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Preface

University of Ruhuna as the knowledge hub of the southern province proud to have a large number of eminent scholars who accomplish research with the emphasis of development of economy and the social standards of this country. Academic Sessions of the University of Ruhuna has been a good platform for them to publish their research. Further, it has become an important annual event of the university calendar. Findings of any research should be subjected to consideration and discussion among the intellectual community before bring forward and shaping out the ideas generated. This year, excellent papers were submitted in a rich variety of subject areas. As the diversity was so great that one of the challenges was to group sets of papers into sessions that made sense.

Credit for the quality of the Proceedings goes first and foremost to the authors. They contributed a great deal of effort and creativity to produce this work, and we would like to thank them for their effort. All of the authors who submitted papers, both accepted and rejected, are responsible for keeping the Academic Sessions as an vital event. The committee members worked hard and we met to make the final decisions in very busy schedules.

There was no quota for the number of papers to be accepted. Each paper was judged individually on the basis of its content and clarity of exposition. As the result of a lot of preparation by and discussions between committee members beforehand, the quality of the proceeding has been improved dramatically.

Editing the Proceedings has been a great privilege for us. We have been impressed with the quality and variety of the papers and posters submitted for Sixth Academic Sessions. We would like to thank the reviewers and session chairpersons and judges of the sessions for their invaluable help and comments made on processing the papers. We hope that research findings published in this proceedings of the Sixth Academic Sessions will generate new knowledge ensuring the well being of the people in this country and science in general.



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Message from the Vice Chancellor

It indeed gives me a great pleasure to send a message to the Proceedings of the Sixth Academic Sessions of the University of Ruhuna. I am happy to note that the annual Academic Sessions has now become an important academic calendar event of the University of Ruhuna. It is a very good opportunity for our academic staff and students to present their research endeavours. Research, or the incessant search for new knowledge, is an integral part not only of any university worthy of its name, but also of all human enterprise.

The academics, other staff and students of the University of Ruhuna are making their name in many fields of knowledge and expertise. The annual Academic Sessions will facilitate our academics, staff and students in developing and shaping their research skills and capability. Therefore, I am pleased to find that every year there is growing interest in submitting papers for presentation.

I am sure that the publication of the research papers presented at the Seventh Academic Sessions will be an incentive to our researchers for future endeavours in their research areas of interest and expertise.

Professor Susirith Mendis
Vice-Chancellor

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