

## **Appreciation of Departed Members involved in the Graduateship Programme (1979 – 2008)**

As we celebrate the passing out of the 25<sup>th</sup> batch, we should remember our departed members, who rendered yeoman service to the conduct of the Graduateship Programme by supporting it in many ways over the past three decades.

**Professor Stanley Wijesundara** (died 1989) (then Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo) was the first Chairman of the Board of Examination of the Graduateship Programme (from 1978 to 1981) until the Educational Committee was established.

**Professor (Ms.) W P D Pereira** (died 1989) from the University of Colombo, served on the Educational Committee & was a lecturer/examiner. She established the very first W F Peiris Memorial Graduateship Scholarship in memory of her father in May 1986.

**Dr. W A Amarasiri** (died 1990) from the Atomic Energy Authority, served as a lecturer/examiner.

**Dr. Godwin R Roberts** from the TRI, Talawakelle was a member of the Educational Committee in the early eighties and organized the first residential workshop in 1980 at the TRI, Talawakelle. Many Graduateship students from the first batch attended this workshop.

**Dr. Sudath Kumarasinghe** (died 2000) from the University of Kelaniya, extended valuable service as a lecturer, Secretary for Educational Affairs and as Graduateship Examination Co-ordinator. He was a member of the first Educational Committee in 1981. It is also relevant and important to record and recall that it was Dr. Kumarasinghe's untiring efforts (while he was Head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya) that enabled him to convince the Faculty Board and the Senate of the University of Kelaniya to recognize our Graduateship qualification for registration for post-graduate degrees in the University. It was this act that paved the way for Mr. S J Sarath Kumara from our first batch to register for the M.Phil. degree (Kelaniya) in 1984. Other universities in Sri Lanka gave recognition only some years later.

**Professor S Mageswaran** (died 1998) from the University of Jaffna, was a member of the first Educational Committee in 1981; he was a lecturer/examiner from the inception of the programme in 1979 until travel from Jaffna became difficult in the mid-eighties.

**Ms. C L M Nethsinghe** (died 2000) served on the Educational Committee and was Chairman of the Library Committee of the College until her death. It was Ms. Nethsinghe who got approval from the CISIR authorities to house the I.Chem.C. library books in the CISIR Library from 1981 to 1992 until we established our own library at Mt. Lavinia in 1993. The Institute recognized Ms. Nethsinghe's unique service by naming the air conditioned library at Adamantane House after her and unveiling her portrait.

**Professor R S Ramakrishna** (died 2002) served as the first Chairman of our Educational Committee and as a lecturer / examiner in Inorganic Chemistry from 1979 until he went abroad in 1989. It was the determination and steadfastness of Professor Ramakrishna in the midst of many problems & road-blocks that enabled the commencement of the Graduateship Programme in 1979 while he was President of the Institute of Chemistry. The Institute recognized his services by naming one laboratory at Adamantane House after him and unveiling his portrait.

**Mr. Upali Karunatileke** (died 2006) served on the Educational Committee from its inception in 1981 until his death. He supported the Graduateship Programme very much and facilitated employees of MSJ Industries Ltd, where he was Director, to follow the Programme by paying their fees and promoting middle level personnel to the executive grade on their obtaining Graduate Chemist qualification.

### **Graduate Chemists – Obituary**

Mr. R Sureshkumar, Graduate Chemist (1985)

Dr. P L Wickramesinghe, Graduate Chemist (1987)

Ms. T A S Perera, Graduate Chemist (1990)

Mr. B F G P Sebastian, Shireen Jayasuriya Gold Medallist (1993)

Mr. R Marasinghe, Graduate Chemist (1995)

Ms. D N D Sarathchandra, Graduate Chemist (2004)

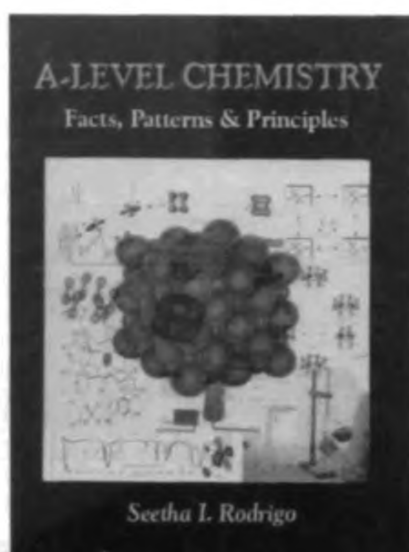
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# RSC NEWS



## THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY SRI LANKA SECTION

### 1. Committee of Management RSC (SL Section)- 2007/ 2008

The following were elected to the Committee at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Session General Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

<b>Chairman</b>	- Dr. Positha Premaratne
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	- Dr. M A J Mendis
<b>Secretary</b>	- Mr. A P Kamalasiri
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Dr. M P Deeyamulla

#### Council Members

Prof. W S Fernando  
 Dr. (Mrs.) Janitha Liyanage  
 Dr. Sudantha Liyanage  
 Mr. Premasiri Silva  
 Mr. I M S Herath

**Hony. Auditor** - Prof. L G Chandrasena

### 2. Membership

According to the records sent by the parent body the membership statistics are as follows.

Fellow Life members	FEL	01
Fellow C Chem.	FCC	12
Member C Chem.	MCC	10
Member	MEM	21
Associate Member	AME	19
Affiliate Under Graduate	A FU	02
Total		65

### 3. Activities of the year 2007/2008

1. Inter-University Chemistry Competition 2007/2008 was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2007 at RSC (SL) office and results are as follows.

Name	University	Award
Miss I.A. Mudunkotuwa	Colombo	Gold
Mr. K.A. C.I.B. Seneviratne	Peradeniya	Silver
Miss D.M.A.S. Dissanayake	Sri Jayewardenepura	Bronze
Miss K.M.C.P. Seneviratne	Colombo	Merit
Mr. D.M.R. Liyanage	Sri Jayewardenepura	Merit
Mr. M.A.Y.L. Nadeesha	Kelaniya	Merit
Mr. R.P.S.R. Karunathilake	Kelaniya	Merit
Mr. C.E. Nanayakkara	Kelaniya	Merit

2. All Island Inter-School Chemistry Essay Competition was held and nearly 150 essays have been received so far in all 3 languages from all parts of the island.

3. Book donation for 27 schools in Badulla district was held in October 2007 in Badulla where books for Chemistry in all 3 languages and periodic tables cost over Rs 140,000/- .

4. RSC (SL) facilitates Newton A Dias Weerasinha Memorial Scholarship for the second time for University of Ruhuna Chemistry (Special) student.

### Dean's Emergency Fund

The Dean's Emergency Fund was established to provide financial relief to G I C students in case of emergency. The Institute of Chemistry Ceylon welcomes donations to this fund from members, students and well wishers.