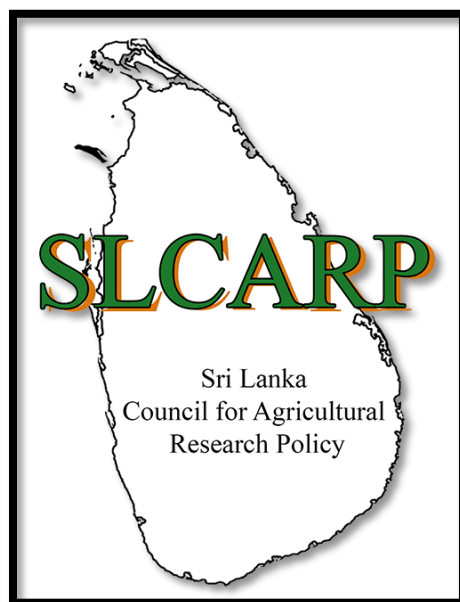


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VISION

A vibrant and sustainable agricultural research, development and innovation system assuring socio-economic development of Sri Lanka

MISSION

To ensure agricultural research, development and innovations are directed towards national development goals through policy formulation, facilitation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and impact assessment.

GOALS

Goal 1: To orient agriculture research, development and innovation to national development goals

Goal 2: Promote capacity development in the National Agricultural Research System

Goal 3: Achieve world class research, development and innovation status

Goal 4: Promote continuous performance appraisal in line agencies

Goal 5: Promote dissemination and awareness creation of the National Agriculture Research, development and innovations

Goal 6: Strengthen institutional capacity of SLCARP in order to NARS

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SLCARP

1. To achieve excellence in the agriculture research, development and innovation
2. To orient agriculture research and innovation to achieve National Development Agenda
3. To develop capacity of the National Agriculture Research and Innovation System (Scientific and Technical)
4. To promote demand driven research of high standards to support agriculture developments.
5. To promote International, Regional and National level corporation, in order to achieve world class research, development and innovation
6. To monitor and evaluate progress of national research, development and innovation programmes and institutions
7. To promote dissemination and awareness of the national agriculture research, development and innovation programmes
8. To strengthen institutional capacity of the SLCARP in order to achieve National Development Agenda

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL 2017

1. Dr. S.S.B.D.G. Jayawardena / Chairman, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy
2. Mr. D.V. Bandulasena, Secretary, State Ministry of Agriculture
3. Mr. N. D. R. Weerawardhana / Additional Conservator General of Forest, Department of Forest,
4. Mr. N.S.H. Dalpadadu/ 379, Ampitiya, Kandy.
5. Mrs. P.C. Maduwanthi Mummullage / Director, Department of Management Services, Ministry of Finance and Planning
6. Mr. H.G. Sumanasinghe/Director General, Department of Management Services, Ministry of Finance and Planning,
7. Prof. K. Samarasinghe /Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya,
8. Dr. R.R. Wijekoon, Director General, Department of Agriculture,
9. Dr. H.M.P. Kithsiri, Deputy Director General, National Aquatic Resource Research and Development Agency
10. Dr. S. S. P. Silva, Director, Veterinary Research Institute,
11. Dr. I. S. B. Abeysinghe, Director, Tea Research Institute,
12. Mr. W. Madawanarachchi, Director. CIC, D. R. WijewardenaMawatha, Colombo 10.
13. Prof. Sirimalee Feranado, Chairperson, National Science Foundation,
14. Dr. J. D. H. Wijewardena, Secretary, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

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ATTENDANCE IN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

No.	Name	Council meeting No. and Date										Total Attendance
		199 31.01.2017	200 28.02.2017	201 28.03.2017	202 25.04.2017	203 27.06.2017	204 29.08.2017	205 26.09.2017	206 31.10.2017	207 28.11.2017	208 19.12.2017	
1	Dr. S. S. B. D.G Jayawardane	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	10
2	Mr. D.V Bandulasena	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	08
3	Dr. N.D.R Weerawadena	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	10
4	Dr. I.S.B Abeysinghe	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	05
5	Mr. N.S.H Dalpadadu	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	09
6	Mr. H.G Sumanasinghe	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	X	X	X	X	X	X	00
7	Prof. K Samarasinghe	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	09
8	Dr. S.S.P Silva	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	10
9	Mr. W Madawanarachchi	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	04
10	Dr. R.R Wijekoon	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Present	07
11	Dr. H.M.P Kithsiri	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	09
12	Prof. Sirimalee Fernando (Appointed on 08/02/2017)	*	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	04
13	Ms. P.C Maduwanthi (Appointed on 07/06/2017)	*	*	*	*	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	05
14	Dr. J.D.H Wijewardena	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	10
	Total	10	10	9	11	11	9	10	10	10	10	100

X Resigned

***** not appointed

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017

During 2017, Ten Council meetings were held. Dr. S.S.B.D.G. Jayawardane was the Chairman of the Council during the 2017 and Dr. J. D. H. Wijewardena was the Secretary of the Council.

