

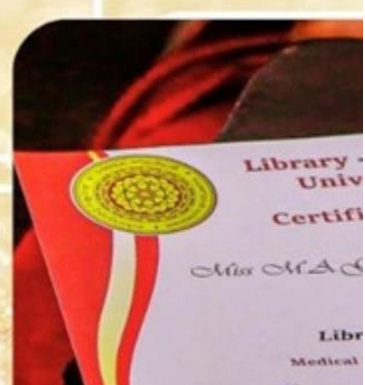


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# THE LIBRARY AWARDS CEREMONY- 2022

The Library Awards ceremony of 2022 was successfully held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at the Main Auditorium, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya with the World Hepatitis Day Celebration. The Dean, Senior Professor Janaki Hewavisenthi was invited to grace the occasion as the chief guest. Professor Anuradha S. Dassanyake, Department of Pharmacology was invited to deliver a Guest Lecture on “Hepatitis” to mark World Hepatitis Day. The E-Publication of the first Medical Library News was launched at this event.

Under the Library Reward Program, certificates and cash awards were distributed to the winners of the Online Library Quiz and the Best Library User award. The ceremony was delighted by the Dean, and the members of the Library committee, several academic staff, students from the Students' Library Committee, and administrative staff participated in the event.





# THE LIBRARY AWARDS CEREMONY- 2023

The Library Awards ceremony of 2023 will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2023 at 11.00 a.m. at the Main Auditorium, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, with the celebration for the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, which lies on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

As the Chief Guest, the Vice-Chancellor, Senior Professor Nilanthi de Silva, will grace the event. The Dean, Professor **Madawa Chandratilake**; the Librarian, **Dr. Chiran Jayasundara**; the Former Dean, **Senior Professor Janaki Hewavisenthi**; the Former President of Kelaniya Medical School Alumni Association, **Dr. R. Suraweera**; the judges of the Breast Cancer awareness of the poster competition; **Mr. Darshana Mapa Pathiranage**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Mass Communication, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya and **Mr. Asitha Amarakoon**, Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya, **Ms. Chithra Abeygunasekera**, Senior Assistant Librarian, all heads of the departments, Faculty of Medicine, all academic staff of the Main Library, University of Kelaniya, the members of the Faculty Library Committee and the Students' Library Committee, all academic staff members and the Senior Assistant Registrar, Senior Assistant Bursar and the students of the faculty will be invited to the ceremony.

**Prof. Aranjan Karunanayake**, Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, was invited as the guest speaker to conduct the lecture on ***"How to Prevent Injuries During Sports and Physical Exercises."***

***"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life"***  
***-H. W. Beecher-***

# THE LIBRARY REWARD PROGRAM

Under the Library Reward Program, certificates and cash awards will be distributed to the winners of the **Best Library User award**, **Online Library Quiz** and the **Breast Cancer Awareness Poster Competition**.

## THE BEST LIBRARY USER AWARD – 2023

The Best Library User Award encourages utilizing information sources and facilities available in the library, energizes current library users, and draws in new ones. Evaluation took place from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2023. The evaluation process was conducted by a panel appointed by the Faculty Library Committee. All students from any batch of the faculty; MBBS, SHS (Speech & Hearing Sciences) and OT (Occupational Therapy) were eligible.

### *The winners of the Best Library User Awards:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place : Miss. S. S. K. Senanayake (ME/2021/102)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Miss. R. Rovekka (OT/2020/024)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place : Miss. K. G. R. N. Madhuwanthi (OT/2020/047)
- Merit Awards : Mr. M. K. S. Randil (ME/2017/113)  
Miss. L. G. M. Minoli (ME/2019/215)



## ONLINE LIBRARY QUIZ – 2023

The Online Library Quiz aims to raise students' awareness of library resources and motivates them to utilize both electronic and printed information resources facilitated by the library.

The competition was announced in advanced, and students had access to the quiz on Moodle Platform from 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2024 at 8.00 a.m. to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at 12.00 midnight. Evaluation process was conducted by a panel appointed by the Library

Committee. All MBBS, SHS and OT students were encouraged to participate to the Online Quiz.

***The winners of the Online Library Quiz:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place : Miss. R. K. D. D. N. Ranaweera (ME/2020/118)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Mr. B. L. K. S. Balasooriya (ME/2020/142)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place : Mr. V. A. Y. Thamuditha (ME/2020/001)
- Merit Awards : Miss. M. A. F. Amani (ME/2020/130)  
Miss. U. Jhaamallai (ME/2021/096)



# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS POSTER COMPETITION

## 2023

The Medical Library and the Library Development Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, hosted a poster competition to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. All students from the Faculty of Medicine (MBBS, SHS, OT) were invited to participate by submitting posters.

