

Standing Committee Nomination Form 2026

First Nomination Nomination for re-election

This nomination is for:
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Public Health Committee Science Committee

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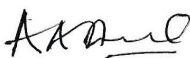
Written presentation from the Nominee in English (Maximum 350 words for Standing Committees)

Included

Curriculum Vitae (CV) / personal record in English in a Word format


Included

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

Title: Professor
Name: A. A. H. K. Amarasinghe
Address: Department of Community Dental Health, Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. Tel: +94-11-2803720 (office)
Member Association: Sri Lanka Dental Association
The nominee declares that he/she is willing to serve in this position <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Signature 



NOMINATING ASSOCIATION/ORGANIZATION'S INFORMATION

Name of the Association/Organization Sri Lanka Dental Association
Name of Official representing this Association/Organisation (President/NLO/President-elect). The Nominee may not nominate himself/herself. Dr. Ravipriya Ranawake
Position of Official NLO
Signature: 

To be eligible for election to a standing committee, nominees should meet the specific criteria for each committee listed below. Please tick the boxes below if the corresponding criteria are met.

Public Health Committee

A post-graduate academic qualification in dental public health or preventive and community dentistry **is an asset**. Please tick this box if applicable

- Able to communicate effectively in English, verbally and in writing
- Documented knowledge and work experience in dental public health c.q. oral health promotion and disease prevention
- In depth knowledge and documented experience relevant to areas of dental public health, such as disease prevention, fluorides, oral cancer, tobacco, nutrition, disease risk factors and health promoting behavioural aspects, community oral health etc.
- Documented experience in aspects of oral health development projects, such as developing, implementing, managing and evaluating these projects
- Experience in the development, implementation and evaluation of community-based projects and programs, including awareness, education and promotion, for different types of population.
- Experience in policy formulation and advocacy at highest levels in the field of (dental) public health and/or in high level decision making in international or national (dental) organisation
- Experience in epidemiology or public health research
- Contacts (network) of internationally renowned dental scientists or key health decision makers



- A successful candidate evaluation results (in case of nomination for re-elections)

Science Committee Note: *for Science Committee, a mix of members with expertise from different areas is important. There is currently a need for a candidate with experience in the field of dental materials or periodontology.*

- Able to communicate effectively in English verbally and in writing
- Post-graduate scientific qualifications
- A substantial record of publications in scientific journals especially dental
- Experience in the management of scientific projects
- Knowledge of the principles and practice of evidence-based dentistry
- Contacts (network) of internationally renowned dental scientists
- A successful candidate evaluation results (in case of nomination for re-election)

CLOSING DATES FOR NOMINATIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES: 11 May 2026

This form must be signed and returned **by email** to:

Ms Djerdana (Gina) Ivosevic at divosevic@fdiworlddental.org
with copy to Ms Maria Kramarenko mkramarenko@fdiworlddental.org

April 15, 2026

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Enzo Bondioni

Executive Director

FDI

Dear Enzo Bondioni,

Post of Public Health Committee, FDI

I have dedicated over 35 years to advancing public health in Sri Lanka, serving in multiple capacities within the Ministry of Health and academia. My career has been driven by a passion for training healthcare staff, conducting research, and implementing interventional programs focused on tobacco and alcohol control, early detection of common cancers, and cessation of risk habits.

Currently, I am Professor of Community Dentistry and Head of the Department of Community Dental Health at the Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. I also serve as an External Lecturer, Examiner, and Supervisor at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, and contribute to curriculum development for the MSc in Palliative Care.

As Past President of the Sri Lanka Dental Association, I have led national oral health initiatives, including social media campaigns and World Oral Health Day activities. At the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), I spearheaded prevention and early detection of oral cancers, developed a Risk Factor Model for early detection of oral cancer and OPMDs, and contributed to the National Cancer Control Policy and guidelines for OPMDs and oral cancer. I also chaired the committee that developed the National Oral Health Policy of Sri Lanka.

My work extends to regulatory frameworks, where I am serving as the chairman of the Smokeless Tobacco Project Committee of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol (NATA), contributing to amendments of the NATA Act. Internationally, I worked as a consultant to the WHO Country Office of Sri Lanka for the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) 2030 project, successfully completing the APW assignment in 2018–2019.

