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Preface

Professionalism is a powerful quality that allows the professionals to fulfil their role to the best of their ability, giving a deep sense of satisfaction and self-worth. Professionals are expected to fulfil a combination of personal characters, like competence, knowledge, conscientiousness, integrity, respect, emotional intelligence, and appropriateness, which help fulfilling the societal demand anticipated from the professionals. It is with these inspirations, that a group of agriculturists, from the government departments, institutes, universities, and private sector organizations had a series of discussion in Peradeniya from2002 to 2005 to bring in all agriculture professionals in Sri Lanka under one umbrella. This is to work towards establishing an organization to foster agriculture in the country, and enhance professionalismamong the Sri Lankan Agriculturists for the betterment of the country. As a result, in 2005, around 150agriculture professionals joined hands in holding the 1st Annual General Meeting to establish 'Sri LankaOrganization of Agriculture Professionals (SLOAP)' with a Constitution and Code of Ethics as a road map for future development. In 2006, SLOAP became the 48th member of the Organization of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka (OPASL).

SLOAP was renamed as the *Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (SLIAg)* in 2019 to strengthen the community of agricultural professionals. Newly formulated SLIAg constitution reflected a broader vision for agriculturists in Sri Lanka and introduced a range of membership categories, including Student, Affiliated, Associate, and Professional Members, as well as Professional and Honorary Fellows. At the same time, a 21-member Governing Council with an expanded mandate was appointed to execute the responsibilities entrusted to SLIAg. The new constitution was formulated with the support of a legal expert to facilitate the formal incorporation of SLIAg with Cabinet approval.

Having explored various possibilities, GC decided to proceed as a private member bill for the incorporation of SLIAg for which the secretary and the Hon Minister of Ministry of Agriculture granted permission recently. After getting the necessary clearance from the ministry, the subcommittee for SLIAg incorporation met relevant officials of the ministry and the parliament at various occasions, and finalized the private member bill. Hon. MP Prof L M Abeywickrama, after following all legal steps of the process of presenting private member bill, submitted the SLIAg incorporation to the parliament on 19 June 2025. The bill office of the parliament has obtained clearance for the content of the bill from the Hon Attorney General as well. Prof Abeywickrama will do the first reading in near future.

The SLIAg, as the responsible organization of Professional Agriculturists, has been communicating with HE the President, the Cabinet of Ministers, and the Ministry of Agriculture with regards to decisions made and activities carry out in the overall agriculture and related sectors, to indicate its commitment to assist in the development of agriculture sector in Sri Lanka. Our membership looks forward to become a professional partner of the government in formulation, implementing, and monitoring and evaluation of the development activities in the agriculture sector, and to provide the required expertise whenever needed.

At this juncture, it is with great pleasure that we pen the founder members (45) of SLOAP namely, W.A.G. Sisira Kumara, L. Nugaliyadde, K.L. Jayatissa, late B. Wijeratne, Gamini De Silva, S. Wattuhewa, R.D. Siripala, late A.S. Pemasundera, M.B. Dissanayake, B. Marambe, B.F.A. Basnayake, J. Weerasinghe, O.P. Kithsiri, W. Palitha, R.R.A. Wijekoon, J.A.T.P. Gunawardena, H.V.R.G. Navaratna, H.S. Kuruvita, B.L.A. Balasooriya, S. Periyasamy, K.E. Karunathilake, D. Abeysooriya, S.P. Nissanka, C.M.D. Dharmasena, late M.A. Ariyasinhe, H. Fonseka, O.P.K. Chandrasiri, K.B. Wahundeniya, D.M.N. Dissanayake, Henry Gamage, H.W. Cyril, late H.R.C.B. Ratnaweera, late Piyal Marasinghe, H.B. Nayakkorale, D.S.A. Wijesundara, T.D.W. Siriwardena, Athula Perera, G.K. Manuweera and late Chandrasiri De Silva.

"Our Vision: Achieving excellence in practice of all Agriculture Professionals"

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Agenda - 6th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (SLIAg)	
Date: 11 December 2025	**Venue:** Plant Genetic Resources Centre (PGRC), Gannoruwa, Peradeniya
Inaugural Session	
01:30 pm - 02:00 pm	Registration and welcome drink
02:00 pm - 02:10 pm	Lighting of the Oil Lamp, National Anthem, and Remembrance of Lost Members, Heroes and those who lost their lives due to Ditwah Cyclones
02:10 pm - 02:15 pm	Welcome Address by Dr. WART Wickramarachchi, the President of SLIAg
02:15 pm - 02:20 pm	Address by the Secretary/ Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land & Irrigation, Mr. D.P. Wickremasinghe
02:20 pm - 02:35 pm	Address by the Chief Guest, Hon Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land & Irrigation, Mr. K.D. Lalkantha
02:35 pm - 02:45 pm	Awarding of Honorary Fellowship – Dr. Patrik Nugawela
Panel Discussion **Theme: Aftermath of Ditwah Cyclone: managing the crisis in Agriculture Sector** **Moderator: Prof. Buddhi Marambe** **Panelists: Director General of Department of Agriculture,** **Director General of Department of Animal Production & Health,** **Director General of Department of Irrigation,** **Commissioner General of Department of Agrarian Development**	
02:50 pm - 03:10 pm	Presentation by 4 panelists (5 minute each) elaborating the present situation
03:10 pm - 04:10 pm	Discussion
04:10 pm - 04:15 pm	Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation to panelists
04:15 pm - 04:20 pm	Vote of Thanks by the General Secretary of SLIAg
04:20 pm - 05:00 pm	Refreshments
Business Session – Members Only	
05:00 pm - 05:10 pm	Introductory Remarks and Adoption of the AGM Agenda Dr. WART Wickramarachchi, the President of SLIAg
05:10 pm - 05:20 pm	Adoption of the 5th AGM minutes – General Secretary of SLIAg
05:20 pm - 05:35 pm	Presentation of the Annual Report for the period 2024-25
05:35 pm - 05:45 pm	Adoption of the Audited Financial Report for 2024-25 – Dr. M.G.D.L. Priyantha, Treasurer of SLIAg.
05:45 pm - 05:50 pm	Presentation of Award of Chartered Agricultural Professional
05:50 pm - 05:55 pm	Appointment of a Pro-tem Chairman and Election of the Governing Council for 2025-26
05:55 pm - 06:10 pm	Speeches by the Outgoing President and the Newly Elected President
06:10 pm - 06:15 pm	Appointment of Financial Auditors for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year
06:15 pm - 06:25 pm	Open Discussion on Important Matters Related to SLIAg
06:25 pm - 06:30 pm	Vote of Thanks by the Newly Elected General Secretary of SLIAg
Adjournment of the 6th AGM	

Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (SLIAg)

The activities related to the Annual General Meeting of SLIAg was held from 01.30 pm onwards on 30th August 2024, at the National Agriculture Information and Communication Center (NAICC), Gannoruwa. The day's proceedings consisted of an Inaugural Session followed by the technical session before the business meeting of the SLIAg which began around 04.30pm.

Mr. Janaka Dharmakeerthi, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries was scheduled to be attended as the Chief Guest, at the inaugural session. Having announced his inability to join the occasion due to an unavoidable circumstance, Dr. WART. Wickramarachchi, the Director/ HORDI, Department of Agriculture read his message, acknowledging the contribution of SLIAg to the Agriculture sector of the country and bringing his blessings for a successful event.

The recipient of the Mr. Suranimala Wirasinghe award, Prof. RS Dharmakeerthi was then announced by Dr. WART Wickramarachchi after deliberating the selection process adopted in selecting the recipient of this prestigious award. Prof. DKNG Pushpakumara, the Director/ PGIA, Ms. KNS Ranathunga, the Director General of Department of Agriculture, Ms. Susanthi Chandrasena, the additional Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries and Mr. Suranimala Wirasinghe joined the awarding event. Prof. RS Dharmakeerthi, the recipient of the award shared his insight and appreciated the recognition, and the contribution made by his collaborators. Further, Prof. RS Dharmakeerthi donated the cash award he received back to SLIAg as a goodwill gesture.

The Technical session consisted of three scientific presentations delivered under the theme 'Transforming Sri Lanka's Fruit Industry'. Dr (Ms) Shiromani Edirimana, the Additional Secretary (Agriculture Technology), Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries and Mr Imdadh Marikar, Chairman, Lanka Fruit and Vegetable Producers, Processors and Exporters Association (LFVPPEA) made invited presentations delivering the research, development, policy support and current prospects and challenges in relation to fruit industry in Sri Lanka. Further Mr Ranjan Marasinghe, Director (Operations), Department of Wildlife Conservation and Acting Director General, Department of Zoological Gardens delivered the speech elaborating measures for curbing wild animal issues in agriculture. All the deliberations were well received by the audience, which was evident by the active discussion that took place at the end.

Participants:

The following SLIAg members were present at AGM.

Amal Arunapriya
DGPS Delpitiya
LTN Dharmasena
RS Dharmakeerthi
PK Dissanayake
MB Dissanayake
MLMC Dissanayake
SG Dombagolla
GAMS Emitiyagoda
HRUT Erabadupitiya
Pradeep K Gajanayake
KB Gunaratne
Ajith A. Gunasekara
RM Herath
TK Illangakone
IGK Janaka
NC Jayawardena
AK Jayawardena
LNAC Jayawardena
LPAS Jayawardena
TA Kamiss
DP Karunananda
KAAD Karunaratne
KE Karunathilake
DHJK Keerthirathne
NKAC Kodiweera
AH Kulasiri
SP Kuruppuararchchi
YMH Liyanage
C Magamage
B. Marambe
JP Marasinghe
MK Meegahakumbura
KMDWP Nishantha
SP Nissanka
WAPDSP Nissanka
L Nugaliyedda
DK Chaminda Perera
Hiran Peiris
GSK Prathapasinghe
MGDL Priyantha
DKNG Pushpakumara
DSB Ratnayake
TC Ratnayake
MFM Rizwan
ASM Roshan
NKA Rupasinghe
SMM Samarakoon
G. Samarasinghe
K Samarasinghe
Pradeepa Silva
HANL Somasinghe
TMPGSP Tennakone
Supun A Thalagoda
WSPY Upali
JK Vidanarachchi
Saman K Warusavithana
WMI Weerasekara
Pubudu Weerarathne
WART Wickramarachchi
JMKB Wickramasinghe
WMADB Wickramasnghe

1. Introductory remarks by the President:

Mr. Amal Anurapriya, the President of the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (SLIAg) chaired forum. He first welcomed the members to the 5th Annual General Meeting of the SLIAg. He requested the Secretary to declare the attendance, which was declared as 62 members. The members agreed to proceed as the quorum (50 members) fulfills the requirement as per the constitution Article Number 18.1.

