**Instructions for submitting abstracts to the SLMDA Spring Scientific Meeting**

Many thanks for your interest in submitting abstracts to the SLMDA Spring Scientific Meeting. The meeting will be from 9am to 2pm. It will consist of three or four guest lectures by experts in their fields and several Junior presentations as follows:

* 4-6 Oral presentations (10 min presentation of power point slides, 4 min for questions)
* 8-12 Poster presentations

Please adhere to the following instructions for your abstract to be considered:

* You will need to submit two documents, an ***Abstract form*** and an ***Anonymised Abstract text***
* Please complete them using Times New Roman font 10 size.
* Please name the ***Abstract form*** in the following format:- First name (lower case), SURNAME (upper case)- title of your abstract (e.g. Supul, HENNAYAKE- Mysteries of life)
* Please also save the abstract text alone as a separate document and name it just by the title (e.g. We’ll never walk alone). This is the ***Anonymised abstract text*** which will be assessed by 3 members of the scientific committee.
* Please send the 2 documents- abstract form and abstract text to mahengonsal@gmail.com before the closing date- **31st of March 2020**.

Selection criteria:

1. Quality of the presentation- Higher marks for completed studies with clear methodology good analytic approach and results relating to the intended aim.
2. Importance of the study- Significant scientific contribution to the field.

3. Novelty/originality/interesting idea.

4. Relevance- to the SLMDA (overseas/external support to Sri Lanka, either positive or negative)

The ***anonymised abstracts*** will be assessed by the selection committee who’s decision on whether to accept your abstract and as to the most suitable type of presentation, will be final. Accepted abstracts will be published in the “Proceedings book” and you would be able to cite. The Founders’ prize and runner up prizes will be awarded to both oral and poster presentations by the judging panel.