Through these roles, I have consistently demonstrated leadership in policy development, research, and advocacy, with a strong focus on reducing risk factors and advancing early detection strategies

for oral cancer. My experience positions me to contribute meaningfully to the FDI Public Health Committee's mission of improving oral health globally

Beyond policy and academia, I have conducted extensive public awareness campaigns, including more than 100 newspaper articles, 500 TV and radio programs, press conferences, and media seminars combating tobacco and alcohol. My scholarly contributions include 38 journal publications, 16 books, 66 local and international presentations, two theses, and recognition through 15 prestigious awards.

As a cancer epidemiologist and public health specialist in Southeast Asia, my lifelong commitment has been to research and control of tobacco, areca nut, and alcohol for cancer prevention. I continue to instill a research culture among dental students, orienting them toward prevention of common oral diseases.

I am confident that my experience, training, and qualifications will enable me to effectively contribute to the mission of the FDI Public Health Committee. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of my application

Hemantha Amarasinghe



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04th May 2026

Ms Djerdana Ivosevic
Ms Maria Kramarenko

Dear Ms. Djerdana and Ms. Maria,

NOMINATION FDI STANDING COMMITTEES 2026

On behalf of the Sri Lanka Dental Association, I am pleased to submit the following nominations for appointment as members to the following standing committees of the FDI.

1. **Prof. Ruwan D. Jayasinghe**
Nominated for Science Committee
2. **Prof. Hemantha Amarasinghe**
Nominated for the Public Health Committee

These distinguished nominees possess extensive professional standing, leadership experience, and a longstanding commitment to advancing dentistry in Sri Lanka and the Asia Pacific region. We are confident that they will contribute meaningfully to the work of the respective Commissions and further strengthen the mission and objectives of the FDI.

The Sri Lanka Dental Association is pleased to formally endorse these nominations and respectfully submits them for your kind consideration.

Please find attached the required supporting documents, including the nominees' high-resolution photographs and relevant professional particulars.

We look forward to your favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ananda Rathnayaka
President
Sri Lanka Dental Association

Member of



Commonwealth
Dental Association

Name: Amarasinghe Arachchige Hemantha Kumara Amarasinghe.

Name with Initials: A. A. H. K. Amarasinghe

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Current Position:

- Professor in Community Dentistry, Head of the Department of Community Dental Health, Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
- Roster Consultant for World Health Organization Roster for Cancer Control Expert for the year 2024-2025. Member Board of Study Community Medicine, PGIM, Colombo. year 2024 -2025
- Member Board of Study Dental Surgery, PGIM, Colombo. year 2024 -2025
- Member Board of Study Community Medicine, PGIM, Colombo. year 2013, 2024
- Expert group member, Subcommittee on Tobacco and Alcohol, Sri Lanka Medical Association from 2010
- Member of the Board of National Authority and Alcohol, Sri Lanka 2025-2028
- Chairman of the Smokeless Tobacco Subcommittee of National Authority and Alcohol, Sri Lanka 2025-2028
- Member of the TAP (Top Advisory Panel) Center for Combating Tobacco from the year 2018
- Member of the TAC-OC (Technical Advisory Committee on oral cancer prevention and control) at the National Cancer Control Programme, Ministry of Health.
- Editorial board member of the Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention and Oral Diseases
- Fellow of Faculty of Dental Surgery the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

Other Positions

- President Sri Lanka Dental Association for the year 2023-2024
- Consultant in Community Dentistry, Head, Training Unit, Institute of Oral Health, Ministry of Health, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Adjunct Senior Lecturer year 2009-2020, Griffith Health Institute, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia.
- Former Convener, National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol- Smokeless Tobacco Project Committee
- Co-opted member Board of Study Community Medicine, PGIM, Colombo. year 2013
- Member of the Center for Research on Oral Cancer, Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya
- President year 2017-2018, College of Dentistry and Stomatology of Sri Lanka and the president 2012-2013, College of Community Dentistry of Sri Lanka
- Former National coordinator - 'Voice of Blue Pea' victim group of oral cancer in Sri Lanka
- Editorial board member of the Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention and Oral Diseases
- Fellow of Faculty of Dental Surgery the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.
- Member of the Cochrane Collaboration from 20th November 2021 to 20th November 2022
- Reviewer, Journal of Frontiers in Oral Health from December 2022.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Educational: 1970-1976 Royal College, Polonnaruwa
1977-1979 Sri Sumangala College, Panadura.
1980-1982 Ananda College, Colombo 10.

