# TENTATIVE PROGRAM

**National Conference on Biofertilizers and Biopesticides**  
- from Development to Promotion  
**29th –30th November 2017**

**Yellow River Auditorium, International Water management Institute**  
Sunil Mawatha, Palawatta, Battaramulla

## Day One: 29th November 2017

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| 10:30-10:45| **Presentation 1:** Current Status in the Development and Application of Biofertilizer in APO Countries | Dr. WJSK Weerakkody  
Faculty of Agriculture & Plantation Management, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka Makandura, Gonawila |
| 10:45–11:45| **Presentation 2:** Global Trends in the Development, Commercialization, Legislation, and Field Level Application of Bio Fertilizer and Bio Pesticides | Prof. M. S. Reddy, Chairman, Consultant & Entrepreneur, Asian PGPR Society, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, USA |
| 11:45–12.15| **Presentation 3:** Potentials and Challenges in Using Biofertilizers for Annual Crop Production in Sri Lanka | Prof. R. M. C. P. Rajapaksha  
Dept. of Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya |
| 12:15–12.45| **Presentation 4:** Current Status of Use of Biofertilizers and Biopesticides in Organic Agriculture Sector in Sri Lanka | Mrs. DM Priyanga S Dissanayake  
Assistant Director (Agric Research)  
The Centre of excellence for Organic Agriculture Makandura, Gonawila |
| 12.45-13.15| **Open Discussion**                                                      |                                                                                             |
| 13.15–14:15| **Lunch**                                                               |                                                                                             |
| 14.15-14.35| **Presentation 5:** Private Sector Involvement in Biofertilizers and Biopesticides Development and Production in Sri Lanka | Mr. R. Sujeewan  
Eco Planet Organic Fertilizer Project Bio Foods (Pvt) Ltd  
No 04, Kumudu Mawatha, Primrose Gardens, Kandy |
| 14:35–15:05| **Presentation 6:** Successful Commercialization Cases of Biofertilizer in Sri Lanka | Prof. Gamini Senevirathne  
National Institute of fundamental Studies  
Hantana, Kandy |
<p>| 15.05-15.30| <strong>Open Discussion</strong>                                                      |                                                                                             |
| 15.30-15.45| <strong>Tea Break</strong>                                                           |                                                                                             |</p>
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| 15:45–16:05 | **Presentation 7:** Biofertilizer Development Strategies of Private Sector in Sri Lanka | Dr. M. Lakshmi Prasad  
Technical Director  
Sri Biotec Lanka (Pvt.), Ltd  
Highlevel Road, Mawahagama,  
Meepe, Padukka |
| 16:05-16:25 | **Presentation 8:** Current Status of Sri Lanka Standards for Biofertilizers | Mr. KA Anil  
Senior Deputy Director (Agric.)  
17 Victoria Place  
Elvitigala Mawatha  
Colombo 08. |
| 16:25-16:45 | **Presentation 9:** Procedures Adopted at Importation Formulation and Marketing of Fertilizer in Sri Lanka | Mr. Rohan Induka  
Assistant Director  
National Fertilizer Secretariat  
Ministry of Agriculture  
JPJ Towers, Sri Jayawardhanapura Mawatha  
Rajagiriya |
| 16:45-17:30 | **Panel Discussion**  
What are Barriers/Challenges for biofertilizer production and use in the country and what incentives/strategies would appropriate for promotion? | Dr. Rohan Wijekoon  
Prof. R. M. C. P. Rajapaksha  
Mr. Arne Svinningen  
Mrs. DM Priyanga S Dissanayake |
| 17.30- 17.45 | **Launching of Sri Lanka Chapter of ASIAN PGPR Society** |  |
| 17.45- 18.30 | **Establishment of a National Stakeholder Platform for Biofertilizers and Biopesticides** |  |
| 19.00- 21.00 | **Conference Dinner** |  |
### Day Two: 30th November 2017

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| 9.00-9.20| **Presentation 9:** Development, Application and Successful Commercialization Cases of Biopesticides in APO Countries | Dr. MLM Chandrika Dissanayake  
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences Sabaragamuwa  
University of Sri Lanka  
Beliyuloya                                                                                  |
| 9.20-10.20| **Presentation 10:** Development and Promotion of Bio-Control Based IPM Technologies for Vegetable Production in Tropical Asia: Successes, Challenges and Opportunities | Dr. Srinivasan Ramasamy,  
Entomologist and Head of Entomology Group, World Vegetable Center, Taiwan                                            |
| 10.20-10.40| **Presentation 11:** Biopesticide Regulations in Sri Lanka              | Dr. J. A. Sumith  
Office of the Registrar of Pesticides, Gatabe Peardeniya                                                          |
| 10.40-11.00| **Tea Break**                                                           |                                                                                                                     |
| 11.00-11.20| **Presentation 12:** Current Status of The Development and Application of Microbial Biopesticides in Sri Lanka | Prof. Devika Malkanthi De Costa  
Department of Agricultural Biology, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya                                      |
| 11.20-11.40| **Presentation 13:** "Exploring The Use of Biopesticides: The Sri Lankan Context". | Prof. G. Mikunthan  
Faculty of Agriculture  
Ariviyal Nagar, Kilinochchi                                              |
| 11.40-12.20| **Presentation 14:** Current Status in The Development and Application of Bio Pesticides in Plantation Sector of Sri Lanka | Dr. (Ms.) N S Aratchige,  
Principal Entomologist  
Coconut Research Institute  
Bandiripuwa Estate, Lunuwila,                                              |
| 12.20-12.40| **Presentation 15:** Use of Biocontrol Agents in Pest Management in Sri Lanka: Future Directions | Prof. K.S. Hemachandra  
Department of Agricultural Biology, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya                                     |
<p>| 12.40-13.15| <strong>Open Discussion</strong>                                                     |                                                                                                                     |
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| 14.00-14.20 | **Presentation 16:** Successful Partnerships for Development and Commercialization of Natural Pesticides | Dr. R.M. Dharmadasa  
Research Fellow  
Herbal Technology Section  
Industrial Technology Institute  
363, Baudhalloka Mawatha  
Colombo 7 |
| 14.20-14.40 | **Presentation 17:** Biofertilizers and Biopesticides Research  
- from lab to field | Prof. Saman Abeysinghe  
Dept. of Botany, Faculty of Science  
University of Ruhuna |
| 14.40-15.00 | **Presentation 18:** Botanical Pesticide Development, Current Status and Constraints for Commercialization: A Sri Lankan Perceptive | Dr. Premarathne Bandara  
No 164,Kandy Road  
Pilimatalawa |
| 15.00-15.20 | **Presentation 19:** Biofertilizers and Biopesticides: Opportunities, Market Potential and Expectation of Private Sector | Mr.Senarath Kiriwaththuduwage  
Deputy General Manager ,  
Hayleys Agriculture Holdings Limited  
No. 25, Foster Lane  
Colombo 10 |
| 15.20-15.50 | **Panel Discussion:** How to Strengthen the National Cooperation and National Trade of Biopesticides and Biofertilizers by Improving the Collaboration among Government, Researcher, Academia and Industry? | Prof. G. Mikunthan  
Prof. Saman Abeysinghe  
Dr. Premarathne Bandara  
Mr.Senarath Kiriwaththuduwage |
| 15.50-16.15 | **Closing Remarks** | |