The President gave a briefing of the activities of SLIAg during the period of 2023-24. The president acknowledged the contribution made by all the members, especially the GC members for all the contributions made during the period in keeping the SLIAg at the forefront as a professional body that proactively engages in current and emerging issues in the agriculture sector.

The President then presented the proposed Agenda for the 5th AGM and requested the members to make amendments if there is any. The Agenda for the 5th AGM of SLIAg was adopted without correction as proposed by Mr. KE Karunathilake and seconded by Prof. SP Nissanka.

Agenda of the 5th Annual General Meeting

16:40 - 16:50	Introductory Remarks and Adoption of the AGM Agenda
16:50 - 17:00	Adoption of the 4th AGM minutes
17:00 - 17:15	Presentation of the Annual Report for the period 2023-24
17:15 - 17:25	Adoption of the Audited Financial Report for 2023-24
17:25 - 17:30	Resolutions: Amendments to the constitution
17:30 - 17:40	Appointment a Pro-tem Chairman and Election of Governing Council for 24-25
17:40 - 17:50	Speeches by the Outgoing President and the Newly Elected President
17:50 - 17:55	Appointment of Financial Auditors for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year
17:55 - 18:15	Open Discussion on Important Matters Related to SLIAg
18:15 - 18:20	Vote of Thanks by the Newly Elected General Secretary of SLIAg
18:45	End of AGM and Fellowship Dinner

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the 4th AGM of SLIAg held on 18th August 2023:

Minutes of the 4th AGM of SLIAg were presented by the General Secretary, Prof. Pradeepa Silva, detailing the activities taken place at the last AGM. The minutes were adopted as proposed by Mr. Ajith Gunasekara and seconded by Mr. Anil Jayawardena subject to the following correction.

Page 1, Para 3, Line 6 – Correct to read as 'Dr. W.M.A.D.B. Wickramasinghe, former additional Director General (research), Department of Agriculture'.

3. Presentation of the Annual Report for 2023-24:

The Secretary/ SLIAg presented the progress report for the period from 19th August 2023 to 29th August 2024, highlighting the activities and major accomplishments of Governing Council which carried out its work under nine subcommittees. The report was presented as a soft copy projected for the audience for their perusal. The same report has also been circulated among the membership beforehand. Accordingly, the annual report was presented under the following categories representing the nine subcommittees.

- SLIAg Incorporation under a Parliament Act
- Budget and Finance
- Media, publicity and ICT
- Technical forums and technical issues
- Joint operation

- membership drive
- Teaching and exams
- Strategic plan development
- Membership awarding

4. Adoption of Audited Annual Financial Report for the year 2022-23:

Annual audited financial report prepared by the Auditor, Thiyagarajan & Company, Charted Accountants, Kandy was presented by Mr. Supun Thalagoda. The Treasurer also presented a summary of financial achievement highlighting the financial increments made by SLIAg during the past year. Mr. Anil Jayawardena proposed that the audited financial report was in order, and it was seconded by Mr. Hiran Peiris.

5. Resolutions: Amendments to the constitution:

The General Secretary of SLIAg, Prof. Pradeepa Silva tabled the proposed amendments, which was tabled at GC at its last meeting. The amendments proposed to the he Article 7 and 8 of the constitution are as follow.

5.1 Resolution1

Article 7: MEMBERSHIP

Appear as,

9) The committee comprising minimum of three members appointed by the GC shall review all applications and recommend the appropriate membership for each applicant to the GC. The GC will approve the Affiliated, Associate and Professional Memberships.

Proposed to amend as,

"9) The committee comprising a minimum of three expert members appointed by the Governing Council shall review all applications received for membership. Upon the recommendation of the expert committee to the appropriate membership category for each of the applicants, the Governing Council will approve the Student, Affiliate, Associate and Professional Memberships, and upgrading to the status of Professional Fellow."

a. Resolution 2

Article 8: MEMBERSHIP FEES

Appear as,

1. Registration fee of LKR 1,000.00
2. Subscription for membership categories
    a. Student Member fee is exempted (only registration fee is charged)
    b. Affiliated Member fee is LKR 4,000.00
    c. Associate Member fee is LKR 6,000.00
    d. Professional Membership fee is LKR 10,000.00
    e. Professional Fellowship fee is 15,000.00.
    f. Honorary Fellows are exempt from the membership fees.

Proposed to amend as,

"1. Application Processing fee: LKR 1,000.00

2. Subscription for membership categories
   a. Student Member fee is exempted (only application processing fee is charged)
   b. Affiliate Member fee: LKR 4,000.00
   c. Associate Member fee: LKR 6,000.00
   d. Professional Membership fee: LKR 10,000.00
   e. Upgrading fee from Professional Member to the Professional Fellow: LKR 5,000.00
   f. Honorary Fellows are exempted from the membership fees."

Appear as,

3. When the required qualifications are met as specified in Article 7 for the membership categories of Student member, Affiliated member, Associated and professional member, then members are eligible to apply for upgrading the membership categories. When the Governing Council approves the request for upgrading to the respective membership category, the respective member has to pay the balance payment due for the upgraded category as a one-time payment. Student membership is valid maximum for a period of 3 years/ until the respective degree program completes.

Proposed to amend as,

"3. Candidates/members are eligible to apply for membership/upgrading membership categories when the required qualifications are met as specified in Article 7 of the Constitution for the membership categories of Student member, Affiliate member, Associate member and Professional member. Upon approval of the request for membership/upgrading by the Governing Council, the respective candidate/member shall settle the payment due as a one-time payment. Student membership is valid for a maximum period of 3 years/ until the respective degree programme completes."

Having considered the appropriateness of the amendments proposed, membership granted permission to incorporate the proposed amendments to the SLIAg constitution.

6. Adoption of the proposed list of new Professional Fellows:

A member pointed out that the list of Professional Fellowships needs to be presented at the AGM for its approval though the names of professional fellows were read out at the inaugural session for their recognition. Accordingly, the chairman of the Membership subcommittee, Mr. Shantha Emitiyagoda presented the list of professional fellows (as given in the table below) evaluated by the Membership subcommittee and recommended by the GC. The list professional fellows was adopted as proposed by Mr. Ajith Gunasekara and seconded by Mr. ASM Roshan.

MSLIAg No	Name	Specialty	Experience (yrs)	Eligibility Article
278	Dr. M.K.S.L.D. Amarathunga	Ag. Extension	24	7.8.a
265	Dr. Mrs. S. R. Amarasinghe	Soil Science	16	7.8.a
292	Mr. B. Mathavan	Dairy Technology	15	7.8.a
268	Dr KMC Fernando	Crop Science (Ecology)	16	7.8.a
289	Dr. SM Hussain	Agriculture Extension	24	7.8.a
281	Dr. PLN Lakshman	Food Science	22	7.8.a
286	Prof. KG Prematilake	Ag. Engineering	36	7.8.a
280	Prof (Mrs) NP Ranathunga	Ag. Biology	22	7.8.a
284	Dr. WLG Samarasinghe	Biotechnology	18	7.8.a
277	Mr. AL Sandika	Ag. Extension	16	7.8.a
263	Mr. SBSK Semasinghe	Ag. Extension	28	7.8.a
270	Prof. SD Wanniarachchi	Soil Science	30	7.8.a
271	Prof. KL Wasantha Kumara	Plant Pathology	25	7.8.a
202	Mr. JMKB Wickramasinghe	Ag Extension	15+	7.8.a
023	Ms HM Gammanpila	Horticulture	20	7.8.a
331	Dr. S P Kuruppuarachchi	Irrigation & Agronomy	43	7.8.a
325	Dr. S. Pathmarajah	Ag Engineering	33	7.8.a
323	Mr. G S K Prathapasinghe	Ag. Business	20	7.8.a
326	Prof. D.M.C.C. Gunathilake	Food Technology	20	7.8.a
166	Prof. Saliya de Silva	Ag Economics	22	7.8.a

7. Election of the Governing Council for 2024-25:

Prof. SP Nissanka proposed the name of Prof. K. Samarasinghe as the Pro-tem Chairman for the election and it was seconded by Mr. Shantha Emitiyagoda. It was informed to the general membership that the GC 2023-24 has received nominations for the 10 Office Bearers and 11 committee members to the GC for the year 2024-2025 according to the formal process prescribed in the constitution. The Pro-Tem Chairman then requested to display the nominations (as given in the below table) for office bearers and committee members. Since the membership agreed to proceed with the proposed nominations, the Pro-tem Chairman declared the following Governing Council for the financial year 2024-25. The Pro-tem Chairman congratulated the newly elected GC and wished the new council for all success in the coming year before handing over the floor to the newly appointed office bearers.

Position	Nominee (SLIAg No.)	Proposed by (SLIAg No.)	Seconded by (SLIAg No.)
President	Dr WART Wickramaarachchi (FSLIAg/054)	Mr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029)	Mr. G.A.M.S. Emitiyagoda (FSLIAg/039)
General Secretary	Prof. Pradeepa Silva (FSLIAg/038)	Dr. (Mrs) TC Ratnayake (FSLIAg/049)	Mr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029)
Treasurer	Dr. MGD Lakmini Priyantha (FSLIAg/053)	Mr. Supun Thalagoda (FSLIAg/58)	Mr. K.E. Karunatilake (FSLIAg/013)
Editor	Prof. Buddhi Marambe (FSLIAg/027)	Dr WART Wickramaarachchi (FSLIAg/054)	Dr. (Mrs) TC Ratnayake (FSLIAg/049)
Vice President (1)	Mr. ASM Roshan (MSLIAg/081)	Mr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029)	Mr. Supun Thalagoda (FSLIAg/58)
Vice President (2)	Dr. (Mrs) TC Ratnayake (FSLIAg/049)	Prof. Pradeepa Silva (FSLIAg/038)	Dr WMADB Wickramasinghe (FSLIAg/020)