Institution and Location	Degree	Duration From To	Year of Qualification	Field of Study
Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya. Sri Lanka	BDS	1984 - 1991 4 years	1991	Bachelor of Dental Surgery
The Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.	MSc	1994 - 1995 1 year	1996	M.Sc. (Community Dentistry)
The Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.	MD	2004 - 2010 5 years with one- year overseas training	2008	Doctor of Medicine (Community Dentistry)
International Agency on Research on Cancer	Certificate course	One week	2012	Cancer Regist. Training
International Agency on Research on Cancer	Certificate course	Two weeks	2013	Cancer epidemiology
National Institute of Health, Bethesda, USA	Certificate course	One month	2014	Cancer Prevention Fellowship Programme
Asian Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Network and Lien Collaborative for Palliative care	Certificate course	Four modules and on the job training for 3 years	March 2014- March 2017	Palliative Care Capacity and Leadership
University of Sri Jayewardenepura	Certificate course	6 months	November 2022 to April 2023	Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education

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Date and Place of Birth: 9th August 1965; Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Citizenship: Sri Lankan

Marital Status: Married with two children (24) and (22) years.

The employment Record

- 1991 Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.
- 1991 House officer, Dental Institute, Colombo 7.
- 1992 Senior House officer, General Hospital, Kalutara.
- 1995 Acting Regional Dental Surgeon, Kalutara.
- 1996 Dental Surgeon, National Cancer Control Programme, Maharagama.
- 1997 Regional Dental Surgeon, Hambantota.
- 1998 Lecturer, School for Dental therapist, Maharagama.
- 1999 Regional Dental Surgeon, Hambantota.
- 2000 Dental Surgeon, Rural Hospital, Dhargatown, Aluthgama.
- 2002 Programme Officer, WHO oral health programme, Ministry of Health
- 2004 Dental Surgeon, National Cancer Control Programme.
- 2005 Registrar, Community Dental Unit.
- 2007 Principal Investigator, WHO oral cancer project
- 2009 Acting Consultant in Community Dentistry, Community Dental Unit, Dental Institute, Maharagama, Sri Lanka
- 2009/04/21 to 2010/06/19 - Visiting Academic, School of Dentistry and Oral Health, Griffith University. Queensland, Australia.
- 2010/06/21 Consultant in Community Dentistry, National Cancer Control Programme, Sri Lanka.
- 2015/03/01 to 2020/07/20- Head, Research and Surveillance Unit/Training unit, Institute of Oral Health, Maharagama, Sri Lanka
- 2020/07/21 to 2021/09/01 - Head, Oral Health Unit, Family Health Bureau, Colombo.
- 2021/09/02 to 2022/07/31- Head , Training Unit, Institute of Oral Health ,Maharagama
- 2022/08/01 to 2023/02/01 – Senior lecturer, head of the Department of Community Dental Health, Faculty of Dental sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
- 2023/02/02 to Present – Professor of Community Dentistry, Head of the Department of Community Dental Health, Faculty of Dental sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
- Academic year 2013- post of visiting lecturer- Faculty of Medicine, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Colombo. Sri Lanka.
- Academic year 2015- post of visiting lecturer- Faculty of Medicine, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Colombo. Sri Lanka.

PUBLICATIONS

I won the following awards for publication during my carrier:

