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## Ruvini reigns supreme!

The SLMDA Spring Scientific Sessions, the AGM and the Dinner Dance were held at Mercure Maidstone Great Danes Hotel in Maidstone, Kent on 4 May 2013.

The morning session was a great success with excellent presentations and an enthusiastic audience. The Theme was "Trends, Challenges and Fusions in Medicine for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" Prof. Arjuna de Silva from the Medical Faculty, University of Kelaniya and the Director of Sports Medicine, Sri Lanka delivered the guest lecture.

Junior doctors' presentations both oral and poster, organised by Dr. Rasioka Jayatunga were of a high standard too and attracted many young doctors. The abstracts of all the presentations were made available in an attractive booklet thanks to Mrs. Glossinda Solomonsz.

About 101 attended the morning session with very positive feedback on quality and the contents of the presentations.

The Art and Craft Exhibition was led by Mrs. Niro Nirmalan and supported by other spouses of the SLMDA Council members. The SLMDA managed to raise

considerable funds though this part of the event.

The AGM was held from 3-5 pm. All the members were welcomed. The highlights were to reform the bursary system and the SLMDA website. The Book Donation Scheme will continue as at present. Prof. Samarawickrama presented a report highlighting the challenges faced by the current system and proposed some reforms. The Council also emphasised the need to recruit second and third generation Sri Lankan doctors to the SLMDA. The new office bearers for 2013/2014 were elected by the membership present.

The evening event was a huge success too. The feedback received on music by *Sky High*, the Sri Lankan cuisine provided by the hotel, flower arrangements, the hotel facilities and overall entertainment was excellent. The event was compered by Mr. Vijitha Alles. Overall, all the guests had a memorable and fun-filled night. Most importantly, the SLMDA raised £2500 from the event.

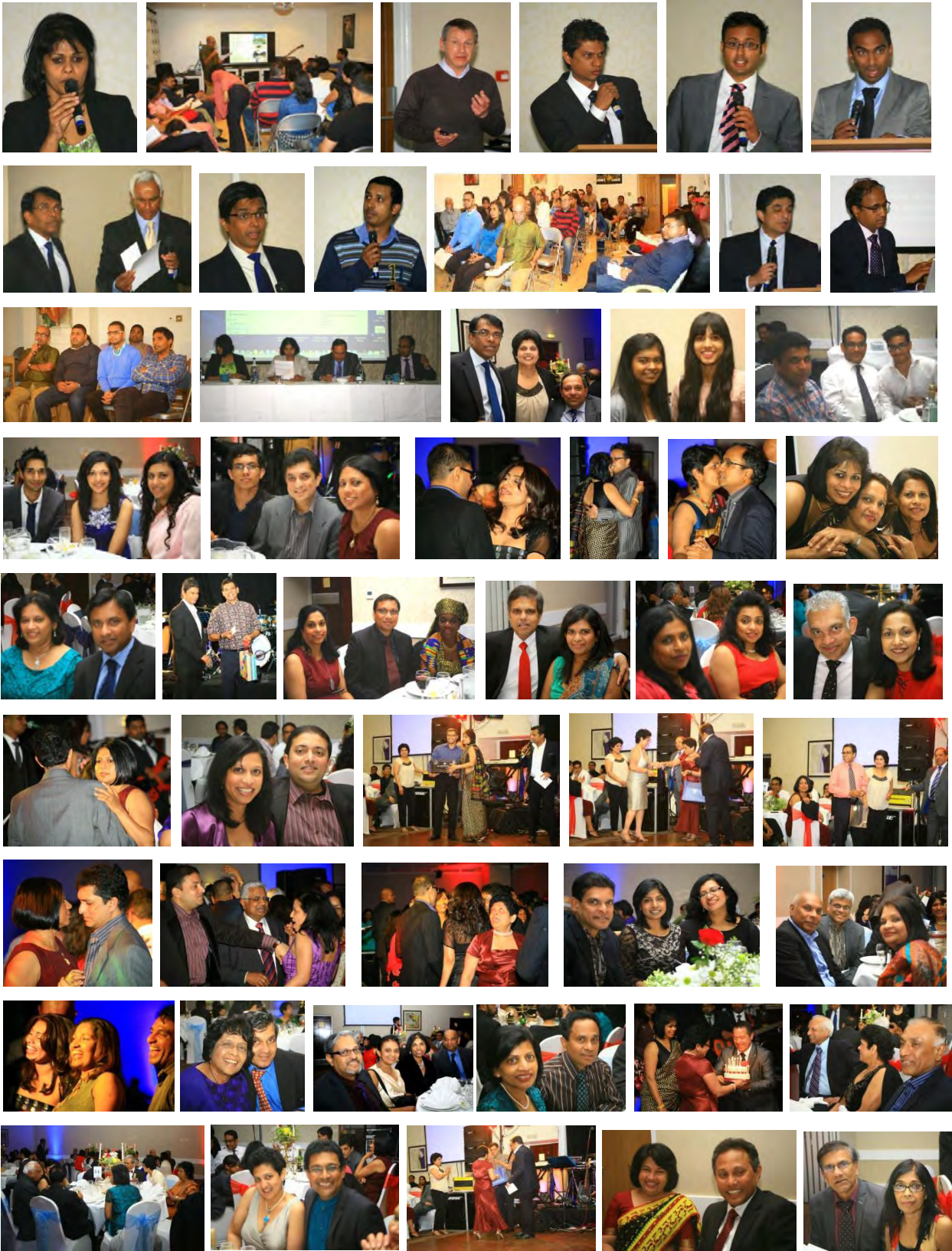
All the out - going and existing Council members did their best to make this event a success.

*"We had a great time. The music was exceptional. The scientific event was also of very high quality. All the talks were stimulating. You have managed to crank it up another notch on the quality scale for this Spring Event. I am glad it continues to thrive the way it has."*  
- AJ

*"I would like to thank all Council members and their spouses, outgoing and new office bearers, the hotel staff, guests, sponsors and everybody who contributed in the best possible way to support me to organise this Spring Event 2013."*  
- Dr. Ruvini Senasinghe

**The Spring Scientific Sessions, the AGM & the Dinner Dance**  
*A Photo Gallery*

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Photography: Dr. Ruwan de Zoysa





*31<sup>st</sup> SLMDA Annual Charity Ball 2013*

*Organised by the  
Sri Lankan Medical & Dental Association*

*Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013*

*at*

*Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel Heathrow London  
140 Bath Road, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 5AW*

*7.00PM - 2.00AM*

*Music by Sky High*

*Dress code - Black tie*

*Contact: Dr. Ruvini Senasinghe - 07740306605*

*Please keep the date free!  
Bring your family and friends and make it an event to remember!*

## SLMDA UK Council 2013 -2014

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**President:** Dr. Ruvini Senasinghe

**Vice President:** Dr. Allistair Solomonsz

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Dr. Uditha Jayatunga (Sharing professional expertise)

Dr. Andrew Nayagam

Prof. DYD Samarawickrama

Dr. Rasioka Jayatunga (Postgraduate training)

Dr. Asanga Fernando

## Future Events

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- **SLMDA Concert: 15 March 2014 at the Headcorn Village Hall, Kent.**
- **SLMDA Annual Raffle Draw: 15 March 2014, Kent**
- **Spring Scientific Meeting, AGM and Dinner Dance: Sunday 4 May 2014 at De Vere Village Hotel, Nottingham**
- **Charity Ball October 2014: *watch this space for further details***

## SLMDA Website

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