Students had the option to create posters under the themes of breast cancer awareness, prevention, and screening using Painted, Digital, or Photographic Modes. The competition received a total of 28 entries, with seven in the painted mode and 21 in the digital mode. These posters were evaluated by three judges using a predefined evaluation guide.

### *The judges of the poster competition:*

**1. Dr. Kavinda Dayasiri**

Senior Lecturer, Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya

**2. Mr. Darshana Mapa Pathiranage**

Senior Lecturer, Department of Mass Communication, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya

**3. Mr. Asitha Amarakoon**

Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya



➤ *The winners of the poster competition (Digital mode):*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place : Mr. H. P. M. Somasiri (ME/2019/011)
- Merit Awards : Mr. D. M. M. K. B. Dissanayake (ME/2021/121)  
Mr. E. W. M. A. W. B. Weerasekara (ME/2021/071)  
Miss. W. H. G. J. Perera (F/ME/2020/200)



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## *The winners of the poster competition (Painted mode):*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place : Miss. A.W.D. Nishadi (SH/2021/062)
- Merit Awards : Miss. A.S. Chandrasekara (ME/2021/171)  
Miss. G.B.P. Kumanayaka (OT/2021/032)  
Miss. B. I. Pandithakoralege (ME/2019/100)



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# CONTRIBUTION OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF TO THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY DESK RESEARCH CONFERENCE (DRC)

the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya. This groundbreaking event marked the first Desk Research Conference held in Asia. Senior Prof. Nilanthi De Silva, Vice Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya, graced the inaugural session as the Chief Guest, while Prof. Madawa Chandratilake, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, attended as an honored invitee.

Prof. Anuradhani Kasthuriratne from the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, served as one of the distinguished Keynote speakers at the conference.



In the Medicine and Health Science technical session, Prof. Nayana Gunathilaka from the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, presented the leading paper titled 'Therapeutic Potential of Melittin Peptide: Major Pain-



Producing Substance of European Honeybee (*Apis mellifera*) Venom Against Several Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases.'

The session was chaired by Prof. P. Paranitharan from the Department of Forensic Medicine and Prof. Nayana Gunathilaka from the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya.

*The following academic staff members from the medical faculty presented research papers at the conference:*

- **Prof. Shyamani Hettiarachchi** from the Department of Disability Studies presented a paper titled "'Terms and conditions': Disability Representation in Newspaper Coverage in Sri Lanka."
- **Dr. K. Kodikara**, Lecturer from the Department of Medical Education, presented a paper titled "Clinical Simulation for Procedural Expertise: State of Education and Applications."
- **Dr. H. Wickramasekara**, Lecturer from the Department of Medical Education, presented a paper titled "Global Transition to Online Learning with the COVID-19 Pandemic and Academic Stress Among Students."





# LIBRARY ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR NEW STUDENTS OF MBBS DEGREE PROGRAMME - 2024

The Library Orientation lecture for first-year students (MBBS-Batch 35), titled "Introduction to the Medical Library," was delivered by **Dr. Lakmini Marasinghe**, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine. The session took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024, from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. at the Pre-clinical auditorium, Faculty of Medicine.



The library tour practical sessions for the first-year students were successfully conducted on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February (10.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.), the 26<sup>th</sup> of February (10.45 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.), and the 1<sup>st</sup> of March (10.15 a.m. to 12.15 a.m.), 2024.



# Publications


**Marasinghe, M. P. L. R.,** Kasturiratne, K. T. A. A., & Chandratilake, M. N. (2023). Information seeking behavior of medical students in Sri Lanka. *Information Development*, 1-13p. DOI: 10.1177/02666669231179398



"The only thing that you  
absolutely have to know, is  
the location of the library."

**ALBERT EINSTEIN**


# A Webinar on How to use Grammarly for effective Writing

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- How to customize the Grammarly account?
- How to upload a document to the editor, do editing, and obtain a report?
- How to check for plagiarism with Grammarly editor?
- How to use Grammarly with MS Word for writing and editing?
- Other usages of Grammarly (emails, social media, etc.)

**Date and Time:**  
**15<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon**  
**Via ZOOM** 

Organized by Subject Liaison Librarians Services and Interactive Media Unit,  
University of Kelaniya



**Dr. (Ms.) Lakmini Marasinghe**  
Senior Assistant Librarian  
University of Kelaniya

## Access to the Video



Dr. (Ms.) Lakmini Marasinghe conducted a webinar on “How to use Grammarly for effective writing” for all academic, academic support, and non-academic staff members of the University on the **15th of December 2023** from **11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon** via Zoom.



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