1. First Prize, Publication of the year award year 2012, Population Health, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia.
2. President's Award for Scientific Publication, Sri Lanka, year 2010. Awarded by His Excellency President of Sri Lanka on October 31, 2014 at the Hotel Water's Edge, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka
3. National Research Council, NRC Merit Award for Scientific Publication, year 2013
4. President's Award for Scientific Publication, Sri Lanka, year 2020. Awarded by His Excellency President of Sri Lanka on April 2021.
5. NRC Merit Awards for Scientific Research. Economic Burden of managing oral cancer patients in Sri Lanka: A cross-sectional hospital based costing study, BMJ open 2019 vol 9, Art No : e027661. Awarded on May 27th, 2024.
6. Research Award 2023, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. In recognition of publishing full papers in Journals indexed in Science citation Index expanded/Elevier SCOPUS. At the research Award Ceremony held on 22nd November 2024 at Hotel Golden Rose, Borallesgamuwa.
7. Research Award 2023, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. In recognition of publishing five or more full papers in Journals indexed in Science citation Index expanded/Elevier SCOPUS. At the research Award Ceremony held on 22nd November 2024 at Hotel Golden Rose, Borallesgamuwa.
8. Research Award 2021, 2022, 2023, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. In recognition of achieving a Google Scholar H-Index of 15 or more in Sciences stream. At the research Award Ceremony held on 22nd November 2024 at Hotel Golden Rose, Borallesgamuwa.
9. Best Award Rank 4/56 for Outstanding research abstract of the 15th International Asian Cancer and Chronic disease Screening Network (IACCS) " Smart Quality Control in Precision Cancer Screening" on 5-7 December , 2024, at KINTEX, in Goyang, in South Korea.
10. Research Award 2024, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. In recognition of publishing full papers in Journals indexed in Science citation Index expanded/Social Sciences Citation Index/ Arts and Humanities Citation Index/ Emerging Citation Index/Elevier SCOPUS. At the research Award Ceremony held on 27th March 2024 at Hotel Golden Rose, Borallesgamuwa.
11. Research Award 2025, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. . In recognition of publishing full papers in Journals indexed in Science citation Index expanded/Social Sciences Citation Index/ Arts and Humanities Citation Index/ Emerging Citation Index/Elevier SCOPUS. At the research Award Ceremony held on 27th March 2024 at Hotel Golden Rose, Borallesgamuwa.
12. Research Award 2024, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. In appreciation of successful completion of PhD/MPhil degree. At the research Award Ceremony held on 27th March 2026 at Hotel Golden Rose, Borallesgamuwa.

13. Research Award 2024/2025, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. In recognition of obtaining over 150 Google Scholar Citation in 2024. At the research Award Ceremony held on 27th March 2026 at Hotel Golden Rose, Borallesgamuwa
14. Research Award 2024/2025, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. In recognition of obtaining over 150 Google Scholar Citation in 2025. At the research Award Ceremony held on 27th March 2026 at Hotel Golden Rose, Borallesgamuwa
15. Willey Top Cited Article between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, Oro-dental trauma burden and mouthguard usage among sports players: A call for sport dentistry initiatives in Sri Lanka. Dental Traumatology

Orations Delivered by Dr A A H K Amarasinghe

- 1 Prof S B Dissanayake memorial Oration 2015, Hosted by Sri Lanka Dental Association on the them of Prevention and early detection of oral cancer in Sri Lanka: History, current status and way forward.“Innovation to Application”, on June 2015 in Hotel Galadari Colombo.
- 2 Dr K D G Saparamadu memorial oration 2017, hosted by College of Community Dentistry of Sri Lanka on the them Control of smokeless tobacco use in Sri Lanka: History, current status and way forward on 5th November 2017 in Hotel Galadari Colombo.

Thesis

1. Amarasinghe A.A.H.K (1995), Some aspect of traumatized permanent anterior teeth in children seen at the selected Oral and Maxillo Facial units. MSc thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, Colombo.
2. Amarasinghe A.A.H.K (2008), The prevalence, risk factors and the level of public awareness of oral potentially malignant disorders in the Sabaragamuwa province of Sri Lanka. MD thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, Colombo.

