



16th Conference -2016

Sri Lanka

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To be organized by
National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka
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Sri Lanka

Island - 35 km from India

Republic – Executive President

Capital-Sri Jayewardenepura

Commercial Capital: Colombo

Population – 21 million

Area – 65,000 sq. km

Per capita GDP: USD 2,900

Education: 1.7%, R & D: 0.18% of GDP

Currency:: Sri Lankan Rupee (1 USD = Rs. 129)

Temperature: Colombo 24-33°, Kandy 18-28°



National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka

- Member (Vice President) of SCA
- High level non-governmental scientific body
- All fields of Science, Social Science and Humanities
- Fellows (presently 125). New Fellows elected through nominations made by existing Fellows
- Objectives include:
 - promoting the dissemination of scientific knowledge,
 - recognizing outstanding contributions to science and
 - providing independent advice on policy matters to the Government and the public in general on all matters of national importance relating to science and technology.



SCA 16th Conference

Venue ? Colombo ?

Dates ? between mid-April and mid-June 2016 ?

Theme ? *Science for the People:*

Mobilizing New Technologies for Sustainable Development in Asia ?

Sub-Themes:

- Opportunities in Mobilizing Information Technology, Biotechnology and Nanotechnology
- Social Dimensions: Challenges faced in Asia and developing countries in Asia, Risks from technologies



Conference Finances

Hotels in Colombo (Government imposed rates)

- 2014 minimum rate 5 Star \$ 160 4 Star \$ 120
- Can accommodate large numbers

Other Venues cheaper – Kandy, Negombo

Sponsorship – too early. Probably

- Ministry and Institutions under Ministry
- International Agencies

Assistance from member countries in obtaining
Sponsorship will be appreciated by NASSL



Venue ?

Colombo – Can accommodate large numbers, Pricy

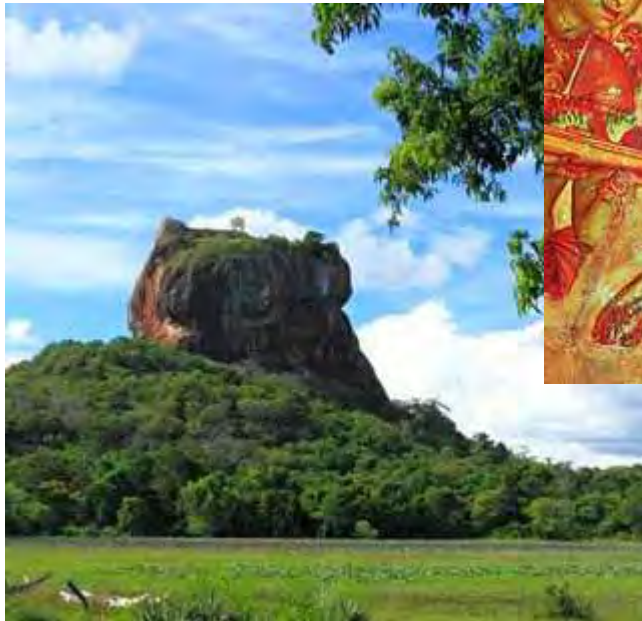
Negombo – Near Airport, Beach

Kandy – Cooler, more central



Sri Lanka – Archaeology and History

Sigiriya-Frescoes
5th C



Dambulla Rock
Caves - 3rd C



Polonnaruwa
11-13th C

Sri Lanka – Religion and Culture



Aukana Buddha
5th C

Temple of the Tooth

Devil Dancing



Kandyan Dancing



Sri Lanka – Beaches

Some of the best

East Coast



South



West



Sri Lanka – other attractions



Waterfalls



Elephants

Tea Country





SCA 16th Conference

Details, First brochure:

Mid- or early-2015 /At Cambodia Conference

NASSL is pleased to invite all present and scientists from member countries and institutions to participate in SCA 2016.

All Are Welcome

Thank you