

Training Seminars/Workshops

A workshop for Advanced Level Chemistry Teachers

The Institute of Chemistry Ceylon and the College of Chemical Sciences of the Institute organized a workshop for Advanced Level teachers on 13th & 14th March 2008. This included lectures and practical sessions based on the Advanced Level syllabus.

Dr. Nanadanie Ediriweera, the President of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon delivered the welcome address and Prof. J N O Fernando, Dean of College of Chemical Sciences delivered a speech on the importance of the workshop.

Prof. S P Deraniyagala and Dr. Sudantha Liyanage from the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Prof. H D Gunawardhana and Prof. M D P De Costa from the University of Colombo and Prof. Gamini Rajapaksha from the University of Peradeniya were the resource persons.

53 Advanced Level Chemistry teachers from many areas of the island participated in the workshop which was coordinated by Dr. Janitha A Liyanage, Prof. S Wimalasena and Prof. S A Deraniyagala.

Seminar on Alternative Energy Sources and Energy Management

Currently the whole world is facing a huge energy crisis, mainly due to price rises in petroleum and other fossil fuels. Therefore investigation of alternative energy sources is of great importance.

The College of Chemical Sciences has taken a very active role in conducting research on alternative energy sources. Currently some projects are being successfully conducted under the supervision of Prof. S Sotheswaran, and Dr. S K Welwegamage, in collaboration with the Department of Chemical and Process Engineering of the University of Peradeniya.

In order to generate a greater awareness in the subject, a seminar entitled *Alternative Energy Sources and Energy Management* was organized by the College of Chemical Sciences on 7th February 2008. A large number of participants from industry, government organizations, private firms along with many graduateship students made use of this opportunity and participated in the seminar.

Interesting and relevant topics such as fossil fuel types, bio fuel cells, mini-hydro power plants, solar energy, pollution and environmental aspects and energy management were discussed by qualified resource persons namely, Prof. S Sotheswaran, Dr. S K Welwegamage, Dr. C S Kalpage, Dr. D G G P Karunaratne, Dr. R P Perera, Eng. S Karunaratne, Eng. C Wickramasekera, Eng. R T Nagahawatta, Mr. S K Cyril Suduwella, Mr. Lakshman Jayasooriya and Mr. Nimal Perera.

Seminar on Processing, Formulations and Regulation in Food, Drugs and Cosmetics

A training seminar is scheduled for 23rd May 2008 at Hotel Taj Samudra on *Processing, Formulation and Regulation in Food, Drugs and Cosmetics*.

Various interesting topics such as Drug Formulations, Drug Regulation and Registrations, Cosmetic Formulation, Cosmetic Regulations and Registrations, Processing of Ayurvedic Drugs and Registrations, Regulations for Herbal Drugs, Food Processing, Food Regulations would be discussed by experts in the respective areas. The speakers include, Dr. Parakrama Herath, Prof. R L Jayakody, Dr. K P Hemalal, Prof. Rohini Fernandopulle, Dr. W W R Wijesinghe, Mrs. Malini Mallawaratchie and Mr. E G Somapala.