Books

- 1 Amarasinghe A.A.H.K., Hand book on oral cancer for Primary Health Care Staff. ISBN 955-9093-30-4, Ministry of Health and Nutrition, Sri Lanka 2006. 2nd edition in 2012.
- 2 Amarasinghe A.A.H.K. Songs for primary school children on oral health. ISBN 978-955-0509-00-3, Sri Lanka Dental Association. 2011.
3. Johnson NW and Amarasinghe AAHK. Epidemiology and Aetiology of Head and Neck Cancer.: J. Bernier (Ed), Head and Neck Cancer: Multimodality Management. Chapter 1 Page 1-40, DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-27601-4. Springer Science + Business Media, LLC 2011.
- 4 First Author of the Guideline for screening and management of oral potentially malignant disorders, Guide for medical and dental practitioners, ISBN 978 955 0505 40 1, National Cancer Control Programme, Sri Lanka, 2013.
- 5 Newell W. Johnson, Bhawna Gupta, Anura Ariyawardana, Hemantha Amarasinghe, Epidemiology& site-specific risk factors for oral cancer, Contemporary oral oncology, Biology, Epidemiology, Etiology and Prevention, Chapter 3 Page 103-153, DOI 10. 1007/978-3-319-14911-0, Springer International Publishing Switzerland 8th May 2018.
- 6 Book chapter: Rengaswamy Sankaranarayanan, Kunnambath Ramadas, Hemantha Kumara Amarasinghe, Newell Johnson, Oral Cancer: Prevention, early detection, and treatment, Disease Control Priorities, Third edition (Volume 3): Cancer, pp 85-99, Nov 2015, DOI: 10. 1596/978-1-4648-0349-9_ch5.

- 7 WHO Report on Economic and social cost of tobacco and alcohol in Sri Lanka for the year 2015.
- 8 Report of the expert group consultation on smokeless tobacco and public health in WHO-SEAR countries: 27-28 July 2015, Mumbai, Indi DOI 10.13140/RG.2.2.10000.61440 Report number:
- 9 Effects of excessive Ingestion of Fluorides in a Developing Country **Technical Report** February 2018
- 10 Newell W Johnson, Hemantha K. Amarasinghe, Jesse R. Qualliotine and Carole Fakhry. Epidemiology pp 2-56. In: Oral, Head and Neck, Oncology and Reconstructive Surgery. Edited by RB Bell, RP Fernandes & PE Andersen, Elsevier, 2018 Book chapter ISBN: 978-0-323-26568-3.
11. NEWELL W JOHNSON & HEMANTHA AMARASINGHE. Epidemiology, Chapter 1, in Oral and Oropharyngeal Cancer, Second Edition, CRC Press 2018 Book chapter, Shah J and Johnson NW Editors. Textbook of Oral Cancer, Second edition, CRC Press. publication mid 2018 Edited book. eBook ISBN-13: 978-1-4987-0008-5.
12. Ruwan Jayasinghe, WM Tilakaratne, Hemantha Amarasinghe, Shayama Arabepola. Tobacco cessation Toolkit (5As & 5Rs), Year 2019, ISBN-978-955-54125-1-3
13. National Oral Health Survey Sri Lanka 2015-2016. Colombo: Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine (Sri Lanka); 2018: ISBN 978-955-3666-29-1.
14. National guidelines for management of oral cancer Sri Lanka 2020, National Cancer Control Programme, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka; First edition, ISBN 9789553 666321.
15. Hospital infection prevention and control manual 2005 Revised in the year 2020. ISBN 978 955 8891 063
16. P V K S Hettiarachchi, Ruwan Jayasinghe and Hemantha Amarasinghe. Early detection of OPMD and Oral Cancer, First edition January 2022, ISBN 978-624-5719-27-3.
16. Hemantha Amarasinghe, Mahesh Jayaweera. Cancer and work in Asia volume 1: Perspective from Public Health: Cancer in Sri Lanka. Submitted for the Springer Nature in August 2022.

Scientific Editing/contributing in writing books

1. Amarasinghe A.A.H.K. Story book for pre school children on oral health “ Kiri Kakulu”. ISBN 978-955-95287-6-0, Sri Lanka Dental Association. Year 2007
2. Amarasinghe A.A.H.K. Story book for pre school children on oral health “ Sudu Kirio”. ISBN 978-955-95287-6-0, Sri Lanka Dental Association. Year 2007
3. Amarasinghe A.A.H.K. Story book for pre school children on oral health “ Sihin Sina Hada Dore Galaie”. ISBN 978-624-99000-2-3, Sri Lanka Dental Association. Year 2024
4. Amarasinghe A.A.H.K. Story book for pre school children on oral health “ Punchi Panchi Dannawada”. ISBN 978-624-99000-2-3, Sri Lanka Dental Association. Year 2024

Full Papers

- 1 Johnson NW, Jayasekara P, Amarasinghe AAHK. Squamous cell carcinoma and precursor lesions: epidemiology and aetiology. Periodontology 2011: 57; 1-19.