Vice President (3)	Dr. LNAC Jayawardena (FSLIAg/55)	Mr. Supun Thalagoda (FSLIAg/58)	Dr WMADB Wickramasinghe (FSLIAg/020)
Assist. Secretary (1)	Prof RS Dharmakeerthi (FSLIAg/62)	Mr. KE Karunatilake (FSLIAg/013)	Dr. MGD Lakmini Priyantha (FSLIAg/053)
Assist. Secretary (2)	Mr. TA Kamiss (MSLIAg/054)	Mr. KE Karunatilake (FSLIAg/013)	Dr. MGD Lakmini Priyantha (FSLIAg/053)
Assist. Treasurer	Mr. Supun Thalagoda (FSLIAg/58)	Ms SBAMAM Gunawardena	Dr. LNAC Jayawardena (FSLIAg/055)
Committee Member - (1)	Mr. K.E. Karunatilake (FSLIAg/ 013)	Dr. MGD Lakmini Priyantha (FSLIAg/053)	Dr. LNAC Jayawardena (FSLIAg/055)
(2)	Mr. G.A.M.S. Emitiyagoda (FSLIAg/039)	Prof SP Nissanka (FSLIAg/035)	Dr WART Wickramaarachchi (FSLIAg/054)
(3)	Prof SP Nissanka (FSLIAg/035)	Dr WART Wickramaarachchi (FSLIAg/054)	Ms SBAMAM Gunawardena
(4)	Mr. Saman Warusavithana (FSLIAg/060)	Mr. ASM Roshan (MSLIAg/081)	Dr (Ms) JP Marasinghe (FSLIAg/046)
(5)	Mr. WL Hiran Peiris (MSLAIg/260)	Dr. MGD Lakmini Priyantha (FSLIAg/053)	Dr. LNAC Jayawardena (FSLIAg/055)
(6)	Mr. Ajith H. Gunasekera (MSLIAg/157)	Dr WART Wickramaarachchi (FSLIAg/054)	Prof SP Nissanka (FSLIAg/035)
(7)	Dr (Ms) JP Marasinghe (FSLIAg/046)	Dr Lionel Nugaliyadda (FSLIAg/03)	Dr. (Mrs) TC Ratnayake (FSLIAg/ 049)
(8)	Prof Janak K. Vidanarachchi (FSLIAg/113)	Dr WART Wickramaarachchi (FSLIAg/054)	Mr. ASM Roshan (MSLIAg/ 081)
(9)	Mr IGK Janaka (MSLIAg/319)	Mr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029) 13.03.2005	Mr. Supun Thalagoda (FSLIAg/58)
(10)	Dr GM Pradeep Kumara (MSLIAg/334)	Prof SP Nissanka (FSLIAg/035)	Dr Nuwan De Silva
(11)	Mr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029)	Ex-officio member (Former president)	

8. Speech by the re-elected president:

The outgoing president, Mr. Amal Arunapriya expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the general membership and outgoing GC. He also requested the devoted contribution of all for the future endeavors of SLIAg under the new leadership.

The newly appointed President, Dr WART Wickramaarachchi, thanked the membership for keeping the trust in him for leading the activities of the SLIAg for the next year and expressed that he is very much privileged to hold the responsibility. He also thanked the GC 2023-24 members for their valuable contributions made during the past years, and their devotion in executing the activities of SLIAg and uplifting the SLIAg image during the past year. He requested the support of the membership and the newly appointed GC in the same spirit in the coming year to reach the expected targets of SLIAg.

9. Appointing financial Auditors for the next financial year:

Upon the recommendation of the outgoing treasurer, the Wickfield Associates/ Laxman Associates (Pvt) Ltd, No. 933 A/B1, Commercial Bank Building, Peradeniya Road, Kandy, was appointed as the official auditor of the institute for the financial year 2023-24. This was proposed and seconded by Mr. Amal Arunapriya and Dr. TC Rathnayake, respectively.

10. Open discussion on other matters:

Upon the inquiry made by a member, the status of the incorporation of SLIAg under a parliament Act was discussed by members. The outgoing president elaborated that the activities pertinent to the incorporation was taken care by the GC appointed subcommittee. The following points were highlighted during the discussion.

i. The incorporation Act drafted by the Legal Department was having more authority to the minister in manipulating the SLIAg activities as the incorporation Act is to be presented by the Minister of Agriculture.
ii. Given the situation the GC did not want to proceed with the incorporation Act in the proposed format. Therefore, the GC, proposed amendments necessary to maintain the institute as a independent professional organization.
iii. The new GC was requested to take appropriate actions to proceed with incorporation of the institute safeguarding its mission and objectives.

11. Vote of thanks:

The re-appointed General Secretary, Prof. Pradeepa Silva delivered the vote of thanks.

12. Concluding the Meeting:

The President announced the conclusion of the 5th AGM of SLIAg around 6.00 pm.



Prof Pradeepa Silva
General Secretary for 2024-25
10.12.2025

Progress Report of SLIAg for 2024-2025

This progress report presents the activities of Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture after the 5th annual general meeting of the institute which was held on 30th August 2024. The activity period covers 31st August 2024 to 10th December 2025.

1. Governing Council (GC) related matters

Attendance:

The first meeting of the GC 2024-25 was held on 18th September 2024, and during the last 14 months period, the GC held ten (10) regular meetings and 6 special meetings. All the regular GC meetings were held on-ground where the special meetings except one were held on-line, and all the meetings were well participated. The summary of attendance of members is given below. In addition to the GC meetings, the sub committees appointed by the GC 2024-25 met separately when the need arises to carry out respective activities on behalf of the GC.

Position	Name	Attendance
President	Dr. T. Wickramarachchi	10/10
Gen. Secretary	Prof. Pradeepa Silva	10/10
Treasurer	Dr. MGDL Priyantha	10/10
Editor	Prof. Buddhi Marambe	10/10
Vice Presidents	Dr. (Mrs) TC Ratnayake	9/10
	Dr. LNAC Jayawardena	10/10
	Mr. ASM Roshan	10/10
Asst. Secretaries	Prof. RS Dharmakeerthi	9/10
	Mr. TA Kamiss	10/10
Asst. Treasurer	Mr. Supun Thalagoda	10/10
GC Members	Mr. KE Karunathilake	10/10
	Mr. GAMS. Emitiyagoda	9/10
	Prof. SP Nissanka	10/10
	Mr. Saman Warusavithana	8/10
	Mr. Amal Arunapriya	10/10
	Prof Janak Vidanarachchi	10/10
	Mr. WL Hiran Peiris	6/10
	Dr Pradeep Gajanayake	10/10
	Dr (Ms) JP Marasinghe	10/10
	Mr IGK Janaka	7/10
	Mr. Ajith H. Gunasekara	7/10

2. Administrative Matters

2.1 Considering the importance of maintaining the member data base and the administrative communications, the GC appointed a new part-time administrative assistant from the month of March 2025. This appointment was made upon the resignation of Mr. Lukman Kamiss. The monthly allowance for the administrative assistant remains Rs 12,500.00.

2.2 Having recognized the usefulness of collaborating with outside agencies in seeking outside funding opportunities in achieving goals of SLIAg, the GC took actions to formulate TOR for 'Submission of Funding Proposals by External Parties through SLIAg' providing guidance and standard of procedures regarding the submission of grant applications with outside agencies.

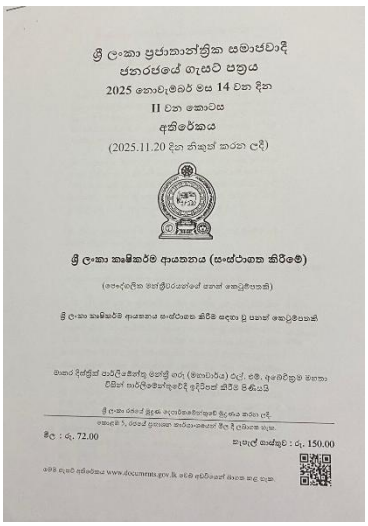
3. Activities Performed during the period of 31st August 2024 to 10th December 2025.

This year too, activities of the GC were carried out by nine subcommittees. Each subcommittee consists of chairperson, who is a GC member, and subcommittee members who are members of SLIAg. The progress of SLIAg for the year 2024-25 is presented in this report as a collection of activities of each subcommittee which were appointed by the GC at the beginning of the activity year of SLIAg 2014-25. The following is the detailed summary of each subcommittee.

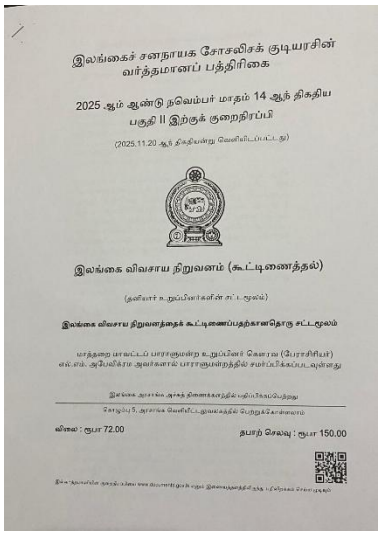
3.1) Committee for SLIAg Incorporation under a Parliament Act

Chairperson: Mr KE Karunathilake
Members: Mr Saman Warushavithana, Mr Ajith Gunasekara, Dr W.A.R.T. Wickramaarachchi, Mr Amal Arunapriya, Dr. M.G.D. Lakmini Priyantha , Dr G.M. Pradeep Kumara , Mr.R.D.Siripala.

Based on the cabinet decision, the legal draftsman department has drafted an act. However, Governing Council realized that the draft act will not fulfil SLIAg requirements and independency. Therefore, GC decided to request secretary, ministry of agriculture not to proceed with the draft act.
After consulting officials of the Department of Legal Draftsman and the parliament, GC authorized the Incorporation committee to take actions to prepare and submit a private member bill for incorporation. The committee made arrangements to draft a new act to be submitted as a private member bill. Subsequently, the committee contacted Hon MP Prof LM Abeywickrama on 18th March 2025 in this regard and he agreed to submit the bill to the parliament as a private member bill. The committee and the secretary of SLIAg met the Hon minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and irrigation Mr. Lal Kantha and the secretary of the ministry on 08th, April 2025 with regard to the same matter.
After a series of consultations and discussions with the officials of the parliament including the Secretary General, the bill was finalized (draft form). Then the notices of incorporation were published in three newspapers on 21st of May 2025 and in the gazette on 30th of May 2025 by Prof LM Abeywickrama. After one month (mandatory period) formal and official submission of the draft bill along with newspaper and gazette notifications to the Secretary General of the parliament was done by Prof Abeywickrama on 19th June 2025. As the next step, the bill office of the parliament sent the draft bill to Hon. Attorney General for his comments. After attending the comments made by the Hon. AG the bill was resubmitted for final approval and approved version of the bill was published in the gazette on 14th November 2025 (Issued on 20th November) and presented to the parliament on 5th December 2025 by Hon. MP Prof LM Abeywichrama.


