

SLAAS 82nd Annual Scientific Sessions

6th to 11th December 2026

Theme: **"Networking in the sciences: 4people&4theplanet"**

Venue: The Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda

Call for Abstracts and Extended Abstracts of Papers for Presentation

The Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) invites its members to submit Abstracts with relevant documents to be considered for presentation at the 82nd Annual Scientific Sessions. Both members and Non-members of the SLAAS are allowed to submit abstracts for the session on 'Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies' (IDTDS).

- 01) A Foundation Member, Member or Honorary Life Member shall be permitted to submit an abstract of a paper for presentation at the Annual Session under the sections; A, B, C, D, E1, E2, E3, F of the SLAAS, and shall be the Corresponding Author. A Corresponding author may have, as co- authors, Foundation Members, Members, Honorary/ Life Members, Associate members, Student Members, or non-members residing overseas, and in such instances, shall provide written consent of all the co-authors, in the prescribed form. Upon certification of their status by the Corresponding Author, membership requirements shall be waived for co-authors who are non-members residing overseas.
- 02) Non-members shall be permitted to submit abstracts of the papers in the field of 'Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies' (IDTDS) provided that the Corresponding Author obtains the session membership at the time of submission (please read annex 1 for guidelines).
- 03) Abstracts and other relevant documents must be prepared according to the Guidelines. Abstracts submitted **according to the Guidelines** will be refereed prior to acceptance, and the full paper may be called for, if required.
- 04) Use the on-line submission system available at the SLAAS website (www.slaas.lk) for submission of abstracts with **all other relevant documents** .
- 05) **The DEADLINE for submission of abstracts is on 13th JULY 2026 (Monday) 23:59 hours, and will be strictly adhered to by the SLAAS** .
- 06) All Authors **should not be in arrears of membership fees** including the current year subscription **at the time of submitting the Abstracts**. All arrears, if any should be paid **at least three days before** the deadline for submission of Abstracts.
- 07) **Non-members cannot be co-authors (unless residing overseas or submitting to the session on IDTDS)**. All co-authors should obtain membership in an appropriate category before the submission of the Abstract. Please note that at least two months will be required to process a membership application. **(Application forms for membership could be obtained from the SLAAS office or downloaded from the SLAAS website at www.slaas.lk).**
- 08) Instructions on **re-submitting** the **accepted** abstracts / poster presentations are given with the guidelines.
- 09) Except at the session on IDTDS, only a Foundation Member, a Member, an Honorary Life Member, an Associate Member, or a Student Member will be allowed to make a presentation (oral or poster) at the Annual Session. In the event of an author being unable to make the presentation due to ill-health or any other valid reason, a General Secretary shall be notified in writing prior to the day of the presentation (on the day of the presentation in the event of an emergency) and another member of the above categories shall then be allowed to make the presentation.
- 10) Abstracts submitted to Sections for presentation will be published in the SLAAS Proceedings Part I without any distinction on the method of presentation. **If the final electronic version of the**

accepted abstract, with any required editorial corrections does not reach the office on the stipulated date, those abstracts will not be published in Part I.

Full papers of abstracts submitted to IDTDS will be called for publish in SLAAS journal.

- 11) If an Abstract submitted is intended for presentation in the new Session on IDITS, the box labelled **ITS** in the Author Declaration Form should be ticked, rather than a box referring to a Section.
- 12) The decision of the SLAAS Council shall be final on any matter related to Abstracts.
- 13) The Annual Session is the most important event of the SLAAS, and its members look forward to presenting their research, to be exposed to new global developments in science, to meet their colleagues and be rejuvenated with new ideas for continued professional development. Understanding this need of the scientific community for national development, the State has made available duty leave and travel facilities to the members of the SLAAS (Establishment Code: Section 12.10) to attend the Annual Sessions. The universities pay the annual membership fee of the academics, and most universities even pay the membership fee for life.
- 14) Following is the extract of the Establishment code Chapter XII, Section 12.10, and Public Administration Circular No.5 of 1970:

Members who are Government officers or Corporation employees are permitted to be absent from their station for the purpose of attending the Annual Session without such absence being counted as leave. Free Railway Warrants to Colombo and back would also be issued by the respective departments to all such employees for the purpose of attending the session.



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Date: 24.04.2026

Annex 1

Given the complexity and multifaceted and multidimensional nature of real-world issues, a technical session dedicated to "**Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies**" has been introduced by the council in 2023. This session is opened for both members and nonmembers of the SLAAS. All scholars encouraged to submit abstracts based on "systems thinking", which involves a holistic approach to investigate factors and interactions that could contribute to possible solutions to complex and intractable problems.

- 01) All members who fulfil the requirements in the sections 1 and 6 of the main documents are permitted to submit abstracts of papers and make presentations at the session on Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies.
- 02) Nonmembers shall obtain the session membership by paying the fee at the time of submission of the abstracts.
- 03) Session membership is non-transferable, and all presenters must obtain the session membership, in case the corresponding author who submitted the paper is not the presenter.
- 04) If an Abstract submitted is intended for presentation in the new Session on IDITS, the box labelled ITS in the Author Declaration Form should be ticked, rather than a box referring to a Section.
- 05) Abstracts and all associated documents shall fulfil the guidelines attached herewith. Abstracts that do not conform to the guidelines will not be processed.
- 06) Abstracts with all relevant documents must be uploaded via online submission system at the www.slaas.lk
- 07) Full papers of abstracts accepted for presentation will be called for publish in the SLAAS Journal. This is conditional to receiving the final version of the abstract/paper before the stipulated time.