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**NAME IN FULL:** Saparamadu Heeralu Pathirannehelage Parakrama Karunaratne

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1959

**SCHOOL EDUCATION:** Royal College, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

**UNIVERSITY EDUCATION:** University of Peradeniya (Sri Lanka), University of London (UK).

### **EXPERTISE FIELDS**

- Biology, Molecular Biology, Zoology, Medical Entomology, Research Methodology & Scientific Writing
- Senior Management in Research and Higher Education

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

1. **B.Sc. (Zoology) Hons. -University of Peradeniya**, Sri Lanka, 1983
2. **M.Sc. (by research) -University of Peradeniya**, Sri Lanka, 1990
3. **Ph.D. – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), University of London**, U.K. 1994
4. **Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Parasitology – LSHTM, University of London**, U.K. 1995
5. **Fellow of Royal Entomological Society, London**, U.K. (since 1997)
6. **Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, Sri Lanka** (Since 2006)

### **EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND:**

1. **Professor Emeritus**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (since July 2025)
2. **Senior Professor & Chair of Zoology**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2009 - 2025)
2. **Professor & Chair of Zoology**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2001 - 2009)
3. **Associate Professor**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1997 – 2001)
4. **Senior Lecturer**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1990 -1997)
5. **Lecturer**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1984 -1990)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD:**

1. **Deputy Vice Chancellor**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (Jan 2018 to August 2021)
2. **Director (CEO)/ National Institute of Fundamental Studies (NIFS)**, Sri Lanka (Oct 2015 to Dec 2017)
2. **Dean/ Faculty of Science**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (April 2007 - April 2013)
3. **Head/ Department of Zoology**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (Jan 2006 - April 2007)
4. **Chairman/ Board of Study in Zoological Sciences**, Postgraduate Inst. of Sci., Sri Lanka (2004 - 2007)

**RESEARCH POSITIONS HELD:**

1. **Chinese Academy of Science PIFI Research Fellow**, Research Centre for Eco-Environmental Studies, Beijing, China (March 2022 – May 2023)
2. **Senior Research Professor**, National Institute of Fundamental Studies (NIFS), Sri Lanka (2015 to 2017)
3. **Wellcome Trust Research Fellow**, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Pembroke place, Liverpool L3 5QA, England (Oct 2002 – Sept 2004)
4. **Visiting Research Fellow**, School of Biosciences, Cardiff University, Wales, UK (1994 – 2001)

**Fellowships at School of Biosciences, Cardiff University PO BOX 915, Cardiff CF1 3TL, Wales, UK**

- 1). August 1994 - January 1995 (funded by Sir Halley Stewart Trust, Cambridge, UK)
- 2). October 1995 – December 1995 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 3). July 1996 - September 1996 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 4). October 1997 – December 1997 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 5). October 1998 – November 1998 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 6). October 1999 – December 1999 ((funded by The Royal Society, UK)
- 7). April 2001 – May 2001 ((funded by The Royal Society, UK)

5. **Visiting Research Professor**, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, UK (2002 – 2010)

**Fellowships at Liverpool School of Tropical medicine, Pembroke Place, Liverpool L3 5OA, England, UK**

- 1) March 2002 – April 2002 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 2) October 2002 – September 2004 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 3) October 2005 – November 2005 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 4) October 2006 - November 2006 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 5) October 2007 - November 2007 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 6) October 2008 - November 2008 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 7) November 2009 - December 2009 (funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK)
- 8) October 2010 – September 2010 (Funded by IVCC, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK)

6. **Visiting Research Professor**, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Manchester, UK (March – May 2016: funded by the Royal Society, UK).