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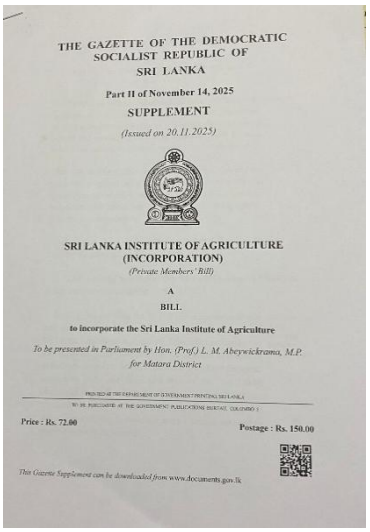
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THE GAZETTE OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Part II of November 14, 2025

SUPPLEMENT

(Issued on 20.11.2025)

SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE (INCORPORATION)

(Private Members' Bill)

A

BILL

to incorporate the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture

To be presented in Parliament by Hon. (Prof.) L. M. Abeywickrama, M.P. for Matara District

Price : Rs. 72.00

Postage : Rs. 150.00



3.2) **Committee for Budget and Finance Fund Raising**

Chairperson: Dr. M.G.D. Lakmini Priyantha
Members: Mr. Supun Talagoda Mr Saman Warushavithana, Mr. Ajith Gunasekara, Prof. Janak K. Vidanarachchi ,Mr. ASM Roshan

During the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, the SLIAg achieved significant progress, generating a surplus of over Rs. 1.0 million for the Association (specifically Rs. 1,083,624.74).

- **Account Management**: The SLIAg diligently monitored and managed the Association fixed, current, and savings accounts, earning a total interest income of Rs. 502,124.74 (FD interest: Rs. 494,510.12; savings interest: Rs. 7,614.62). All actions were carried out with timely approval from the General Committee (GC).
- **Sponsorships and Donations**: The SLIAg successfully secured sponsorships amounting to over Rs. 290,000.00 from both private-sector organizations and NGOs, in full compliance with the Association's policies.
- **Membership fee:** The SLIAg earned Rs. 291,500.00 through membership fees during the financial year.
- **Financial Accumulation**: As of 31 March 2025, the accumulated funds of the Association stand at Rs. 6,017,932.27

3.3) **Committee for Media, Publicity, and ICT**

Chairperson: Prof Buddhi Marambe
Members: Mr. Hiran Peris, Mr. TA Kamiss, Mr. ASM Roshan, Mr. I.G.K. Janaka, Dr G.M. Pradeep Kumara

The media and publicity committee of SLIAg has made every effort to to support the activities of the institute with utmost responsibility. The main focus includes supporting the GC of the SLIAg to conduct meeting with online facility, and dissemination of information to the GC and the General membership of SLIAg via different media platforms.

The following are the activities conducted by the committee during the year 2025.

- Facilitated providing Zoom facility for 18 monthly-GC meetings and special GC meetings.

- Maintaining and updating the Management Information System (MIS) of SLIAg membership.
- Designing and printing member IDs and Certificates for different Membership categories.
- Publicizing the research work, technical sessions, workshops and training programs, conferences organized by SLIAg or where the Institute was a partner, and community and social activities of SLIAg in the media platforms.
- Disseminating information on write-ups and TV discussion that had the participation of SLIAg members, among the membership and in outside media platforms.
- Maintaining the official website of SLIAg: www.sliag.lk.
- Created and maintained a WhatsApp group for SLIAg members to share news and updates on SLIAg.
- Regular maintenance of the official FB page of SLIAg: https://www.facebook.com/sliag.lk/

3.4) **Committee for Technical Forums and Technical Issues**

Chairperson: Prof S P Nissanka
Members: Prof Pradeepa Silva, , Prof Saman Dharmakeerthi, Prof Buddhi Marambe, Dr WART Wickramarachichi, Dr Chandana Jayawardana, Mr Shantha Emitiyagoda, Dr Pradeep Gajanayake

The following activities were carried out by the sub-committee of the "Technical Forum and Technical Issues" of the SLIAg during the year 2024-2025

- The committee finalized the report on the "Establishment of Large-scale Paddy demonstration plot at Pollonnaruwa". This report was presented to the Secretary/ Ministry of Agriculture and to the Donor, Mr. S. Wirasinghe who is a Honorary Fellow (Agricultural Extension) of SLIAg.
- The Interim and final Technical Reports of the FAO-funded project on "Drone-based Paddy Seeding and Follow-up Training Programs" were finalized for the GC approval to be sent to the FAO in June and in October, respectively.
- A consultation workshop on "Status of Nitrogen Pollution and Initiatives Taken at Global, Reginal and Local Level on Sustainable Nitrogen Management (SNM)" was jointly organized in March 2025. The outcome of this workshop contributed to the development of draft national action plan on SNM for agriculture sector. This activity was a mandated activity of the of the Ministry of Environment where SLIAg partnered in carrying out the activity.
- The committee with collaboration of other committees developed Terms of Reference (ToR) for occasions where SLIAg is invited as a professional body by external parties to join in submitting proposals for various agriculture related projects and activities.
- The committee led the team of SLIAg members in organizing International conference on "Bridging Research to Address Water and Environmental Challenges in Emerging Nations" in collaboration with Colorado School of Mines, USA. The event was held at the Conference Hall of the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya in July, 2025.
- The committee took the lead in organizing the panel discussion on "Aftermath of Ditwah Cyclone: Managing the Crisis in Agriculture sector" to be staged at the 6th AGM of the SLIAg.

3.5) Committee for Joint Operation

Chairperson: Prof Saman Dharmakeerthi
Members: Mr Saman Warushavithana, Prof S P Nissanka, Dr WART Wickramaarachch, Mr K E Karunathilake, Dr.J.P. Marasinghe

The committee actively participated in GC activities collaborating with all other committees. The committee for joint operation, especially worked hand-in-hand in executing the activities of the committee for Technical Forums and Technical Issues.

3.6) Committee for membership Drive

Chairperson: Mr Amal Arunapriya
Members: Prof Buddhi Marambe, Dr (Ms) Talatha Ratnayake, Mr Supun Thalagoda, Mr. TA Kamiss, Dr Lakmini Priyantha, Mr KE Karunathilake, Mr ASM Roshan, Dr. L.N.A.C. Jayawardena

- Applications Forwarded to the Membership Awarding Committee:
  The Membership Drive Committee forwarded 24 applications for new membership and 6 applications for membership upgrading to the Membership Awarding Committee (MAC) for evaluation during the period of GC 2024-25.

- Membership Promotion Programs:
  i. A membership promotional campaign was conducted in line with Annual Symposium of the Dept. of Agriculture (ASDA) – 2025. Accordingly, two membership promotion sessions were conducted on 12th September 2025 at two venues; at the NAICC and at the ISTI, Gannoruwa. Dr. Thalatha Rathnayake and Mr. Amal Arunapriya conducted these campaigns at NAICC and ISTI, respectively. The SLIAg deeply acknowledges the Director General of Agriculture and the Chairman of ASDA – 2025 for providing the platform to conduct those promotional events. The two promotional desks successfully collected 18 membership applications along with the respective application processing fees.







  ii. Membership Promotional Presentations:
  Two membership promotional presentations were conducted as follows:
  - 26th September 2025 – Presentation to the Executive Committee of the Sri Lanka Agricultural Extension Association (SLAEA).
  - 10th October 2025 – Presentation to the undergraduate students of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, with approximately 300 students participating. The program was coordinated by Dr. Uwasara Dissanayake, Senior Lecturer.

3.7) Committee for Membership Awarding (MAC)

Chairperson: Mr Shantha Emitiyagoda
Members: Prof Pradeepa Silva, Mr.K.E.Karunatilake, Dr Talatha Ratnayake, Prof S P Nissanka

This year received only 40 applications Out of those ,10 Affiliate memberships,4 Associate Memberships, 21 professional member ship and 3 Professional fellows have been recommended for GC for approval. From September 2025, Mr Karunathilaka, a member of the subcommittee led the activities as the chairman was overseas on duty mission. The following is the summary of outcome of the activities conducted by the subcommittee.

Application Received, Evaluated, and Recommended 17th Dec 2025-20th Oct 2025

Date	Application Received	Evaluated and Recommended					
		Students	Affiliate	Associate	Professional members	Professional fellows	Retained
17 Dec 2024	4		1		3		
19 Jan 2025	6		3		3		
48th GC	4		1		3		
49th GC	7		4		3		
51st GC	2						
53rd GC	3			1	2		
54th GC	2				2		
56th GC	12		1	3	5	3	
Total	40		10	4	21	3	

3.8) Committee for Trainings and Exams

Chairperson: Dr (Ms) Talatha Ratnayake
Members: Dr Chandana Jayawardane, , Prof S P Nissanka, , Prof Pradeepa Silva, Prof Janak K. Vidanarachchi, Mr. IGK Janaka, Mr. TA Kamiss, Mr. ASM Roshan

- Training
  Suggestions were given to improve the lesson plan prepared to held one day Training Programme for Entrepreneurial Paddy Farmers on using Drones for Agricultural Purposes Jointly Organized by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (SLIAg) 1st March 2025.

- Examination
  The second qualifying examination for the year 2024 was successfully held on 20th of December, 2024 for Mr. M. Subasinghe who got through the qualifying exam. Prof. Sudhash Wanniarachchi, a professional fellow of SLIAg and former Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna gave invaluable support in conducting the exam on behalf of SLIAg. Since the examination is to be conducted on request on twice a year (June and December), no examination was held in the first half of year 2025 in the absence of applications.

3.9) Committee for Strategic Plan Development

Chairperson: Prof Pradeepa Silva

Members: Prof Buddhi Marambe, Prof Janak K. Vidanarachchi, Mr Ajith Gunasekara, Prof Saman Dharmakeerthi

This year too, the activity plans of each subcommittee have been aligned with the Strategic Plan of SLIAg and its goals. The strategic planning committee carried out the monitoring of activities on two occasions during the term of GC 2024-25; in December 2024 and August 2025. The following table summarizes the outcome of monitoring of strategic plan implementation.