- 2 Amarasinghe AAHK. Early detection of oral cancer in the estate sector and the urban areas in the Kalutara district of Sri Lanka: A comparison of utilization of health staff and health volunteers Sri Lanka Dental Journal 2007; 37:93-8.
- 3 Amarasinghe AAHK, Usgodaarachchi US, Johnson NW, Laloo R, Warnakulasuriya S. Public awareness of oral cancer, of oral potentially malignant disorders, and of their risk factors in rural Sri Lanka. Community Dent Oral Epidemiol 2010;38: 540-8.
- 4 Amarasinghe AAHK, Usgodaarachchi US, Johnson NW, Laloo R, Warnakulasuriya S. Betel-quid chewing with or without tobacco is a major risk factor for oral potentially malignant disorders in Sri Lanka: A case-control study *Oral Oncol* (2010), 46:297-301.
- 5 Amarasinghe AAHK, Laloo R, Warnakulasuriya, Johnson NW. Derivation and validation of a risk factor model for detection of potentially malignant disorders in population with high prevalence. British Journal of Cancer. 2010. 103(3): 303-9.
- 6 Amarasinghe AAHK, A new approach for early detection of oral cancer in population with high prevalence, Newsletter Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science SLAAS-Section A, November 2011; 7 (2): 1-2
- 7 Amarasinghe AAHK, Udaya Usgodaarachchi, Menaka Kumaraarachchi, Johnson NW, Saman Warnakulasuriya. Diet and risk of oral potentially malignant disorders in rural Sri Lanka. J Oral athol Med (2013),42(9), 656-62.
- 8 **Ratilal Laloo**, Steve Kisely, **Hemantha Amarasinghe**, **Roshnal Perera** and **Newell Johnson**. Oral health of patients on psychotropic medications: a study of outpatients in Queensland. *Australasian Psychiatry* August 2013; 21 (4),338-342.
- 9 Ruwan Jayasinghe, B.M.H, S, K, Banneheka, M A M Sitheeque, H Amarasinghe. Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Tobacco use among Dental Surgeons in Sri Lanka, International Dental Journal 2015; 65 (suppl 1): 58-117.
- 10 R D Jayasinghe, L P G Sherminie, H Amarasinghe, M A M Sitheeque. Level of awareness of oral cancer and oral potentially malignant disorders among medical and dental undergraduates. Ceylon Medical Journal 2016; 61: 77-79 DOI:
- 11 Ekanayake R, **Jayasinghe RD**, Herath M, Sitheeque MAM, Amarasinghe H and Tilakaratne WM. Intralesional corticosteroids as a treatment in restricted mouth opening in oral submucous fibrosis, Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology and Oral Radiology 2016 Aug;122 (2): 224-31,
- 12 Amarasinghe AAHK, Usgodaarachchi US, Johnson NW. Evaluation of the utilization of primary healthcare staff for control of oral cancer: A Sri Lankan experience. Translational Research in Oral Oncology 2016;1: 1–6, DOI: 10.1177/2057178X16682544
- 13 Hemantha Amarasinghe, Sajeeva Ranaweera, Thushara Ranasinghe, Nadeeka Chandraratne, RuwanDinesh, MontaratThavorncharoensap, PalithaAbeykoon. Ambala de Silva, Economic cost of tobacco related cancers in Sri Lanka 2015, BMJ Tobacco Control 2018; 27: 542-546. doi: 10.1136/ tobaccocontrol-2017-053791.