**OTHER MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES HELD:**

1. WHO representative member to UNEP - DDT Expert Group, Geneva, Switzerland (2015 - 2027)
2. Chairman, Research Committee, China-Sri Lanka Joint Research and Demonstration Centre for Water Technology (JRDC), University of Peradeniya (2020 - 2025)
3. Member, Research Advisory Board, National Science Foundation (NSF), Sri Lanka (2019-2020)
4. Member, Basic Science Research Policy Committee, National Science & Technology Commission (NASTEC), Sri Lanka (2017-2020)
5. Member, Working Committee on Basic Sciences, National Science Foundation (NSF), Sri Lanka (2016-2019)
6. Member, Board of Governors, Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka (April 2012 - 2014)
7. Member, National Standing Committee on Science, University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka (2007-2013)
8. Member, National Committee on Basic Sciences, National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka (2008 - 2011)
9. Member, Research Council, Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka (2008 - 2014)
10. Member, Integrated Vector Management Technical Committee, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka (2012 to date)
11. Member, Integrated Mosquito Control Programme, Central Environmental Authority, Sri Lanka (2013 to date)

12. Member, University Senate, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2001 to date)
13. Member, University Council, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2007 – 2013, 2018-2021)
14. Chairman, Staff Residence Committee, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2007 to 2009)
15. Chairman, Board of Discipline, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2009 - 2012)
16. Secretary/Board of Study in Zoological Sci, Postgraduate Institute of Science, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (1999 - 2002)
17. Member, Board of Management, Centre for Distance and Continuing Education, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2007 - 2013, 2018-2021)
18. Chairman, Grievance Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
19. Chairman, Landscape Advisory Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
20. Chairman, Bond Recovery Review Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
21. Chairman, Leave and Award Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
22. Chairman, Admission Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
23. Chairman, Scholarship Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
24. Chairman, University Safety Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
25. Chairman, Web Development Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
26. Chairman, Network & Communication Services Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
27. Chairman, University Ranking Committee, Univ of Peradeniya (2018-2021)
28. Member, Board of Management, Postgraduate Institute of Science, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2004 - 2013)
29. Member, Audit and Management Committee, Postgraduate Institute of Science, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2007 - 2013)
30. Member, Audit and Management Committee, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2018 - 2021)
31. Member, Board of Management, Information Technology Centre, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2007 - 2013, 2018-2021)
32. Member, Board of Management, Centre for Environmental Studies, Univ of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (2007 - 2013, 2018-2021)
33. University Proctor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (Sept 2000- Sept 2002 & Jan 2007- April 2007)
34. Senior Student Counselor (1998, 1999, 2000)
35. Career Guidance Counselor (1999-2002)
36. Member, Student Residence Committee (1999-2001)
37. Senior Treasurer, Science Students Union (1996-1999)
38. Senior Treasurer, Zoologists' Association (1999-2000)
39. Warden, Hilda Obeysekera Hall & Senaka Bibile Hall (2000/2021)
40. Secretary, Science Teachers' Association (STA) (1997/98)
41. President, Science Teachers' Association (STA) (1998/99)
42. Joint Secretary, Peradeniya Federation of University Teachers' Association (PFUTA) (1996-2000)
43. General Secretary, Faculty Sports Club & Recreation Centre (1998/99)
44. University full colors for sports (1981, 1982)
45. Captain, University Volleyball Team (1982)
46. Member, University Sports Council (1982)
47. Secretary, University Film Society (1982)
48. Publicity Officer, World University Service (WUS) (1982)
49. Secretary, Science Students' Union, Univ of Peradeniya (1982)
50. Member, Peradeniya Students' Union (1982)

## **EDITORIAL WORK**

1. **Editor-in-Chief**, Ceylon Journal of Science (indexed in Scopus), University of Peradeniya (2022 - 2025)
2. **Associate Editor**, Ceylon Journal of Science, University of Peradeniya (2015 - 2022)
3. **Member**, Editorial Board, Ceylon Journal of Science (Biological Sciences) (2006-2013)

4. **Member**, Editorial Board, International Journal of Entomological Research (open access Journal) (2012 to date)
5. **Editor in Chief**, Proceedings of the Peradeniya University International Research Sessions- iPURSE (2014)
6. **Theme coordinator (Life Sciences) & Member**, Editorial Board, Proceedings of the Postgraduate Institute of Science Research Congress, Sri Lanka (2014)