Strategic Goal	No. of strategic objectives	No. of activities conducted by August 2024	No. of activities conducted by August 2025
1. Promote Agriculture as a Nobel Profession	3	12	9
2. Unite all professionals in agriculture in the country under a single umbrella	3	6	5
3. Enhance professionalism among the membership	3	2	3
4. Promote moral conduct and a sense of responsibility among agricultural professionals	4	2	3
5. Advice and intervene in formulating National agricultural Policies	2	3	8

4. Other activities

4.1 SLIAg involvement in technological interventions

SLIAg has taken the lead in exploring the feasibility of drone technology in rice farming, and developing comprehensive, framework that includes seeding rates, optimal protocols, and best practices is needed. Accordingly, with the funding of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a team of GC members successfully developed and validated a detailed protocol and guidelines for use of drone in rice farming. These protocols were employed in testing their validity across two different locations, including Mahailluppalama and Batalagoda research stations and farmer fields. In addition, the SLIAg involvement has been extended to stakeholder training and capacity building in relation to drone technology in rice farming. Under this activity, development of training curriculum, conducting training for both farmers and officers and conducting field days are under way.







4.2 SLIAg collaborations in organizing Scientific forums

SLIAg had the opportunity to collaborate with Colarado School of Mines to organizing activities of the international conference titled 'Bridging Research to Address Water and Environmental Challenges in Emerging Nations: A Case Study of Sri Lanka'. The event was co-chaired by Prof. RB Mapa, an honorary fellow of SLIAg, along with Prof. Tissa Illangasekara Colarado School of Mines.

The event was held 17-18 July, 2025 held at the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS), University of Peradeniya. The event featured internationally renowned speakers as well as local experts, and fostered dialogue and solutions for pressing environmental issues. The event was participated by around 80 experts among which 25 were foreign participants representing countries all around the world.







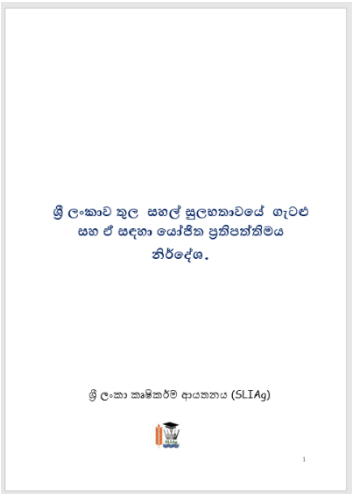


4.3 SLIAg contribution in nationally important issues.

Considering the importance of the Issues related to availability of rice in the country, the GC has appointed an expert committee to formulate policy recommendations to be presented to the Honorable Minister of Agriculture. Alone with this attempt the GC also paid its attention to the burning issue of macro-pest problem which imposes a significant threat to the agriculture productivity of the country.

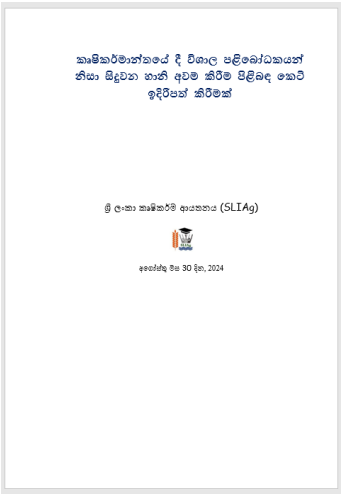
The GC was able to hand over the both the reports to the Minister in April, 2025, it is a pleasure to note that some of the recommendations of SLIAg have been considered in state interventions to solve issues in paddy production in the country.





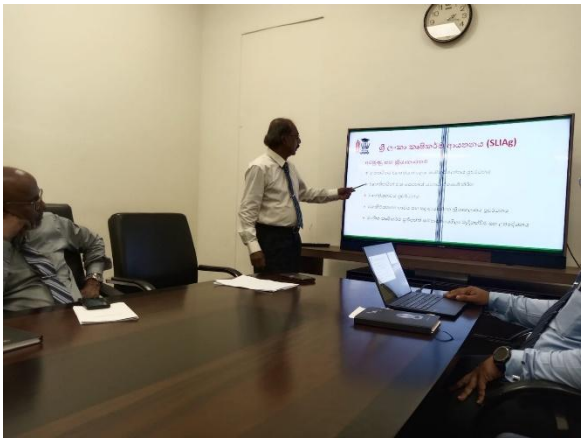






4.3 Promotion of SLIAg and its activities

The chairperson of the membership drive committee, Mr. Amal Arunapriya made a special presentation at the ministry of Agriculture, describing the goals and objectives of SLIAg, membership categories and the present strength and the current activities along with its accomplishments. His presentation was well received by the Minister and other officials which was a positive influence in the SLIAg incorporation activities.



5. Organization of Professionals Association OPA Related matters

5.1 Representation of SLIAg at the OPA

Dr. WMW Weerakone, a Professional Fellow of the SLIAg, represented SLIAg as an Association Member in the OPA, whereas Dr. Pradeep Gajanayake, a Professional member of SLIAg and a GC member participated as forum member representing SLIAg to the OPA. He has participated at forum meetings which were held every two months and actively engaged in discussions on agriculture-related issues discussed at the forum. Mr. Ajith Gunasekara represented SLIAg at the OPA as a Professional member representative of SLIAg, where he contributed as and when the need arose regarding the agriculture related policy issues.

5.2 Registration of SLIAg

The SLIAg continue to be a member of OPA by maintaining its annual membership as a professional organization.

5.3 Contribution of SLIAg

This year the GC of the SLIAg donated LKR 20,000.00 for the annual sessions 2025 of the OPA.

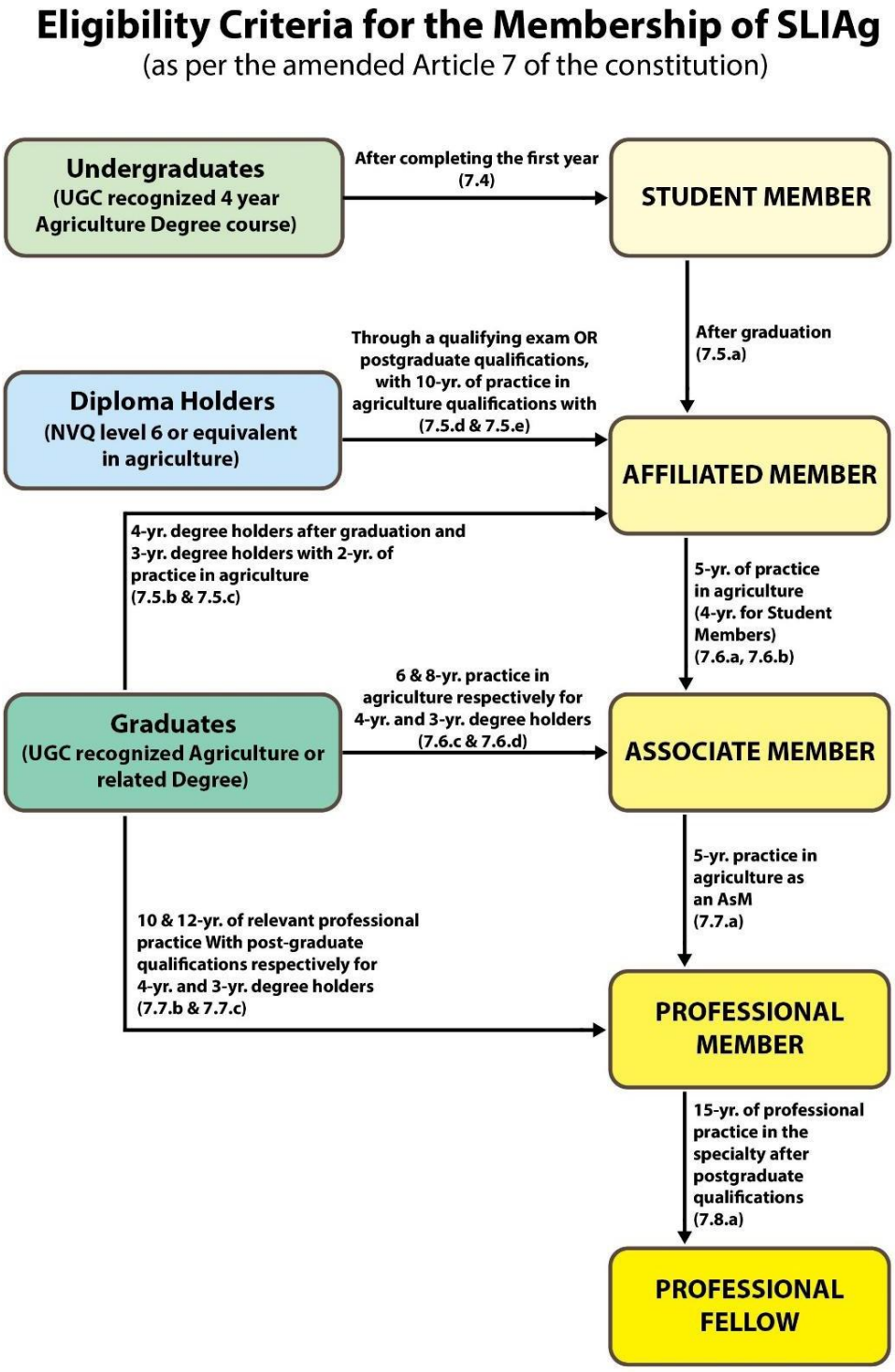
Prof. Pradeepa Silva
General Secretary
11 December 2025.

Auditor's report – Presented separately.

Amendments to the SLIAg constitution

The governing council 2024-25 received no amendment proposed to the SLIAg constitution.

