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Research Seminar on Chronic Kidney Disease

The Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition in association with the World Health Organization organizes a seminar on unusual occurrence of chronic kidney disease in Sri Lanka on May 7, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Blood Bank Auditorium, Narahenpita, Colombo 05 to facilitate research for the establishment of the aetiology and to inform policy decisions.

The main objective of this seminar is to review all available information with a view to providing technical assistance for developing a pragmatic and feasible research proposal to address prevention issues. Please find the agenda below. A panel of international experts will also be in attendance.

Next day (May 8, 2008 at 9.30 a.m.), there will be a discussion / information exchange on "steps towards formulating a feasible research proposal on prevention of CKD" at the Auditorium, Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition.

AGENDA

SEMINAR ON UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES OF CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE IN SRI LANKA

7th MAY 2008, AUDITORIUM, BLOOD BANK

10.00 a.m.	Registration & Tea
10.30 a.m.	Lighting of the traditional oil lamp
10.40 a.m.	Welcome Address by Dr. Nihal Abeysinghe, Chief Epidemiologist, Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
10.50 a.m.	Address by Dr. H. A. P. Kahandaliyanage, Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition
10.55 a.m.	Address by Dr. Agostino Borra, Country Representative, World Health Organization
Presentations by Researchers	
Co Chairs Prof Rezvi Sheriff, Professor of Medicine, University of Colombo Dr. Shanthi Mendis, Senior Adviser, WHO Headquarters, Geneva	
11.00 a.m.	Opening Remarks by the Chair / Co Chairs
11.10 a.m.	"Epidemiology of CKD : Global and regional scenario"
11.40 a.m.	"Chronic kidney disease : Sri Lankan situation with special reference to CKD of uncertain etiology" Dr. Thilak Abeysekera, Consultant Nephrologist, Teaching Hospital, Kandy
12.10 a.m.	"Chronic kidney disease in the North Central Region of Sri Lanka: Epidemiological, histological and biochemical studies and analysis of environmental factors" Dr. Nimmi Athuraliya, Head, Department of Pharmacology, University of Peradeniya

12.40 p.m.	Lunch
1.30 p.m.	<p>“Possible geological basis of chronic kidney disease of uncertain aetiology in Sri Lanka”</p> <p>Prof. C. B. Dissanayake, Professor of Geology, University of Peradeniya</p>
2.00 p.m.	<p>“Potential role of fluorides and aluminofluorides in the etiology of chronic renal failure in the North Central Province”</p> <p>Prof. Oliver Ileperuma, Professor of Chemistry, University of Peradeniya</p>
2.30 p.m.	<p>“Chronic renal failure among farm families in cascade irrigation systems in Sri Lanka associated with elevated dietary cadmium levels in rice and freshwater fish”</p> <p>Prof. Sarath Bandara, Professor of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya</p>
3.00 p.m.	<p>“Overview of pesticides and weedicides used in the dry zone of Sri Lanka”</p> <p>Dr. Gamini Manuweera, Registrar of Pesticides</p>
3.30 p.m.	Tea
4.00 p.m.	<p>“Chronic kidney disease in North Central Province - Evaluation of risk factors”</p> <p>Dr. Kamani Wanigasuriya, Senior Lecturer, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenapura</p>
4.30 p.m.	Discussion & Open Forum
5.00 p.m.	<p>Summary of days proceedings & the way forward</p> <p>Dr. Nihal Abeysinghe, Chief Epidemiologist, Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition</p>

6.30 p.m. Reception, hosted by WR, World Health Organization at Cats Eye, Continental Hotel, Colombo

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8th MAY 2008, AUDITORIUM, EPIDEMIOLOGY UNIT

9.30 a.m.	Discussion / Information Exchange "Steps towards formulating a feasible research proposal on prevention of CKD"
2.00 p.m.	Media Briefing at the Health Education Bureau

INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TAKING PART IN THE SEMINAR

- Dr. Shanthi Mendis, Senior Adviser, Chronic Diseases and Health Promotion, WHO Headquarters, Geneva
- Prof. Neil Reginald Poulter, Professor of Preventive Cardiovascular Medicine, International Centre for Circulatory Health
- Dr. Sandeep Mahajan, Associate Professor, Department of Nephrology, AIMS, India
- Dr. Saiyed Habibullah, TIP - OEH, SEARO
- Mr. Michael M. Engelgau, Senior Public Health Specialist, Human Development Unit, South Asia Region, World Bank