### **SPECIAL ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- (1) Member of the Quality Assurance Committees for Institutional Reviews appointed by the University Grant Commission, Sri Lanka.  
University of Colombo Review - 2015  
University of Jaffna Review - 2018  
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka Review - 2020
- (2) Consultant to revise B.Sc. curricular Eastern University of Sri Lanka IRQUE Project: 2014
- (3) Member of the Committee to develop Basic Science Research Policy for Sri Lanka, National Science & Technology Commission (NASTEC) (2017-2020)

### **DETAILS OF THE MAJOR GRANTS HELD**

1. Title of project- Characterization of the microbiota of water sources in selected CKDu endemic areas of Sri Lanka, and its association with water chemistry (Co-Investigator). Source of support- University Research Council, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. **Rs. 2,500,000.00**. Duration of support- 2023-2025.
2. Title of project- Identification and quantification of chemical and microbial contaminations in the watershed of Mahaweli river to ensure a safe drinking water supply (Principal Investigator). Source of support- University Research Council/Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. **Rs. 3,700,000.00**. Duration of support- 2022-2024.
3. Title of project- Species diversity and vector status of Ornithophilic mosquitoes in Sri Lanka (co-Investigator). Source of support- National Research Council, Sri Lanka. **Rs. 1,524,600.00**. Duration of support- 2016-2019.
4. Title of project- Host specificity and vector potential of Uranotaenia mosquitoes in Sri Lanka (co-Investigator). Source of support- National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka. **Rs. 1,420,620.00**. Duration of support- 2016-2018.
5. Title of project- Dengue vector control in Sri Lanka: Occurrence of 'kdr' type mutations and *wolbachia* in *Aedes* mosquito populations, and the effect of insecticide fogging on insect pollinators (Principal Investigator). Source of support- National Research Council, Sri Lanka. **Rs. 3,356,608.00**. Duration of support- 2014-2017.
6. Title of project- Characterization of anopheline mosquitoes of North and North-western Sri Lanka through DNA barcoding (Principal Investigator). Source of support- International Research Centre, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. **Rs. 1,480,000.00**. Duration of support- 2013-2017.
7. Title of project- Effective control of Dengue vector mosquitoes in Sri Lanka (Principal Investigator). Source of support- National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka. **Rs. 1,499,925.00**. Duration of support- 2006-2009.
8. Title of project- The effect of insecticide resistance on mosquito vectorial capacity. Source of support- The Wellcome Trust UK (Principal Investigator with Prof. Janet Hemingway, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK). **£ 178,118.00**. Duration of support- 2002-2008.
9. Title of project- Molecular analysis of insecticide resistance (Principal Investigator). Source of support- The Royal Society UK. **£ 5,610.00**. Duration of support- 2000-2002.
10. Title of project- Insecticide resistance in anopheline vectors of malaria and insect pests of rice. Source of support- National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka. **Rs. 872,500.00**. Duration of support- 1999-2002.
11. Title of project- The interface between disease transmission and insecticide resistance in mosquito vectors. Source of support- Cardiff University, UK. **£ 5,000.00**. Duration of support- 1998-2000.
12. Title of project- Molecular analysis of *estα* and *estβ* genes of Sri Lankan *Culex* mosquitoes. Source of support- The Wellcome Trust, UK. **£ 1,600.00**. Duration of support- 1998.

13. Title of project- Insecticide resistance in agricultural insect pests. Source of support- Third World Academy of Science, Italy. **\$ 4000.00**. Duration of support- 1997-1999.
14. Title of project- Molecular mechanisms of insecticide resistance in agriculturally important insect pests. Source of support- Postgraduate Institute of Science, Sri Lanka, **Rs. 232,000.00**. Duration of support- 1997-2000.
15. Title of project- Molecular characterization of elevated esterase-based insecticide resistance in Sri Lankan *Culex tritaeniorhynchus*. Source of support- Wellcome Trust, U.K. (collaborative project with Cardiff University, Wales, UK). **£ 35,280.00**. Duration of support- 1995-1997.
16. Title of project- Insecticide resistance in Anopheline vectors of malaria. Source of support- National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka. **Rs. 625,600.00**. Duration of support- 1995-1998.