Eligibility Criteria for the membership of SLIAg



Nominations for Governing Council (25-26) to the 6th AGM of SLIAg on 11th December 2025 Office Bearers					
No.	**Position**	**Nominee (SLIAg Number) and Life Membership date**	**The Member proposed and his/her membership No.**	**The Member seconded and his/her membership No.**	**Brief professional profile of the nominee**
1	President	Mr. K.E. Karunathilake; (FSLIAg/ 013); 27.02.2021	Prof. Pradeepa Silva (FSLIAg/038); 06.11.2013	Dr. (Mrs) T.C. Ratnayake (FSLIAg/049); 25.01.2021	BSc (Agric.), MPhil (Agric. Extension), FSLIAg (Agribusiness); Retired Secretary of MOA; Former President of SLIAg, Present GC member of SLIAg
2	General Secretary	Prof SP Nissanka (FSLIAg/035); 24.01.2021	Mr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029); 13.03.2005	Mr. K.E. Karunathilake; (FSLIAg/ 013); 27.02.2021	BSc (Agric.), PhD (Crop Physiology), FSLIAg (Agronomy); Senior Professor in Crop Science; former General Secretary of SLIAg
3	Treasurer	Mr. Supun Thalagoda (FSLIAg/58); 22.04.2014	MMr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029); 13.03.2005	Dr. (Mrs) T.C. Ratnayake (FSLIAg/049); 25.01.2021	BSc (Agric.), MSc (Agric. Extension), MSLIAg; Retired Chief Marketing Development Officer, CIC Agribusinesses (Pvt) Ltd, Consultant of Aruna Tea Factories (Pvt) Ltd; Present Treasurer of SLIAg
4	Editor	Prof. Pradeepa Silva (FSLIAg/038); 06.11.2013	Mr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029); 13.03.2005	Dr. (Mrs) T.C. Ratnayake (FSLIAg/049); 25.01.2021	BSc (Agric.), PhD (Genetics and Animal Breeding), FSLIAg (Genetics and Animal Breeding); Senior Professor in Animal Science; Present General Secretary of SLIAg
5	Vice President (1)	Prof R.S. Dharmakeerthi (FSLIAg/62); 29-05-2022	Dr. M.G.D. Lakmini Priyantha (FSLIAg/053)	Prof SP Nissanka (FSLIAg/035); 24.01.2021	BSc (Agri), PhD; Professor in Soil Science, Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya; Present GC member of SLIAg
6	Vice President (2)	Mr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029); 13.03.2005	Mr. A.S.M. Roshan (MSLIAg/081) 11.02.2009	Prof SP Nissanka (FSLIAg/035); 24.01.2021	BSc (Agric.), MSc (Agric. Economics), FSLIAg (Agric. Extension); Retired Additional Secretary, MOA; past President and past General Secretary of SLOAP and present President of SLIAg
7	Vice President (3)	Dr. L.N.A.C. Jayawardena (FSLIAg/55); 16.02.2021	Mr. Supun Thalagoda (FSLIAg/58)	Mr. W. L. Hiran Peiris (MSLAIg/260)	Snr. Lecturer, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya

8	Assist. Secretary (1)	Dr. (Mrs) T.C. Ratnayake (FSLIAg/049); 25.01.2021	Mr. K.E. Karunatilake (FSLIAg/013)	Mr. A.S.M. Roshan (MSLIAg/081) 11.02.2009	BSc (Agric.), MSc (Agric. Extension), PhD (Dairy Extension), FSLIAg (Agric. Extension); Retired ADG, Dept. of Animal Production and Health; past Treasurer of SLOAP and present Assistant Secretary of SLIAg
9	Assist. Secretary (2)	Mr. A.S.M. Roshan (MSLIAg/081) 11.02.2009	Prof. Buddhi Marambe (FSLIAg/027); 11.09.2009	Prof R.S. Dharmakeerthi (FSLIAg/62); 29-05-2022	BSc (Agric.), MSc (Agric. Economics), MSLIAg; Assistant Director of Agriculture (Agribusiness), DOA; Present Vice President of SLIAg
10	Assist. Treasurer	Dr Pradeep Gajanayake (MSLIAg/334); 13.08.2024	Dr W.A.R.T. Wickramaarachchi (FSLIAg/054)	Prof SP Nissanka (FSLIAg/035); 24.01.2021	Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering; M.Phil. in Integrated Water Resource Management; BSc. (Agric); Diploma in Exercise and Sport Sciences
Committee Members					
11	CM 1	Prof. Buddhi Marambe (FSLIAg/027); 11.09.2009	Prof. Pradeepa Silva (FSLIAg/038); 06.11.2013	Prof Janak K. Vidanarachchi (FSLIAg/113)	BSc (Agric.), D. Agric. (Plant Environmental Science), FSLIAg (Weed Science); Senior Professor in Crop Science; past President of SLOAP, present Editor of SLIAg
12	CM 2	Prof Janak K. Vidanarachchi (FSLIAg/113)	Prof. Pradeepa Silva (FSLIAg/038); 06.11.2013	Prof. Buddhi Marambe (FSLIAg/027); 11.09.2009	PhD in Microbiology; MSc in Food Science; BSc (Agric); Professor in Animal Science
13	CM 3	Dr. M.G.D. Lakmini Priyantha (FSLIAg/053); 30.06.2021	Mr. Supun Thalagoda (FSLIAg/58)	Mr. K.E. Karunatilake (FSLIAg/013)	Director, RRDI, Batalagoda Department of Agriculture, Present Treasurer of SLIAg.
14	CM 4	Mr. T.A. Kamiss (MSLIAg/054); 20.12.2008	Mr. K.E. Karunatilake (FSLIAg/013)	Dr. M.G.D. Lakmini Priyantha (FSLIAg/053)	BSc (Agric.), MSc (Gio-Informatics), MSLIAg; Assistant Director of Agriculture, 1920 Agriculture Advisory Service; Present Assistant Secretary of SLIAg
15	CM 5	Mr. W. L. Hiran Peiris (MSLAIg/260)	Dr. M.G.D. Lakmini Priyantha (FSLIAg/053)	Dr. L.N.A.C. Jayawardena (FSLIAg/055)	Director NAICC, DOA, Gannoruwa, Present GC member of SLIAg

16	CM 6	Mr. Saman Warusavithana (FSLIAg/060); 29.05.2008	Mr. A.S.M. Roshan (MSLIAg/081)	Dr (Ms) J.P. Marasinghe (FSLIAg/046)	BSc (Agric.), Pg Dip (Environmental Engineering and Management); MSLIAg; CEO, John Piper International Pvt Ltd; Past President of OPA, Present GC member of SLIAg
17	CM 7	Mr. Ajith H. Gunasekera (MSLIAg/157); 02.07.2010	Dr W.A.R.T. Wickramaarachchi (FSLIAg/054)	Prof SP Nissanka (FSLIAg/035)	BSc (Agric.), MSLIAg; Chairman/ Managing Director Agrinova (Pvt) Ltd; Chairman of All Island Poultry Association, President of Sri Lanka Association of Animal Production, Vice President & past President of World's Poultry Science Association Sri Lanka. Present Assistant Treasurer of SLIAg
18	CM 8	Mr. M.B. Dissanayake (FSLIAg 66)	Mr. K.E. Karunatilake (FSLIAg/013)	Mr. W. L. Hiran Peiris (MSLAIg/260)	BSc (Agri), MSc (Agri Extension), Ret. Provincial Director (CP)
19	CM 9	Mr. P.K.R. Perera,	Mr. T.A. Kamiss (MSLIAg/054); 20.12.2008	Mr. A.S.M. Roshan (MSLIAg/081) 11.02.2009	BSc (Agri), MSc (Agri Education), Ret. Additional Director General of Agriculture.
20	CM 10	Dr. (Ms). WACK Chandrasiri (MSLIAg/343)	Mr. Amal Arunapriya (FSLIAg/029); 13.03.2005	Mr. W. L. Hiran Peiris (MSLAIg/260)	Director, SEPC, Department of Agriculture
21	CM 11	Dr W.A.R.T. Wickramaarachchi (FSLIAg/054)	Ex-officio member (Former president)		BSc (Agri); MSc (Plant Pathology); PhD (Plant Pathology); FSLIAg (Plant Pathology); Former Senior Program Specialist (PSPD), SAC, Bangladesh; Former Additional Director (NPQS); Director, HORDI, Gannoruwa: DG (Agriculture, Present GC Member of SLIAg

Annexures

Annexure 1: SLIAg memberships awarded after 5th AGM during 2024-25

1.A) List of Student Members

Name	Student membership Number
None	None

1.B) List of Affiliate Members

Name	Affiliate Membership Number
Ms. H M N S Herath	AFSLIAg/043
Mr. T. Satheeshkanth	AFSLIAg/044
Mr. M. Subasinghe	AFSLIAg/045

1.C) List of Associate Members

Name	Associate Membership Number
Mr. LT Gayashan	ASLIAg/032
Mr. WMMP Hulugalla	ASLIAg/034
Mr. LKST Kumara	ASLIAg/035

1.D) List of Professional Members

Name	Professional Membership Number
Mr. Edward De Mel	MSLIAg/336
Mr. U. A. J. Rathnayake	MSLIAg/337
Ms. N. L. A. T. S. Nanayakkara	MSLIAg/338
Dr (Ms). P. Weththasinghe	MSLIAg/339
Ms. PTA Jayasuriya	MSLIAg/340
Mr. A Ponnamperuma	MSLIAg/341
Mr. I .M. U. K. Kumara	MSLIAg/342
Ms. W.A.C.K Chandrasiri	MSLIAg/164
Ms. M N S Rajapakshe	MSLIAg/344
Mr. K G C D B Wijesinghe	MSLIAg/345
Mr. L.H Rajapakse	MSLIAg/346
Dr (Ms). DMUI Dissanayeke	MSLIAg/347
Dr. H.A.N Upekshani	MSLIAg/348
Dr. K.K.P Perera	MSLIAg/349
Dr. K.G.J.P Mahindapala	MSLIAg/350
Mr. KAID Silva	MSLIAg/209

1.E) List of Professional Fellows

Name	Professional Fellow Number	Specialty
Dr. SP Kuruppuarachchi	FSLIAg/078	Irrigation & Agronomy
Prof. Najim MMM	FSLIAg/079	Agricultural Engineering
Prof. S.D Wanniarachchi	FSLIAg/081	Soil Science
Dr. MKSLD Amarathunga	FSLIAg/082	Agricultural Extension
Dr. S. Pathmarajah	FSLIAg/083	Agricultural Engineering
Prof. K.G Premathilake.	FSLIAg/084	Agricultural Engineering
Ms. HM Gammanpila	FSLIAg/085	Horticulture
Prof. KL Wasantha Kumara	FSLIAg/086	Plant Pathology
Dr. S.M Hussain	FSLIAg/087	Agricultural Extension
Mr. GSK Prathapasinghe	FSLIAg/088	Agriculture Business
Mr. SBSK Semasinghe	FSLIAg/089	Agricultural Extension
Prof. DMCC Gunathilake	FSLIAg/090	Food Technology
Dr. KGJP Mahindapala	FSLIAg/091	Agricultural Extension
Mr. SAMR Abeykoone	FSLIAg/092	Agronomy
Dr. WLG Samarasinghe	FSLIAg/093	Biotechnology
Ms. MSW Fernando	FSLIAg/094	Plant Pathology
Mr. PTA Jayasuriya	FSLIAg/095	

Annexure 2

THE CONSTITUION OF THE

SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE (SLIAg)

Adopted on 18.08.2023

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CODE OF ETHICS **11**

PREAMBLE

Sri Lanka Organization of Agriculture Professionals (hereinafter referred to as "SLOAP") which was established in March 2005, has been transformed as to the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "SLIAg") in accordance with the decision taken unanimously at the Special General Meeting of SLOAP held on 18th October 2019. The constitution of SLIAg was adopted unanimously at its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 4th September 2020. Subsequently, several resolutions were proposed to the article 7, 8, 16 and 17 of the constitution and the amended constitution was adopted unanimously at the 2nd AGM of SLIAg held on 30th July 2021.