AUDIT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE-2017

During the year 2017, five meetings were held by the Audit and Management Committee (AMC) of SLCARP to discuss matters relating to Finance and Administrative matters.

No	Name		AMC meeting No. and Date				
			48 13.06.17	49 21.08.17	50 19.10.17	51 13.11.17	52 18.12.17
1	Mrs. P. C. Maduwanthi (Chairperson)	Director, Department of Management Services	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
2	Mr. D.V. Bandulasena (Member)	Secretary, State Ministry of Agriculture	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
3	Dr. H.M.P. Kithsiri (Member)	Deputy Director General (Research and Development), National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present
4	Mrs. Sunanda Padmini (Observer)	Superintendent, Government Audit Division, Ministry of Agriculture	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
5	Mr. P.L. Namasena, (Observer)	Internal Auditor, Ministry of Agriculture	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
6	Dr.(Mrs.) N.S. Jayasekara	Senior Scientist, SLCARP	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

INTRODUCTION

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) was established on 22nd December, 1987 under the Ministry of Agriculture with the enactment of the SLCARP Act No 47 of 1987. Since then, SLCARP has been actively engaged in supporting agricultural research in the National Agricultural Research System (NARS). Among its mandated functions, the primary responsibility of SLCARP is to develop policies and strategies to strengthen research and development in the agricultural sector by creating conducive environment in the NARS. The main functions of the SLCARP is to identify research priority areas, facilitate interaction through sharing of information on the respective fields, resolve constraints confronted in research and play a role in enhancing the activities of the respective committees. At present there are Twelve National Committees established by the Council:

- i. National Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology (NCAB),
- ii. National Committee on Agricultural Mechanization (NCAM),
- iii. National Committee on Aquatic Resources (NCAR),
- iv. National Committee on Floriculture Research and Development (NCFRD),
- v. National Committee on Forestry (NCF),)
- vi. National Committee on Livestock and Poultry (NCLP),
- vii. National Committee on Natural Resources Management, Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change (NCNRMSACC),
- viii. National Committee on Organic Agriculture(NCOA),
- ix. National Committee on Crop Improvement and Agronomy (NCPB),
- x. National Committee on Plant Protection (NCP),)
- xi. National Committee on Post-Harvest Technology and Human Nutrition (NCPHTHN),
- xii. National Committee on Socio Economics and Policy Analysis (NCSEPA),

In addition, special scientific committees were appointed for specific scientific services such as;

- i. Editorial Board of Sri Lanka Journal of Food and Agriculture,
- ii. National Committee on Agricultural Research Management and Policy (NCARP),
- iii. Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET),
- iv. Advisory Committee on International Linkages
- v. Sub committees on Research Allowance

MANDATED FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

1. To advise the Government on all matters regarding the organization, co-ordination, planning and execution of agricultural research and such other related matters as may be referred to it by the Minister ;
2. To formulate National agricultural research policy and priorities;
3. To define the overall aims and scope of agricultural research with a view to furthering national development objectives ;
4. To make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the financial, manpower and physical resources required by agricultural research institutions and establishments and on the terms and conditions of service of the staff of such institutions and establishments;
5. To review institutional and departmental agricultural research programmes and make recommendations with regard to their priorities and funding to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance and Planning;
6. To promote and facilitate excellence in agricultural research;
7. To act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government;
8. To arrange for and fund inter-institutional agricultural research projects;
9. To arrange for and fund special scientific services for services for the entire agricultural research sector;
10. To promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at National and International level;
11. To organize conferences and seminars on international, national and inter-institutional issues relating to agricultural research;
12. To arrange the post-graduate training of agricultural research staff and for interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad; and
13. To review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions and divisions from time to time.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Year 2017 was a very fruitful year for the SLCARP activities as it was able to successfully implement many important mandated functions. The National Agricultural Research Policy prepared in 2011 expired in 2016 and SLCARP for the first time reviewed the relevance of Agriculture Policy prepared in 2011 to meet the future challenges of the Agricultural sector. New National Agricultural Research Policy preparation was undertaken by having intensive consultations with all stakeholders of NARS. Present National Agricultural Research Policy was prepared to cover a period of 10 years. In this exercise Cashew Cooperation and Palmyrah Research Institute were brought under NARS for the first time and their participation was solicited in covering the mandate of these two important sectors. In defining the overall aims and scope of Agriculture Research with a view to furthering National objectives, many workshops on emerging challenges to Agriculture, like impact of Climate Change, need for a 04th generation nutrition management and importance of diversification of plantation sector were conducted during 2017.