### **NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AWARDS:**

1. **Prof. Lakshman Samaranayake Award for Research Excellence** (2023) University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
2. **Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) President's International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI)** (2022) Fellowship
3. **SLAAS General Research Committee Award** (2018) for carrying out exceptionally high quality research/pioneering research in Sri Lanka over a period of time, Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), Sri Lanka.
4. **SUSRED** (Support Scheme for Supervision of Research Degrees) Award (2018), National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka.
5. **CVCD Excellence Award** (2016) for the most outstanding senior researcher in the field of biological sciences including agriculture and allied sciences, Committee of Vice Chancellors and Directors (CVCD), University Grant Commission, Sri Lanka.
6. **Vestergaard Frandsen Award** (2011) for outstanding research contribution, National Academy of Vector Borne Diseases, Bhubaneswar, Indian Council of Medical Research, INDIA.
7. **Bernard Soysa Memorial Award (Gold Medal)** (2005) for Outstanding Scientific Research, Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), Sri Lanka.
8. **Hiran Thilakaratne Award** for Outstanding Postgraduate Research (Natural Sciences), University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka (2001)
9. **Young Scientist Award** (1999), Third World Academy of Science- Italy & National Science Foundation- Sri Lanka).
10. **Wellcome Trust Research Award**, Wellcome Trust, UK (2001)
11. **Seventeen (17) Presidential Awards for Research publications** (1999-2018)
12. **NRC Merit Awards for Scientific Publication** (2012, 2013, 2019,2020), National Research Council, Sri Lanka.
13. **Best Research Award in Science** (2000), University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
14. **National Science Foundation Merit Award** for the Best Scientific Research in Biology (1999), National Science Foundation- Sri Lanka.
15. **Research Development Award** in Tropical Medicine, Wellcome Trust, UK, (1994).
16. **Wilson Peiris memorial Award**, Sri Lanka Medical Council (1989).

**M.Phil. & Ph.D. RESEARCH SUPERVISION:**

**(A) COMPLETED**

**Ph.D.** (Principal Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

JMMK. Herath, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Title of the Thesis- Prevalence, Breeding preference, insecticide resistance and novaluron susceptibility of dengue vector mosquitoes Aedes aegypti and Ae. albopictus*

Date of Registration - December 2019

Date of Award – 09<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Ph.D.** (Co-Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Ms. K. Sivabalakrishnan, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Title of the Thesis- Anatomical, physiological and epigenetic changes in Aedes aegypti adapting to salinity in nature*

Date of Registration - December 2019.

Thesis submitted 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

**Ph.D. (2023)** (Principal Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Ms. J. Marasinghe, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.

*Title of the Thesis- Insecticide resistance of whiteflies and aphids from different geographical locations of Sri Lanka: underlying mechanisms of resistance, genotype variations, and possible control efforts*

Date of Award – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Ph.D. (2022)** (Principal Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Mr. NWNP Nugapola, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Title of the Thesis- 'Pyrethroid resistance, effect of insecticide fogging and distribution of Wolbachia with reference to dengue vector control in Sri Lanka'.*

Date of Award – 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.