The SLIAg is committed to enhance and/or uplift the standards of the field of Agriculture, recognizing the profession, ensuring best practices among the membership, upholding the Code of Ethics, Professional conduct and, rules, regulations and by-laws of the Institute pertaining to the members. The Institute will also provide opportunities to improve the knowledge, creativity, competency and innovative ability of Agriculture Professionals to widen the scope of their contribution to the society and to enhance the living environment for the well-being of the people.

This constitution shall supersede all the previous constitution/s, resolutions, rules, regulations and by-laws, practices and their amendments whatsoever passed, resolved or governed and shall be treated hereafter as the supreme document to govern the Institute.

Article 1: NAME

The name of the Organization shall be "Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture".

Article 2: VISION

Achieving excellence in practice of all Agricultural Professionals

Article 3: MISSION

Ensure the facilitation and fostering of professional interests through the Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture towards sustainable development in agriculture in Sri Lanka.

Article 4: GOALS AND FUNCTIONS

1) Promote agriculture as a noble profession
2) Unite all professionals in agriculture in the country under a single umbrella
3) Enhance professionalism among the membership
4) Promote moral conduct and a sense of responsibility among agricultural professionals
5) Advice and intervene in formulating national agricultural policies

Article 5: OBJECTIVES AND POWERS

1) Assist relevant authorities to;
   a. advance the science of agriculture and its application in Sri Lanka
   b. assist education in agriculture at national level
   c. assist, encourage and foster research and development in agriculture at national level
2) Provide assistance to institutions connected with matters related to agriculture
3) Promote the acquisition, dissemination and exchange of knowledge in agriculture by providing a forum for the presentation of research papers and discussion thereon
4) Provide courses of study for the purpose of awarding Diplomas, Postgraduate Diplomas, and Certificates of Competence in demanded disciplines and conduct examinations in accordance with the provisions of the written regulations from time to time as deemed necessary.
5) Undertake special short-term training of personnel on demand.
6) Ensure the maintenance of high standards in the professional activities and the general conduct of its members

7) Recognize the special talents and contributions made by the citizens of Sri Lanka to the development of agriculture
8) Liaise with other scientific and professional organizations in Sri Lanka and abroad.

Article 6: OFFICE

To be announced by the Governing Council (GC)

Article 7: MEMBERSHIP

1) Membership is open only for Sri Lankan citizens.
2) Membership has several categories; Student Members, Affiliated Members, Associate Members, Professional Members, Professional Fellows and Honorary Fellows.
3) Associate Members, Professional Members, Professional Fellows and Honorary Fellows are recognized with the titles of ASLIAg, MSLIAg, FSLIAg and Hon. FSLIAg, respectively.
4) Undergraduates in a UGC-recognized four (4) year Agriculture Degree programme shall be eligible to apply for Student Membership upon successful completion of the first year of the undergraduate study.
5) Affiliated Membership could be obtained as described below.
    a. A graduate with a Student Membership for a minimum of one year duration
    b. A Graduate with a UGC-recognized four (4) year agriculture or agriculture-related degree programme or any other related discipline
    c. Graduates from a UGC-recognized three (3) year agriculture-related degree programme or any other related discipline after graduation and completed two (2) years of work experience in agriculture since graduation
    d. Diploma holders in agriculture with a minimum of National Vocational Qualification level 6 (NVQ-6) or equivalent, with ten (10) years of working experience in agriculture since obtaining the diploma, and passing the qualifying examination conducted by the SLIAg
    e. Diploma holders in agriculture who are qualified with a minimum of National Vocational Qualification level 6 (NVQ-6) or equivalent, with ten (10) years of working experience in agriculture since obtaining the diploma, having relevant postgraduate qualifications or equivalent
6) Associate Membership could be obtained as described below.
    a. A graduate obtaining the Affiliated membership after being a Student Member, and after completing four (4) years of work experience in agriculture since graduation
    b. An Affiliated member after completing five (5) years of work experience in agriculture since graduation
    c. Graduates in a UGC-recognized four (4) year agriculture-related course or any other related discipline after completing six (6) years of work experience in agriculture since graduation
    d. Graduates in a UGC-recognized three (3) year agriculture-related course or any other related discipline completing eight (8) years of work experience in agriculture since graduation
7) Professional Membership could be obtained as described below.
    a. An Associate Member after completing five (5) years of work experience in agriculture since being an Associate Member
    b. Graduates in a UGC-recognized four (4) year agriculture-related course or any other related discipline completing ten (10) years of work experience in agriculture since graduation, and having postgraduate qualifications

c. Graduates in a UGC-recognized three (3) year agriculture-related course or any other related discipline completing twelve (12) years of work experience in agriculture since graduation, and having postgraduate qualifications
d. All Life Members of SLOAP during the transitional period of SLOAP to SLIAg, as per the constitution adopted at the 1st AGM.

8) Professional Fellowship could be obtained as described below.
   a. Professional Members having fifteen (15) years professional practice in the relevant specialty since obtaining postgraduate qualifications
   b. SLOAP members having ten (10) years professional practice in the relevant specialty since obtaining post-graduate qualifications as per the constitution adopted at the 1st AGM.
9) The committee comprising a minimum of three expert members appointed by the Governing Council shall review all applications received for membership. Upon the recommendation of the expert committee to the appropriate membership category for each of the applicants, the Governing Council will approve the Student, Affiliate, Associate and Professional Memberships, and upgrading to the status of Professional Fellows.
10) The eligibility of Professional Fellows will be evaluated and recommended by the GC in consultation with relevant expertise. Fellowships will be approved by the majority of two third of the membership at the Annual or Special General Meeting.
11) Honorary fellows are identified based on the selection criteria prepared by the GC and approved at the AGM
12) Nominations for Honorary Fellowships submitted by the memberships and recommended by the GC should be approved at the AGM.

Article 8: MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. Application Processing fee: LKR 1,000.00
2. Subscription for membership categories
   a. Student Member fee is exempted (only application processing fee is charged)
   b. Affiliate Member fee: LKR 4,000.00
   c. Associate Member fee: LKR 6,000.00
   d. Professional Membership fee: LKR 10,000.00
   e. Upgrading fee from Professional Member to the Professional Fellow: LKR 5,000.00
   f. Honorary Fellows are exempted from the membership fees.

3. Candidates/members are eligible to apply for membership/upgrading membership categories when the required qualifications are met as specified in Article 7 of the Constitution for the membership categories of Student member, Affiliate member, Associate member and Professional member. Upon approval of the request for membership/upgrading by the Governing Council, the respective candidate/member shall settle the payment due as a one-time payment. Student membership is valid for a maximum period of 3 years/ until the respective degree programme completes.

Article 9: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIPS

1) Membership shall be terminated due to;

a. Violation of the Constitution of the SLIAg
b. Acting in a detrimental manner to the objectives of the SLIAg
c. Violation of Code of Ethics of the SLIAg
d. Failure to pay the annual subscription
e. Voluntary resignation
f. Termination of Sri Lankan citizenship
g. Demise

2) Members shall be informed of their termination of the membership in writing.
3) A terminated member is not entitled for any rights of the SLIAg.
4) The terminated member excluding 9.1.(g) above, may appeal to the GC within 30 days after receiving the letter of termination or expulsion, and GC decision on the appeal is final.

Article 10: DUTIES OF MEMBERS

1) Members shall duly execute any task related to SLIAg assigned by GC
2) Abide by and protect the SLIAg constitution and Code of Ethics
3) Take positive action on matters pertaining to the SLIAg and national agricultural development
4) Responsibilities of each category of membership shall be decided by GC based on the necessity.
5) To bring to the notice of the Institution any information that has potential of damaging agricultural development in the country.

Article 11: FINANCIAL YEAR

Financial year shall be from 1st April of any year to 31st March of the following year.

Article 12: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

1) AGM will be held within the first quarter of the financial year on a date decided by the GC.
2) A notice shall be sent to all members at least 21 days before the AGM.
3) Notice of resolutions to be presented at the AGM should reach the General Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM.
4) Agenda of the AGM will be informed to the membership 14 days prior to the meeting.
5) Agenda decided by the GC shall give high priority for official business which include:
   a. Adoption of minutes of the previous AGM
   b. Adoption of annual reports of the GC
   c. Adoption of audited statements of accounts
   d. Award of Professional Fellowships and Honorary Fellowships
   e. Resolutions
   f. Election of GC
   g. Appointment of Auditors
   h. Discussion of important matters pertaining to SLIAg
5) Two third of majority is required to make changes to the constitution of the SLIAg unless otherwise mentioned in the relevant Articles of the constitution.
6) All member categories could be invited to attend the AGM.

Article 13: SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS (SGM)

1) SGMs shall be held at the written or oral request of a minimum of five (5) GC members or a written request by one third of the membership or 50 members whichever is less.

2) Membership shall be informed 14 days prior to the SGM.
3) SGM should discuss only the matters related to the request.
4) All member categories could be invited to attend the SGM.

Article 14: VOTING

1) Only the Professional Members and the Professional Fellows have voting rights.
2) Voting of more than 50% of the total attendance is required to adopt a motion other than to amend the constitution.

Article 15: OFFICE BEARERS

1) Office bearers are the President, three Vice Presidents, General Secretary, two Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and the Editor.
2) Professional Members or Professional Fellows are eligible to be appointed as office bearers.
3) Appointees should have maintained their membership of SLOAP or SLIAg for three consecutive years immediately prior to their appointment as office bearers.