In promoting and facilitating excellence in agricultural research, SLCARP National Awards ceremony for Excellence in Agriculture Research was conducted successfully by presenting cash awards to scientists who excelled in different sectors. During 2017 SLCARP Management endeavoured to strengthen International linkages by following up on MOU's between SLCARP and ICAR and it was possible to send three scientists for PhD programme in India. In strengthening International relations SLCARP funded a local PhD student for short term research in Michigan State University USA. MoU's between MARDI and SLCARP was followed up by preparing the work plan for implementation. While a delegation of BARC scientists visited Sri Lanka to finalize the work plan under the MoU signed between the two organizations.

Under the Capacity Building programme, SLCARP highlighted to the government a serious situation where scientific capacity under NARS has declined to a very low level due to retirement of highly qualified senior scientists. With this information, Cabinet memorandum was submitted to request funds for training of NARS scientists at PhD and MSc level. Government through Cabinet approval has provided Rs. 300 Million per year over the next 05 years to train NARS Scientist in Malaysia, Thailand, India and Philippines. Another important mandate of SLCARP is to review the performance of

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agriculture research projects of various institutes and for this purpose 12 disciplinary committees regularly reviewed all research programmes and necessary recommendations were made.

Similarly, subcommittee on research allowance reviewed 119 projects and approved research allowances for suitable projects. Two institutes under NARS namely Institute of Post-Harvest Technology (IPHT) and Fruit Research and Development Institute (FRDI) of the Department of Agriculture were reviewed by special external review panels. Review committee reports were submitted to the Council and to the respective institutes and it was decided to monitor the progress of implementation of recommendations made by the respective external review committees.

In ensuring good governance procedures regular Audit and Management Committee meetings were held under the chairmanship of the Treasury representative as a member of the council and all administrative and financial decisions were taken in accordance with A&M recommendations.

Dr. S.S.B.D.G. Jayawardena

Chairman,

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

As the Apex body of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS), Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy has to coordinate research and human resources development in the National Agricultural Research Institutes. In 2017 SLCARP submitted a proposal to the cabinet of ministers requesting Rs. mn. 300 per year to develop the human resources in the NARS institutes for the next 5 years at PhD and MSc levels in Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines and India. In addition the preparation of the National Agricultural Research Policy and Strategy is an important mandated function of the SLCARP. The previous Research Policy documents were prepared for the period of 2003 to 2010 and 2012 to 2016. SLCARP in 2017 consulted relevant stakeholders in the NARS including plantation, non-plantation, forestry, floriculture, livestock and poultry and aquatic resources sectors and was successfully able to formulate National Agricultural Research Policy and Strategy for the period of 2018 - 2027.

SLCARP in 2017 successfully completed External Review of two NARS institutes such as, Institute of Post-Harvest Technology (IPHT), Anuradhapura and Fruit Research and Development Institute (FRDI), Horana, including their sub-stations by two panels appointed by SLCARP. Final Review Reports were submitted to the heads of the respective institutes and to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture for information and follow up on Review Committee recommendations. Based on the success in 2017 of this programme, SLCARP has received more financial allocation in 2018 to expand the External Review programme among other NARS Institutes.

For encouraging NARS scientists, under mandated function of the Excellence in Agricultural Research in Sri Lanka, biennial SLCARP National Awards Ceremony was held in December 2017. Applications were called through public advertisements for the research projects which were completed in between 2011-2014. Total of eight (8) winners were selected by an independent selection panel and an evaluation panel comprised with well-known eminent scientists in Sri Lanka in three (3) main categories named Plantation Sector, Non-plantation Sector and Livestock and Fisheries Sector. The winners were commended with a cash prize along with certificate of Merit and a token. The said

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SLCARP National Award Ceremony was held at Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo 07 on 14th December 2017 with the participation of the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture as the Chief Guest.