- 14 Amarasinghe AAHK, Usgodaarachchi US, Johnson NW. Saman Warnakulasuriya High prevalence of risk factors & risk indicators for oral cancer and oral potentially malignant disorders in rural Sri Lanka. *Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention* June 2018.19(9).2485-2492;doi: 10.22034/APJCP.2018.19.9.2485.
- 15 Sajeeva Ranaweera, Hemantha Amarasinghe, Thushara Ranasinghe, Nadeeka Chandraratne, Ruwan Dinesh, Montarat Thavorncharoensap, Palitha Abeykoon. Amala de Silva, Economic cost of alcohol use in Sri Lanka June 2015; *PLOS ONE*; 13(6): e0198640. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0198640>.
- 16 Amit Yadav, Arpita Singh, Badri Bahadur Khadka, Hemantha Amarasinghe, Nisha Yadav, Ranjit Singh. Smokeless tobacco control: Litigation & Judicial measures from Southeast Asia. July 2018, *The Indian Journal of Medical Research*; 148(1): 25-34. ISSN: 09715916.
- 17 Hemantha Amarasinghe, R.D. Jayasinghe, D. Dharmagunawardana, A.M. Attygalla, P. A. Scuffham, N. W. Johnson, Sanjeewa Kularatna, Economic burden of managing oral cancer patients in Sri Lanka: A cross-sectional hospital –based costing study, *BMJ open* 2019Jul 19;9(7):e 027661: doi:10.1136/bmjopen 2018-027661.
- 18 PVKS Hettiarachchi, Primali Jayasooriya, Hemantha Amarasinghe, BSMS Siriwardana, Deepashika Wijerathne, Samantha Kumara Kithalawaarachchi, W M Tilakaratne, Ruwan Duminda Jayasinghe, Knowledge & Attitude of nursing students towards smokeless tobacco and areca nut control in central province of Sri Lanka. *Asian Pac J Cancer care*, 5 (3); 133-138, Doi: 10.31557/APJCC 2020.5.3 133
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- 2** **Journal of Investigative and Clinical Dentistry:** manuscript: JICD-11-OA-0307 entitled "Impact of marginal contact of removable acrylic partial dentures on periodontal parameters"
- 3** **BMC Public Health:** Oral cancer awareness and its determinants among Malaysians
- 4** **Journal of Oral Diseases:** Reviewed 14 manuscripts
- 5** **Journal of Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention:** 10 manuscripts were reviewed
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Research Support

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World Health Organization Biennium 2014-2015, Capacity building & awareness for special category of health staff as trainers, zonal education directors, estate medical staff and media personnel on cancer prevention, control & surveillance – SO 02 /SESRL 1408462/P2/A4.4-(USD 4,000)

Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids USA, 2016-2017- Strengthen legislations for smokeless tobacco, enforcement of single stick policy, and tobacco tax in Sri Lanka- G-84, National Authority on Tobacco and alcohol- USD 120,000

Co-Investigator for the collaborative research with University of Aberdeen, UK, Successful in obtaining the research grant from 'Global challenge research fund round 5 in the year 2019.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND COURSES CONDUCTED

- 1 One day training programmes for primary health care staff on early detection of oral cancer in MOH (Medical officer of Health) areas- 21 programmes
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- 3 One day training programmes for medical practitioners and Ayuruwedic physicians on early detection of oral cancer- 30 programmes
- 4 One day training programmes for school teachers on oral health- 17 programmes.
- 5 One day training programmes for school children on oral health – 15 programmes.
- 6 One day training programmes for pre-school teachers on oral health- 8 programmes.
- 7 Anti-smoking programmes for principals and officials in education ministry- 4 programmes.
- 8 One day training programme for Dental surgeons in the Sabaragamuwa province- 2 programmes.
- 9 Workshop on research methodology for dental surgeons- 10 programmes
- 10 Workshop on How to write a manuscript for post graduate trainee- 3 programme
- 11 Capacity building programmes for Authorized officers: PHI on control of Tobacco and alcohol in Sri Lanka- 7 programmes
- 12 Capacity building programmes for police officers in police stations: Police officers on control of Tobacco and alcohol in Sri Lanka- 6 programmes
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- 14 Workshop for three-wheeler drivers on danger of smokeless tobacco, tobacco, alcohol use, Regional level programmes- 6 programmes
- 15 Training programme for Dental Surgeons on Tobacco and Areca nut cessation- Regional level programmes in all 9 provinces in Sri Lanka year 2018-2019.
- 16 District level health staff at offices of RDHSs- 35 programmes
- 17 Tobacco and areca nut cessation workshop for oral health care officers in tri-forces, Headquarters Sri Lanka Navy on 31st March 2022.
- 18 Infection control workshop for dental surgery assistants in tri-forces, Headquarters Sri Lanka Army on 5th April 2022
- 19 Infection control training programmes for School Dental Therapist during the Covid pandemic through zoom platform.
- 20 Infection control workshops for dental surgeons at district levels after the Post normal phase of Covid pandemic- 10 districts
- 21 Infection control workshop for dental surgery assistants attached to the dental clinics in 10 districts during and post Covid pandemic
- 22 Update of clinical management of dental patients for dental surgeons through zoom platform.
- 23 Restructuring of the dental health programmes for regional dental surgeons, MOH officers and Consultant Community Physicians during the year 2000-2021.