Article 16: GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC)

1) The GC shall comprise of Twenty one (21) members including above ten (10) office bearers and Eleven (11) committee members.
2) An office bearer of the GC shall not hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years.
3) The applications for GC membership should be announced at a minimum of 30 days prior to the scheduled date of an AGM. The application for GC membership should be proposed and seconded by two members and should be received by the GC at least 14 days prior to the scheduled date of an AGM.
4) These applications shall be evaluated by the existing GC and the membership will be informed of the nominations and their professional profiles 21 days prior to the AGM.
5) All GC members should be elected by the Annual General Meeting.
6) In the absence of any application under above 16.4, the Annual General Meeting shall appoint the relevant members of the GC.
7) Nominees to be appointed for the GC should present at the AGM and fulfil the requirement indicated in Article 15.2 and 15.3.
8) Outgoing President and General Secretary should be included in the subsequent GC as council members, in any capacity other than the positions held as decided by the Annual General Meeting.
9) GC members should serve the full term of the elected position unless resigned due to any reason(s) that hinders carrying out his/her entrusted duties and responsibilities. In such cases, the member should submit a letter of request for resignation with reason(s). The GC may accept the resignation.

Article 17: RESPONSIBILITIES OF GC

1) The GC shall be responsible for coordination and management of the activities to achieve the objectives of SLIAg.
2) The GC shall meet at least six times per year or as frequently as required.

3) The GC shall take all steps to maintain the integrity of the membership.
4) The GC members shall take all measures to maintain good rapport with the membership, with the general public, policy makers and related key stakeholders.
5) The GC shall develop mechanisms to keep membership informed about the current issues pertaining to the SLIAg as well as agriculture in the country.
6) The GC may appoint special committees and/or coordinators based on the necessity as decided by the GC.
7) The GC shall appoint a special committee of minimum three members to make inquiries and submit reports on violation of Code of Ethics.
8) If a GC member does not attend the GC Meetings two times continuously without informing, or four times with or without informing continuously the member will automatically cease to be a member of the GC.
9) The GC will appoint another GC member in place of vacant position of an office bearer and the GC will appoint a SLIAg member in place of vacant position of a GC member, for the remaining period of the GC. The membership should be notified within a month from such appointments.
10) The GC shall be responsible to conduct qualifying examinations for Associated Membership as described in the article 7.6.

Article 18: QUORUM

1) Quorum of the General Meetings shall be one third of the professional membership (Professional Members and Fellows) or fifty (50) whichever is less.
2) Quorum of the GC meeting would be nine (9) and should include at least the President or the General Secretary of the SLIAg.

Article 19: PRESIDENT

1) Shall preside at all meetings
2) In the President's absence a Vice President shall preside
3) In the absence of President and all Vice-Presidents a Chairperson will be elected to preside that particular meeting
4) Shall give the leadership to achieve the objectives of the SLIAg

Article 20: GENERAL SECRETARY

1) Shall keep records of meetings
2) Shall maintain an updated list of membership
3) Shall inform members about the current proceedings
4) Shall represent the organization when requested or required on the approval of the President and GC
5) Shall maintain the membership register book and proceedings of the meetings

Article 21: TREASURER

1) Treasurer shall be responsible for financial management of SLIAg by way of collecting membership fees, maintaining accounts of assets and liabilities, keeping records, operating bank account,

taking action to improve on financial status of the SLIAg, handling cash, presenting audited accounts at the AGM, preparing budget estimates as required by the GC.

2) The treasurer shall be the authority for signing cheques together with the President or the General Secretary

Article 22: EDITOR

The Editor shall be responsible for initiating and producing any communication material required by the SLIAg and maintaining the accuracy and the clarity of all the publications, documents and reports of the organization

Article 23: VICE PRESIDENTS

Vice Presidents shall be responsible to assist the President and assigned other duties pertaining to the SLIAg by the GC.

Article 24: ASSISTANT TREASURER

Assistant Treasurer shall be responsible to assist the Treasurer on financial management of SLIAg.

Article 25: ASSISTANT SECRETARIES

Assistant Secretaries shall be responsible for coordinating and keeping up to date records of membership, assisting the General Secretary on routine matters and any other duties assigned by the GC.

Article 26: DECISION MAKING ON CRITICAL ISSUES

When confronted with any critical issue affecting the agricultural sector of the country or the SLIAg, the GC shall appoint special committees of experienced professionals to investigate the matter and submit a report with recommendations to the GC for necessary actions.

Article 27: ISSUING PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Written statements shall be issued by the Editor only with the concurrence of the President and General Secretary bearing their signatures.

Article 28: AFFILIATIONS

This organization may be affiliated with other organizations without compromising the independence of SLIAg, with the consent of two third majority of the General Assembly.

Article 29: DISSOLUTION

Dissolution shall be done in accordance with the rules made under the proposed Act of Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (Incorporation). Upon the dissolution of the SLIAg remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, such property shall not be distributed among the members, but shall be given or transferred to any other institution having objectives similar to SLIAg, based on recommendation of the GC and approved by the two third of the majority at a general meeting.

Article 30: INTERPRETATIONS

1) 'Agriculture' shall mean those scientific disciplines connected to; food crops, plantation crops, export agriculture crops, floriculture, apiculture, livestock, inland fisheries and forestry.
2) 'Agriculture related discipline' means zoology, botany, chemistry, food science and other related sciences which should be accepted by the GC.
3) 'Working experience in agriculture' means technical experience which may enhance knowledge and skills in agriculture technologies and not referred to general administrative skills.
4) 'Professional practice in agriculture' means performing agriculture research and development in the specialty obtained through postgraduate qualifications.
5) 'Professional' (Member or Fellow) means who is technically qualified with the relevant academic qualifications in 'Agriculture' or 'Agriculture related discipline' and possessing 'working experience in agriculture', and performing 'Agriculture' or 'Agriculture related discipline' as the designated profession.

6) ‘Sustainable development in agriculture’ means fulfilling those essential criteria that meet the needs of present and future generations, while ensuring profitability, environmental health, and social and economic equity as defined by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Annexure 3:

CODE OF ETHICS : Sri Lanka Institute of Agriculture (SLIAg)

1. Applicability

All the members of the SLIAg individually and collectively together with the Institute are bound by this code of ethics.

2. General purposes and principles

Quantitative and qualitative outputs / advancements in the field of agriculture are results of scientific and sociological interventions. These in turn are dependent upon the interventions of agricultural professionals, their skills, practices, attitudes, interests, perceptions, conduct and interactions with other relevant professions.

3. CODE

Every Agricultural Professionals shall;

a) Adhere to the highest standards of professionalism defined and accepted by SLIAg
b) Concern about qualitative and / or quantitative contribution to protection, safeguard or improvement of basic needs of human beings in general
c) Commence, maintain their professional conduct with fully honesty, transparency, accountability/ responsibility
d) Act individually and collectively to achieve a positive impact in food and nutritional security (through agriculture) at both locally and internationally
e) Emphasize at all times on gaining, deepening and expanding a positive image for agricultural profession and its stakeholders through involving in agriculture related matters.
f) Help improve scientific and sociological insights and interactions with farmers, members and non-members of SLIAg
g) Share agricultural professionalism conceptually and practically whenever deemed necessary
h) Refrain from acting, reacting and interacting on emotions and subjective issues
i) Respect the abilities, status and capabilities of those who have contributed to development in agriculture
j) Bound by the laws of the land without compromising with the right to hold opinions of natural justice

4. Professionalism

a) Agricultural Professionals shall accept and admit their own errors when proved to be wrong.
b) They shall refrain from distorting or altering facts, opinions and ideas expressed explicitly in order to justify their case. Agricultural Professionals shall act as professional leaders
c) At an event of a professional input delivery, Agricultural Professional shall acknowledge intellectual material and practical contributions rendered by others. They consider 'WE' as more important than "I".

5. Concern

a) Agricultural Professionals shall concern, in their all kinds of professional and non-professional deeds, about development goals (global) with adequate emphasis to conservation, renovation, improvement and utilization of natural resources.
b) Agricultural Professionals must be vigilant on information imperialism that is enforced on the agriculture in developing countries and make a voice against it wherever possible.
c) They shall accept the principle of balance flow of information recognized at UN general assembly

6. Conduct

a) Members should exhibit in their professional career a good integrity and responsibility.
b) Members shall not use improper paths for their career development or professional achievements.
c) When competing with other agricultural professionals for professional goals, actions taken have to be fair and justifiable.
d) Hidden reasons shall not be maintained for overt professional behaviour.

7. Achieve

a) Members shall strive to meet the national objectives of food and nutritional security and environmental quality by providing professional inputs to relevant persons and agencies.
b) Appropriate policy instruments shall be proposed by the association and its members and encouraged to overcome crisis in agriculture

8. Emphasize

a) Members should emphasize everywhere that they conduct professional work as members of SLIAg. This should be highlighted specifically when they are professionally awarded, recognized and/or praised.
b) Agriculture Professionals/ members shall treat the fellow members with due respect regardless of seniority, status or place of work

9. Help

a) Agricultural Professionals shall make information available among fellow members to improve their professionalism.
b) Agricultural Professionals shall try to open avenues for others especially for young agricultural professionals.
c) Agricultural Professionals helps remove obstacles in capacity building and empowerment of fellow Agricultural Professionals.
d) Marginalized, discriminated and neglected Agricultural Professionals shall be encouraged by Agricultural Professionals and their organization to overcome their social, institutional and psychological shackles

10. Share

a) Agricultural Professionals shall volunteer in their personal as well as institutional capacity, to share conceptual and practical aspects in agricultural development with agricultural and non-Agricultural Professionals.
b) Agricultural Professionals shall volunteer to provide their professional input in agricultural policy making and strategic implementation.
c) Agricultural Professionals shall respect the indigenous technologies and give due recognition to the respective founder/practitioners.
d) Agricultural Professionals shall encourage employees/ Agricultural Professionals to participate and present papers at professional and technical fora.

11. Refrain

a) Agricultural Professionals shall not accept any undue remuneration / recognition for their professional work / contributions to maintain the good name and the conduct of SLIAg.
b) Agricultural Professionals should refrain from issuing statements on sensitive issues without having solid objective arguments or concrete scientific evidence that could undermine professionalism.

12. Respect

a) Every Agricultural Professional shall earn respect by making a positive contribution to the knowledge domains of agricultural disciplines.
b) Agricultural Professionals respects all the other professions and professionals with due regards.
c) Agricultural Professionals shall not attempt to tarnish the professional career, recognition or image of the others on falls and malicious grounds

13. Bound

a) Agricultural Professionals stand sole responsibility for their misconduct and are bound to be prosecuted under general laws of land.
b) Agricultural Professionals shall adhere to the rules and regulations of institutions they are attached to.
c) They should follow code of ethics of their other related organizations with no discriminations to the code of ethic of the SLIAg