In addition, during the year 2017, committee members in the 12 National Committees were re-appointed and held few committee meetings to finalize the Research Priorities documents and monitor the progress of projects funded under the NARP. All National Committees have effectively compiled National Agricultural Research Priorities 2017-2021 for each discipline and distributed among all the stakeholders. Meanwhile, Committees monitored the progress of 76 NARP projects conducted by the institutes in the NARS and approved 26 new projects to be implemented in 2018 to achieve productive results for the National Economy. In an analysis of the Action Plans of all NARS Institutes in 2017, it was realized that all Institutes compliance to the National Research Priorities set by the SLCARP.

In 2017, SLCARP was able to re-establish its web site which was paralyzed in last few years. SLCARP Journal, electronic library, Information on National and international linkages, publications of the SLCARP and other valuable data are available in the website. Similarly, an important achievement in 2017 was the acceptance the Sri Lanka Journal of Food and Agriculture (SLJFA) to the Sri Lanka Online Journals Database.

Last but not least I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Chairman, Council members and the staff of the SLCARP for their untiring support given to accomplish the objectives of the SLCARP on the way to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. J. D. H. Wijewardena

Secretary

Sri Lanka Council of Agricultural Research Policy

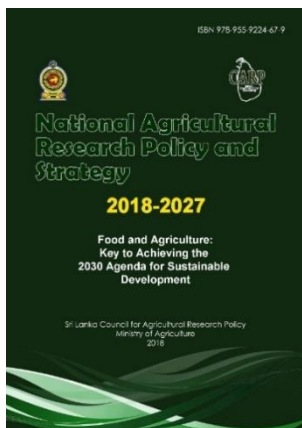
Activities of the SLCARP in 2017

Agricultural Research Policy Formulation

Mandated Function Covered

- To Advise the Govt. on all Matters Regarding the Organization, Coordination, Planning and Execution of Agricultural Research and Such Other Related Matters as may Referred by the Minister (1).
- Formulation of National Agricultural Research Policy & Priorities (2)
- Defining Overall Aims and Scope of Agricultural Research with a View to Furthering National Development Objectives (3)
- Organize Conferences & Seminars on Inter-Institutional, National and International Issues Relating to Agricultural Research (11)

National Agricultural Research Policy and Strategy 2018-2027



Preparation of the Research Policy and Strategy of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) is an important mandated function of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Policy (SLCARP). The previous policy documents were prepared for the period of 2003 to 2010 and 2012 to 2016. SLCARP in 2017 prepared the Agricultural Research Policy and Strategy for the period of 2018 to 2027. Priority was given to review the previous policy in relation to its relevance and adequacy. It was revealed that R & D agenda of most of organizations were not well within the priorities set by SLCARP. In order to ensure the need to create ownership for the priorities to the respective organization, the present Policy and Strategy were prepared through a process of consultation with all NARS institutes with the participation of stakeholders. For this purpose intensive discussions and consultations were held with the non-plantation agricultural institutes, plantation sector institutes, livestock & poultry sector institutes, fisheries sector institutes, forestry, floriculture and export

agricultural sector institutes and finalized the National Agricultural Research Policy and Strategy 2018-2027.

Third document of the National Agricultural Research Policy declared by the SLCARP for the period of 2018 – 2027 and the document was distributed to all Deans of the Faculties of Agriculture in addition to all scientists and policy makers in Ministries, SLCARP Council Members, SLCARP National Committee Members, Directors of Institutes of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS), Private Sector Organizations, other relevant institutes and the general public for comments. All the Comments were incorporated and finalized the National Agricultural Research Policy and Strategy 2018-2027.

National Agricultural Research Plan (NARP) Year 2017

National Agricultural Research Plan of Sri Lanka (NARP) is the document containing the research projects of the institutions of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and agriculture related Faculties of the National Universities. These projects are designed in accordance with the priority areas identified by Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for a particular period. Currently the research projects of Department of Agriculture, Department of Export Agriculture, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research & Training Institute and agriculture related Faculties of the National Universities are operated under this programme. This document is prepared annually including one to three year period.