International Training COURSES ATTENDED

- 1 Foundations of University Teaching-Intensive mode- Two-day workshop, Semester 2, 2009, G16_1.09, Gold Coast Campus, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia, 15-16th July 2009.
- 2 Workshop for Academic staff new to teaching, Semester 2, G06_3.18, Gold Coast Campus, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia, Wednesday, 24th February 2010.
- 3 Course on cancer registration: Principles and Methods, held in Lyon, France from 18 to 22 June 2012, as part of the IARC Summer School on Cancer Epidemiology.
- 4 Course on Introduction to Cancer Epidemiology, held in Lyon, France from 24 June to 5 July 2013, as part of the IARC Summer School on Cancer Epidemiology.
- 5 Principles and practice of cancer prevention and control course, Held in Bethesda, DC Washington, USA, from July 7th-August 1st, 2014, as part of the cancer prevention programme, National Cancer Institute.
- 6 Enhance the Palliative Care Capacity and Leadership, held in National Cancer Institute, Maharagama, Sri Lanka, from March 2014 to March 2017 Four Modules and on the job training, conducted by Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Network as part of Lien Collaborative for Palliative Care, in collaboration with the National Cancer Institute, National Cancer Control Programme, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND COURSES ATTENDED

- 1 Training programme on educational science at National Institute of Health Sciences At Kalutara, Sri Lanka. from 11th to 22nd of December 1995.
- 2 The management training for provincial health care delivery middle level Supervisors, National Institute of Health Sciences, Kalutara, Sri Lanka, 3rd August to 28th of August 1998.
- 3 Three days Computer awareness training programme for higher level health managers, Institute of Computer Technology, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1999.
- 4 One day training programme at Health Education Bureau.
- 4 Course in Health Economics, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 26th-30 September 2005.
- 5 Examiner training programme for PGIM examiners, PGIM, Colombo.
- 6 Stakeholders meeting for the planned curriculum revision of the BDS programme, 10th October 2023 at Faculty of Dental Sciences, USJ

OTHER SERVICES

1. Treasurer, College of Community Dentistry of Sri Lanka, 1998-2005, and 2007-2008.
2. Executive members in the council of Government Dental Association for 4 years
3. Executive member in the council of Sri Lanka Dental Association for 7 years.
4. Secretary, College of Community Dentistry of Sri Lanka, 2011-2012
5. Executive member in the council of College of Dentistry and Stomatology of Sri Lanka
6. President of the College of Community Dentistry of Sri Lanka for the year 2012-2013
7. Board member, Board of study, Community Medicine for the year 2013.
Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

8. Member, Curriculum development committee for Diploma in Palliative care, 2014-2015,
Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
9. President, College of Dentistry and Stomatology of Sri Lanka 2017-2018
10. Supervisor for six MSC students, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine 2015 and 2016
11. Supervisor for four Doctor of Medicine (MD) students, Post graduate Institute of
Medicine 2016 -2019.
12. Member of the editorial board of the Sri Lanka Dental Journal from the year 2015

COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Oral cancer screening clinics in villages and the estates sector- 150 screening clinic
2. I have been engaging more than 500 mass media programmes to educate the general public on prevention and control of oral diseases, oral cancer and tobacco control which includes TV programmes, Radio programmes, newspaper publications and media seminars/ press conferences
3. Co-ordinated and contributed for development of three-story books for preschool children 'Rankiriya', 'Kirikekulu' and 'Sudukirriyo'.
4. Developed two teledrama ' Nil kata rolu mala' and Mukasanniya
5. Three TV spots and three Radio clips to educate the public on tobacco health hazards
6. Contributed to develop large number of posters and leaflets on cancer prevention and tobacco control
7. Developed two teledrama in 2018 on smokeless tobacco- Santhapaya and Kadathurawa
8. **Examiner for the National Oral Health Survey for 2003 and 2015, visited 75 schools and visited house to house of 75 PHM areas all over the country covering all 25 districts**
9. **Visited house to house in 50 PHM areas and 60 tea and rubber estates for research and cancer screening.**

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