K, Daundasekera K, Kannangara S, Karunaratne S, Ranatunga D, Ranaweera T, Salpadoru T, Thilakaratne N (2017) Glossary in Sinhala Language (a state language in Sri Lanka) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology-Volume 3. Sooriyapathirana S, **Rajapakse S.** (Eds.) ISBN 978-955-41753-5-8. All authors have equally contributed in writing the Book. Their names are indicated in alphabetical order

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. VRRU Udamunuwa, PWI Nawanjana, **S Rajapakse.** Stress tolerant rhizobia inhabiting the root nodules of *Gliricidia sepium* from selected locations of Anuradhapura district Sri Lanka. *Sri Lankan Journal of Agriculture and Ecosystems.* 2020 (in press)
2. PMH Sandamali, SP Senanayake, **S Rajapakse.** Morphometrics of selected *Dendrobium* spp. (Orchidaceae) in Sri Lanka. *Tropical Plant Research.* 2020. 7(1): 149–157.
3. PMH Sandamali, SP Senanayake, **Sanath Rajapakse.** Phylogenetic relationships of selected Sri Lankan Orchids based on Internal Transcribed Spacer (ITS) sequence analysis. *Tropical Plant Research.* 2020. 7(1): 76–85.
4. SMNS Samarakoon, **S. Rajapakse.** Identification of stress tolerant rhizobial strains inhabiting *Gliricidia sepium* in the Polonnaruwa district, Sri Lanka. *Ceylon Journal of Science.* 2020. 49 (1) 37-47. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/cjs.v49i1.7704>
5. Indrani W. Kularathne, Chamila Gunathilake, Bhagya S Yatipanthala, Chandrakantha S. Kalpage, Asanga C. Rathneweera, **Sanath Rajapakse..** Production of green energy – ethanol dehydration using rice straw, rice husk and

castor oil. *Biomass Conversion and Biorefinery*. 2019. DOI 10.1007/s13399-019-00560-9

6. IW Kularathne, CA Gunathilake, AC Rathneweera, CS Kalpage, **S. Rajapakse**. The Effect of Use of Biofuels on Environmental Pollution - A Review. *International Journal of Renewable Energy Research*. 2019. 09 (03) - 1355-1367.
7. RWKM Senevirathna, VN Seneviratne, **Sanath Rajapakse**. Chitinases from pitcher fluid of *Nepenthes distillatoria*. *Ceylon Journal of Science*. 2019. 48(3) 243-249. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/cjs.v48i3.7648>
8. Saranga Diyabalanage, Ashoka Dangolla, Chandima Mallawa, **Sanath Rajapakse**, Rohana Chandrajith. Bioavailability of selenium (Se) in cattle population in Sri Lanka based on qualitative determination of glutathione peroxidase (GSH-Px) activities. *Environmental Geochemistry and Health*. 2019. [https://doi.org/10.1007/s10653-019-00395-3\(0123456789](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10653-019-00395-3(0123456789)
9. MGKP Dayarathne, **Sanath Rajapakse**. Preliminary investigations on the serine and aspartic protease inhibitors from *Nothopegia beddomei*. *Ceylon Journal of Science* 2019; 48(2) 185-189 DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/cjs.v48i2.7623>
10. WMDA Wijesundara, **RGSC Rajapakse**, JAMA Jayatilake, JAMS Jayatilake. A preliminary study of *mecA* gene expression and methicillin resistance in staphylococci isolated from the human oral cavity. *Sri Lankan Journal of Infectious Diseases* 2019. 9(1):42-48. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4038/sljid.v9i1.8232>
11. Rukshika Shalani Hewawasam, Sisira Weliwegamage, **Sanath Rajapakse**, Subramaniam Sotheeswaran. Isolation and Characterization of an Entophytic Ethanol Resistant Bacterium from Sap of *Saccharum officinarum* for Efficient Fermentation. *American Journal of Applied Chemistry* 2019; 7(2): 42- 46. doi: 10.11648/j.ajac.20190702.11.
12. PWI Nawanjana, **Sanath Rajapakse**. Physiological Characterization and Genetic Diversity Assessment of the Rhizobial Populations Inhabiting *Gliricidia sepium* in selected locations of Ampara District, Sri Lanka. *The Journal of Agricultural Sciences*, 2019. 14 (1), pp.34–48. <http://doi.org/10.4038/jas.v14i1.8455>
13. Nayana Wijayathilaka, Gayani Senevirathne, Champika Bandara, **Sanath Rajapakse**, Rohan Pethiyagoda, Madhava Meegaskumbura. Integrating Bioacoustics, DNA barcoding and niche modeling for frog conservation - The threatened balloon frogs of Sri Lanka. *Global Ecology and Conservation*. (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1016/J.gecco.2018.e00496>.
14. RBSD Rajapakshe, CA Thennakoon, AMA Zajid, RMG Rajapakse, **Sanath Rajapakse**. Multi-Functional Cotton Fabrics with Self-Assembled TiO₂ Nanoparticle Seed/TiO₂ Nanorod/ZnO Nanoparticle/ Stearic Acid Nanotechnological Architectures. *Journal of Nanomaterials & Molecular Nanotechnology*. (2018).
15. YC Aluwihare, MDM Chamikara, DRRP Dissanayake, NNH Karannagoda, AGMLK Dayananda, DN Sirisena, WLG Samarasinghe, **RGSC Rajapakse**, SDSS Sooriyapathirana. DNA sequence polymorphism of *Pup1* linked *k20-1* STS