**Ph.D. (2022)** (Co- Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Ms. KPD. Ruwanika, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

*Title of the Thesis- 'Phlebotomus argentipes, the vector of leishmaniasis in Sri Lanka; mechanisms and propagation of insecticide resistance'*

Date of Award – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Ph.D. (2020)** (Co-Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Dr. WGD. Chathuranga, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Title of the Thesis- 'Diversity, distribution, abundance, and vector potential of ornithophilic mosquitoes in Sri Lanka'.*

Date of Award – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

**Ph.D. (2017)** (Principal Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Dr. T.C. Weeraratne, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Title of the Thesis- DNA barcoding, genetic diversity, genetic structure and age structure of selected mosquito species of Sri Lanka.*

Date of Award – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Ph.D. (2007)** (Single Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Dr. M.D.B. Perera, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Thesis Title -Status and mechanism of insecticide resistance in Anopheline vectors of Malaria in Sri Lanka.*

Date of award-27<sup>th</sup> December 2007

**M.Phil. (2012)** (Single Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Ms. T.C. Weeraratne, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Thesis Title- Effective control of dengue fever vectors in Sri Lanka.*

Date of award - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**M.Phil. (2006)** (Co-Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Ms. W.A.P.P. De Silva, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Thesis Title -Insecticidal activity of Euphorbia antiquorum L. latex against agricultural insect pests.*

Date of award-20th January 2006

**M.Phil. (2003)** (Single Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Ms. K.C. Weerakoon, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Thesis Title - Status of Insecticide resistance and resistance mechanisms in some of the rice insect pests and four of their predators.*

Date of award-7th July 2003

**M.Phil. (2001)** (Single Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)

Ms. T.D. Bambarandage, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Thesis Title -Status of insecticide resistance and resistance mechanisms in some of the insect pests of vegetables and two insect predators.*

Date of award-16th August 2001

#### **(B) ON-GOING**

**M.Phil. (Principal Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)**

Ms. PTA. Thilakarathna, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Tentative Title of the Thesis- Identification and quantification of chemical and microbial contaminations in the watershed of Mahaweli river to ensure a safe drinking water supply*

Date of Registration – September 2022

**M.Phil. (Principal Supervisor: SHPP Karunaratne)**

Ms. F. Fareed, Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

*Tentative Title of the Thesis- Identification of antibiotic resistance genes, viral and protozoan pathogens in water and wastewater treatment plants associated with Mahaweli river*

Date of Registration – November 2022

#### **ORATIONS**

1. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2024) Developing a multidisciplinary research culture. **Keynote** Address, Annual Undergraduate Research Sessions, **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Health, University of Peradeniya**, Sri Lanka. 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.
2. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2024) Navigating the Research Journey: From Ideas to Publications. **Keynote** Address, Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, **Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya**, Sri Lanka. 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.
3. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2023) Genetically modified mosquitoes for mosquito-borne disease control. **Keynote** Address for the session on “Innovative Scientific research for sustainable transitions” Annual Research Session (iPURSE 2023), **University of Peradeniya**, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

4. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2022) Doing and Publishing Good Research. **Keynote** Address, Annual Undergraduate Research Sessions, **Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Peradeniya**, Sri Lanka. 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.
5. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2020) Mosquito: The biggest Killer on the Planet. **Keynote** Address, Annual Research Congress (RESCON 2020), **Postgraduate Institute of Science**, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.
6. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2018) Developing a dynamic research culture, **Keynote** Address, Wayamba University Research Congress, Annual Research Sessions 2018, **Wayamba University of Sri Lanka**, Makandura, Sri Lanka. 04<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
7. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2018) Biotechnological Applications in the control of mosquito borne diseases. **Plenary** Lecture, **South Asian Biotechnology Conference (SABC – 2018)**, Hilton Colombo Residence, Sri Lanka. 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
8. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2017) Mosquito Control: Historic perspectives and challenges ahead. **Keynote** Address, 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on emerging trends in Zoology, **University of Sargodha, Panjab, Pakistan**. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
9. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2017) Insecticide Resistance in Insects. **Plenary** Lecture, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Innovative Biological and Public Health Research, **GC University, Lahore, Pakistan**, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.
10. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2017) Control of the vectors of mosquito borne diseases in Sri Lanka. **Keynote** Address, Exchange of Knowledge between Sri Lanka and Taiwan- Symposium and Workshop on Advances in Entomological Research, **Postgraduate Institute of Science**, 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.
11. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2016) Vital Role of Academic Researchers in Anticipating Developmental Challenges, **Keynote** Address, Annual Research Sessions, **Sabaragamuwa University Sri Lanka**, Belihuloya, Sri Lanka. 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.
12. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2015) Mosquito-borne diseases and the strategies to control vector mosquitoes in Sri Lanka. **Invited** speaker at the Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia (AASSA) International symposium on “Global Health Issues in Asia”, Daejeon, **Republic of Korea**. 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2015.
13. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2015) Dengue vector control in Sri Lanka: Mosquito susceptibility to insecticides and effect of fogging on non-target insects. **Invited** speaker at the 4<sup>th</sup> International forum for surveillance and control of mosquito and mosquito-borne diseases, Guangzhou, **Peoples Republic of China**. 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
14. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2015) ‘Free Education in Sri Lanka’. Dr. C.W.W. Kannangara **Memorial Oration** delivered as the Chief Guest, Nalanda Madya Maha Vidyalaya, Minuwangoda - 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015.
15. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2014) Mosquito Control and Insecticide Resistance. **Keynote** Address at Annual Research Sessions, **Sri Lankan Society for Microbiology**, Third Annual Conference and Scientific Sessions, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.
16. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2014) Insecticide Resistance: A Major Threat to Mosquito control. **Keynote** Address at Annual Research Sessions, **National Institute of Fundamental Studies**, Hantana, Kandy, Sri Lanka, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014.
17. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2013) Mosquito control: Can we overcome mosquito resistance to insecticides? **Keynote** Address at the National workshop on Genetic Manipulation of Mosquitoes: Current trends and Technologies, **University of Jaffna**, Sri Lanka, 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, October, 2013
18. KARUNARATNE S.H.P.P. (2010) Improvement of Quality and Relevance of Science Study Programmes: Recent Reforms and Innovations Made and Ways for Further Improvement. **Guest Speech** at **University Grant Commission** Workshop on Review of Science Study Programmes: Recent Reforms, Lessons



Learned and Way Forward, Hotel Janaki, Colombo, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

19. KARUNARATNE S.H.P.P. (2008) Role of metabolic enzymes and insensitive target sites in mosquito resistance to insecticides, **Plenary Lecture** at Annual Research Sessions, **Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (IBMBB)**, Colombo. 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008.
20. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2007) Science and Scientific Research in Sri Lanka, **Keynote Address**, Annual Research Sessions, **Rajarata University of Sri Lanka**, Mihinthale, Sri Lanka. May 2007.
21. KARUNARATNE, S.H.P.P. (2005) Insecticide resistance and the control of mosquito borne diseases in Sri Lanka. Hon. Brenard Soysa Memorial **Gold Medal Oration**, **Sri Lanka Association of the Advancement of Science (SLAAS)**, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2005.

## **BOOKS**

1. Karunaratne, S.H.P.P., Rajapakse R.G.S.G. and Sooriyapathrana, S.D.S.S. (2025) Understanding DNA Technology. Sankha Publishers, Mahara, Kadawata, Sri Lanka (www.sankhabooks.lk) ISBN 978-624-5626-45-8:165pp.
2. Karunaratne, S.H.P.P. and Sooriyapathrana, S.D.S.S. (2017) DNA Thakshanaya (in Sinhala medium). ISBN 978-955-41753-3-4: 158pp

## **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

Google Scholar '**h' Index: 36** with **4203 Citations** for my Research Publications.

([http://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=FhZsN98AAAAJ&view\\_op=list\\_works](http://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=FhZsN98AAAAJ&view_op=list_works))

## **FULL PAPERS IN SCIENCE CITATION INDEXED (SCI)/SCI EXPANDED JOURNALS**

1. Berg, H.V.D., Amwele, H.R., Brook, B.D., Fortelius, L.E., Jain, T., Karunaratne, S.H.P.P., Munyinda, N.S., Rubio-Palis, Y., Yadav, R.S., and Kleinschmidt, I. (2025) DDT: last mile in the global phase-out of its use for disease vector control? The Lancet Planetary Health 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanplh.2025.06.007>
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