

■ FISU World Conference 2021 – Lucerne, Switzerland

The abstract on 'Understanding the motivation, perceptions and challenges for dual careers in planning career transition programmes: Experience of Sri Lankan student athletes' which had been submitted by Mr. Akhila Nilaweera, undergraduate of the University of Colombo and FISU student ambassador for year 2019/2020, had been accepted by the scientific committee of FISU World Conference 2021 which had been scheduled to be held on 13th and 14th of December at Lucerne, Switzerland parallel to the FISU Winter Universiade 2021.

■ FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy 2021

Due to COVID – 19 pandemic, FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy (FVLA), 2021 had been conducted online.

Mr. Mevan Induruwa of University of Ruhuna and Ms. Chathuri Hashani of University of Kelaniya participated for Volunteer Leaders academy as first and second participant respectively.

National Participation

53rd Senior National Basketball Championship (Level II)



53rd Senior National Basketball Championship (Level II) was held from 28th to 30th of January 2022 at Miani basketball court, Batticaloa. One men's and one women's team participated for this championship representing Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association. Sri Lanka Universities Women's team emerged as the Champions of the 53rd Senior National Basketball Championship (Level II). Mr. K.W.L.N. Indika, Mr. M. Paranithasan, Miss. E. Arulampalam and Mrs. J. Saravanapavalayyer was served as managers and coaches of above teams.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021 (SLUSA)

Annual General Meeting 2021 of Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association was successfully held on 26th of March 2021 at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Dr. Chandrakantha Mahendranathan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Botany, Eastern University, Sri Lanka was elected as the President of Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association. Mrs. Rohini Puvanasingam, Director of Physical Education, Eastern University, Sri Lanka was elected as Secretary General. Three Vice Presidents, Treasure, Recorder, Tournament Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Tournament Secretary were also elected.



* Members of SLUSA

ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY SLUSA IN 2021

■ Inter University Online Championships

1st Virtual Inter University Taekwondo Poomsae Championship 2021 was organized by the Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association (SLUSA) collaboration with the University of Kelaniya and Sri Lanka Taekwondo Federation from 12th and 13th November 2021 on virtual platform.

Inter University Online Chess Championship 2021 was organized by the Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association (SLUSA) collaboration with the University of Moratuwa and Chess Federation of Sri Lanka, on 06th and 07th November 2021 via online platform.

Inter University Virtual Karate Kata Championship 2021 was organized by the Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association (SLUSA) collaboration with the University of Peradeniya and Sri Lanka Karate Do Federation from 10th December to 26th December 2021 on virtual platform.

■ IDUS celebration

International Day of University Sport was celebrated for the first time in Sri Lanka as physical event at the University of Kelaniya on the 20th of September 2022. In 2021, the Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association (SLUSA) together with the FISU (International University Sports Federation) Student Ambassadors celebrated this event for the second consecutive year in grand style.

The Main Event of the 2021 Celebrations of the International Day of University Sport consisted of a two-Day Event. Office Bearers and Members of the Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association together with the FISU Student Ambassadors hosted the entire Zoom Event on both days from the Senate Room at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

A panel discussion was held on 19th of September and it was graced by three Distinguished Panelists Mr. Dian Gomes, Prof. Rasika Perera, Mr. Jehan Mubarak who conducted an excellent session, covering several major topics related to sports and how to balance sports with academics.

The main celebration was held on the 20th of September via zoom platform. Chief Guest for this occasion was Senior Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, Vice-Chairman of University Grants Commission. Keynote speech of the celebration was done by Dr. Sunil Jayantha Nawaratne, Director General of National Institute of Education on the topic of '21st Century Skills and Extra-Curricular Activities'. Many other Distinguished Invitees attended the event including Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Sports Advisory Board Chairmen and the Directors of the Physical Education Divisions of several state universities.

SLUSA Article Challenge, Football Juggling Challenge, IDUS Sports Quiz competition, and "Feeding Minds" Chess Workshop had been organized with parallel to IDUS Celebration. Winners of aforementioned competitions has been awarded e certificates.

International Day of University Sport has certainly stamped itself as a landmark event in our university sports calendar. FISU has also identified this year's event as one of the best organized celebrations in the world. This event truly represents the perseverance and commitment of students amidst of a pandemic. The true spirit of university sports in Sri Lanka never stops and IDUS 2021 certainly made sure that this was made known and most importantly, the best of our sports culture was showcased to the entire world in style.

■ Launching of the SLUSA Magazine

Launching the First Edition of the SLUSA Magazine which was a historic moment for SLUSA, as it was the first time that a university-sports based magazine such as this was launched.

The Magazine was then officially launched at the IDUS Celebration on 20th September by the Senior Prof. Chandana P. Udawatte, Vice Chairman of UGC and Chairman, standing committee of Sports and Physical Education, UGC.

The magazine has featured highlights of the major university events in the country, interviews with rising national sportsmen and sportswomen who are studying at state universities. The best articles from university students covering trending topics and themes and many other informative articles. This magazine has been initiated to promote SLUSA and to educate and to inspire university students from all over the world to engage in sports and maintain a healthy lifestyle even during this pandemic period and to highlight the best of the university sports community.



■ International Volunteer Day (IVD) Celebrations

The Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association celebrated the International Volunteer Day (IVD) on 5th December 2021 for the first time ever in the university community. The main objective of SLUSA in this celebration is to create awareness about volunteerism in University sports activities. This small step is the first step taken towards creating a volunteering culture in the university sports arena.

A webinar was organized with respect to the celebration which was conducted by Mr. B.L.H. Perera, Director of Academic Programmes, National Olympic Committee, Mr. Oshan



Gunathilake, Volunteer Management and Community Engagement Specialist, United Nations Volunteers Sri Lanka, Mr. Sameera Lakruwan Perera, Lecturer (Probationary), Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, and Mr. Varuna Ponnampereuma, Youth Programmes Coordinator, United Nations Volunteers Sri Lanka

Participation of Activities in 2021 organized by FISU/ AUSF

The Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association (SLUSA) participated to following Events organized by FISU/ AUSF.

■ Asian University Chess Championship

2021 Asian University Chess Championship was held from 02nd September 2021 to 12th September 2021. The tournament took place on Tornelo platform (online format).

On behalf of the Asian University Sports Federation (AUSF), The Indonesia University Sports Council (IUSC) organized the event.

Four men's and four women's players represented Sri Lanka at the 2021 Asian University Chess Championship.

41 players were participated under the Womens' category and 50 players were participated under the Mens' category of Asian University Chess Championship.

Mr. Laxman Wijesuriya, IPE of University of Moratuwa worked as the Fairplay Officer of 2021 Asian University Chess Championship.

7th FISU General Assembly was held in 29th, 30th and 31st of October 2021 via zoom. Dr. Chandrakantha Mahendranathan and Mr. G. L. Wijesuriya represented SLUSA at FISU General Assembly.

11th AUSF General Assembly was held in 25th of November 2021 via zoom. Mr. K.R.D.C. Rathnamudali and Mr. Anusha De Silva represented SLUSA at this General Assembly.