region can be effectively used in molecular breeding of rice for phosphorous deficiency tolerance. *Journal of the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka*. (2017) 45(4): 413-425.

16. L.T. Ranaweera, **S. Rajapakse** and S.D.S.S. Sooriyapathirana. Molecular mechanisms of reversing neural degeneration by retinoic acid, a major derivative of vitamin A. *Ceylon Journal of Science*. (2017) 46(3): 5-20.
17. R.P.V.G. Subhashi W. Rajapakshe, K.M.G. Gehan Jayasuriya, **Sanath Rajapakse**, D.H.P. Peramunugama. Seed germination and predation of the tropical monocarpic palm tree *Corypha umbraculifera*. *Taiwania* (2017) 62(2): 129–138.
18. S. Diyabalanage, T Nawarathna, HTK Abeysundara, **S Rajapakse**, R Chandrajith. Trace elements in native and improved paddy rice from different climatic regions of Sri Lanka: implications for public health. *SpringerPlus* (2016) 5:1864 DOI 10.1186/s40064-016-3547-9.
19. N. Jayarathna, S.P. Senanayake, **S. Rajapakse**, L.R. Jayasekera, P. Paranagama. Interspecific relationship of *Piper* species in Sri Lanka as revealed by DNA barcode ITS. *Journal of Faculty of Graduate Studies* (2016) University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. 37- 47.
20. S.P.N.C. Jayarathna, S.P. Senanayake, **S. Rajapakse**, L.R. Jayasekera. Phenetic Variation and Preliminary Phytochemical Screening of Piper Species in Sri Lanka. *The Journal of Agricultural Sciences* (2016) 11 (3) 155-163.
21. J.G.B. Epakande, R.M.G. Rajapakse, R.B.S.D. Rajapakshe, C.A. Thennakoon, **Sanath Rajapakse**. Antibiotic impregnated cotton gauzes for topical antibiotic treatment. *International Journal of Scientific & Engineering Research* (2016) 7, (7), 266-273.
22. HKI Perera, BDS Jayawardana, **S Rajapakse**. Heat stable protease inhibitors from *Sesbania grandiflora* and *Terminalia catappa*. *British Journal of Pharmaceutical Research* (2016) 11 (4) 1-9.
23. HMPD Herath, MDM. Chamikara, DRRP. Dissanayake, MDMIM. Dissanayake, M. Ishan, **S. Rajapakse** and SDSS. Sooriyapathirana. A comparative assessment of the antibacterial activity in fruit juice of Sri Lankan sweet orange cultivars *vis a vis* sour orange. *The Journal of Agricultural Sciences* (2016) 11 (1): 13-23.
24. Rukshika Shalani Hewawasam, Chandani Udawatta, Sisira Kumara Weliwegamage, Subramaniam Sotheeswaran, **Sanath Rajapakse**. Immobilization of selected microbes at some solid supports for enhanced fermentation process. *Fermentation Technology* (2015) 4: 115. doi: 10.4172/2167-7972.1000115.
25. YC Aluvihare, MDM Chamikara, DRRP Dissanayake, NNK Karannagoda, DN Sirisena, WLG Samarasinghe, **S Rajapakse**, SDSS Sooriyapathirana. Validation of K46, a Pup-1 linked marker, using a selection of Sri Lankan rice (*Oryza sativa* L) germplasm for marker assisted selection towards phosphorous deficiency tolerance. *Ceylon Journal of Science (Bio.Sci)* (2015) 44 (2): 45-54.

26. AIS Priyadarshan, SP Senanayake, MP Jayatilleke, **S Rajapakse**. Preliminary phytochemical screening of some *Tephrosia* Spp. (Family Fabaceae) in Sri Lanka. *Ceylon Journal of Science (Bio.Sci)* (2015) 44 (2): 101-103.
27. Katsueki Ogiwara, Akane Hagiwara, **Sanath Rajapakse**, Takayuki Takahashi. The role of urokinase plasminogen activator and plasminogen activator inhibitor 1 in follicle rupture during ovulation in the teleost medaka. *Biology of Reproduction* (2015) 92 (1) 10, 1-17.
28. **Sanath Rajapakse**, Katsueki Ogiwara, Takayuki Takahashi. Characterization and expression of trypsinogen and of trypsin in medaka testis. *Zoological Science* (2014) 31(12):840-848.
29. PI Rajapaksha, MBD Lakmali, SWMB Dunuwille, P Janaththani1, **S Rajapakse**, MPB Wijayagunawardane, SP Kodithuwakku, SDSS Sooriyapathirana. A DNA fingerprinting scheme to establish the identity of semen samples of cattle breeds in artificial insemination programs of Sri Lanka. *Wayamba Journal of Animal Science*. (2014). Number 1396194458. 947-954.
30. Boon Peng Chang, Hazizan Md Akil, Ramdziah Bt Md Nasir, IMCCD. Bandara, **Sanath Rajapakse**. The Effect of ZnO Nanoparticles on the Mechanical, Tribological and Antibacterial Properties of UHMWPE. *Journal of Reinforced Plastics and Composites* (2014) 33, 674-686.
31. AIS Priyadarshan, SP Senanayake, MP Jayathilleke, **S Rajapakse** . Intraspecific variation of *Flueggea leucopyrus* Willd. Grown in Sri Lanka and establishing a suitable propagation system. *Journal of Science of the University of Kelaniya* (2014) 9. 15- 25.
32. AIS Priyadarshan, SP Senanayake, MP Jayathilleke, **S Rajapakse**. Development of suitable propagation systems for *Tephrosia* spp. in Sri Lanka. *Journal of Science of the University of Kelaniya* (2014) 9. 39-45.
33. WGIU Rathnayake, H Ismail, A Baharin, IMCCD Bandara, **Sanath Rajapakse**. Enhancement of the Antibacterial Activity of Natural Rubber Latex Foam by the Incorporation of Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles. *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*, (2014). (Published online – DOI: 10.1002/APP.39601)
34. AGND Darsanasiri, WGIU Rathnayake, **Sanath Rajapakse**, RMG Rajapakse. *In-situ* Deposition of Silver Nanoparticles of Different Colors on Cotton for Imparting Antibacterial and Antifungal Properties. (2013) *Ceylon Journal of Science (Physical Sciences)* 17. 31-39.
35. Srimala Perera, Bharat Bhushan, Rathnayake Bandara, Gamini Rajapakse, **Sanath Rajapakse**, Chaturanga Bandara. Morphological, antimicrobial durability and physical properties of untreated and treated textiles using silver-nanoparticles, *Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects* (2013). 436:975-989.
36. Indrajith Rathnayake, Hanafi Ismail, Baharin Azahari, Chaturanga Bandara, **Sanath Rajapakse**. Novel method of incorporating silver nanoparticles into natural

- rubber latex foam. *Polymer-Plastics Technology and Engineering* (2013) 52. 885-891.
37. Katsueki Ogiwara, Chika Fujimori, **Sanath Rajapakse**, Takayuki Takahashi. Characterization of Luteinizing Hormone and Luteinizing Hormone Receptor and Their Indispensable Role in the Ovulatory Process of the Medaka. *PLoS ONE*, 2013 8(1): e54482. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0054482.
 38. **Sanath Rajapakse**, Prabasheeni Iddamalagoda, Rukmal Ratnayake, BM Ratnayake Bandara, DSA Wijesundara and Veranja Karunaratne. Evaluation of species limits of *Hortonia* by DNA barcoding. *Journal of the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka*, 2012. 40 (4). 345-349.
 39. Indrajith Ratnayake, Hanafi Ismail, Baharin Azahari, Nalin Dhammika Darsanasiri, **Sanath Rajapakse**. Synthesis and Characterization of Nano Silver Incorporated Natural Rubber Latex Foam. *Polymer-Plastics Technology and Engineering*, 2012. 51 (6), 605-611.
 40. WGIU Rathnayake, H Ismail, A Baharin, AGND Darsanasiri and **Sanath Rajapakse**. Synthesis and Characterization of Nano Silver Based Natural Rubber Latex Foam for Imparting Antibacterial and Anti-Fungal Properties. *Polymer Testing*, 2012. 31, 586-592.
 41. Chika Fujimori, Katsueki Ogiwara, Akane Hagiwara, **Sanath Rajapakse**, Atsushi Kimura and Takayuki Takahashi. Expression of cyclooxygenase-2 and prostaglandin receptor EP4b mRNA in the ovary of the medaka fish, *Oryzias latipes*: Possible involvement in ovulation *Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology*, 2011. 332 (1-2): 67-77.
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