The research project proposals submitted by relevant institutions NARS to SLCARP are evaluated by the relevant National Subject Committees functioning at the SLCARP for recommendation for funding. These recommended projects are included in the NARP document. Monitoring of progress of these research projects done by relevant National Committees of SLCARP bi- annually and the Evaluation of the Terminal Report for the research programmes.

In 2017, twenty six project proposals were evaluated and out of that twenty (20) new research programmes/ projects including eleven (11) projects from the Department of Agriculture, four (04) projects from the Department of Export Agriculture and five (05) projects from Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, had been recommended for funding in the year 2018. Two

projects were granted Phase II while eight projects were extended for further one year with funds. The number of projects which were in operation in year 2017 were; 57 of the Department of Agriculture, 09 of the Department of Export Agriculture, and 12 of the National Universities. Total Number of projects in operation in 2017 were 78.

National Committees of SLCARP

i) National Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology (NCAB)

In the year 2017, 3 meetings were held by the National Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology. A New committee was appointed for the Third term of the committee. The first meeting of the Committee in this year was the last committee meeting of the second term of Dr. Gamini Samarasinghe, Additional Director of Plant Genetic Resource Centre (PGRC) served as the Chairman of the Committee. At the Second meeting Dr. Jayantha Senanayake was appointed as the Chairman of the new Committee. Dr. Padmini C Girihagama, Senior Scientist of SLCARP continued her service as the Coordinator of the Committee. In the year 2017, 9 projects of Agricultural Biotechnology were conducted under the NARP programme, by the Scientists of Department of Agriculture (6) and Universities (3). These ongoing NARP research projects were monitored by the Committee members. On site project monitoring of four NARP projects at the Plant Virus Indexing Centre (PVIC) were done. All these projects had shown satisfactory physical progress but financial progress was not satisfactory. National Agricultural Research Priorities: 2017-2022 was published and distributed among the stake holders.

ii) National Committee on Crop Improvement & Agronomy (NCCIA)

In the year 2017, 10 meetings were held by the National Committee on Crop Improvement and Agronomy. The first meeting of the Committee in this year was the last committee meeting of the second term of Dr. J M Senevirathne, Deputy. Director (Research) of Department of Export Agriculture Served as the Chairman of the Committee and Dr. Padmini C Girihagama, Senior Scientist of SLCARP continue her service as the Coordinator of the Committee. During this year 32 projects were operated including 25 projects from DOA, 5 from DEA and 2 from Universities. All these 32 projects were

monitored and all these projects had shown satisfactory physical progress but financial progress was not satisfactory.

Four new project proposals from Department of Agriculture were evaluated and out of that two projects were recommended for funding and included in NARP 2018 Programme. National Research Priorities in Plant Crop Improvement in Sri Lanka was published and distributed among relevant stakeholders.

(iii) National Committee on Agricultural Mechanization

The role of National Committee on Agricultural Mechanization of SLCARP is to identify research needs and formulate policies on agricultural mechanization. The committee comprises members from public and private sector organizations who are actively involved in development and dissemination of appropriate technologies on mechanization to the agriculture sector in Sri Lanka. The labour scarcity in agriculture sector poses severe limitations for increasing productivity of agricultural lands threatening food security in Sri Lanka. The National Committee on Agricultural Mechanization, after thorough review of present status and developing trends in agriculture in Sri Lanka, has identified national priorities for the next decade. The research priority areas for mechanization are Land Preparation, Crop Establishment, Crop Management, Harvesting, Post harvesting and By-products, Residue and Waste Management and Pollution Control.

iv) National Committee on Aquatic Resources (NCAR)

Two Committee Meetings were held by the National Committee on Aquatic Resources in 2017 for planning workshops and other research coordination activities. New members appointed to the National Committee on Aquatic Resources for a period of one year (April 2017 – March 2018) through head of Department/Institutions.

The research priorities document was prepared and it articulates background, rationale, focus and scope of the research, overall objectives and sub-themes in the following thematic areas: (1) Environmental Conservation and Management (2) Inland Aquatic Resources and Aquaculture (3) Post-Harvest Technology and Value Addition (4) Marine Biological Resources (5) Fishing Technology (6) Socio-Economic and Marketing (7) Hydrography (8) Oceanography. The printed document was sent

to the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development, relevant NARS Institutes, Deans of the relevant University Faculties, relevant NGOs and Private Sector Organizations for implementation.

v) National Committee on Floriculture Research and Development (NCFRD)

Mr. K. Nanayakkara Yapa, Director General, Department of National Botanic Gardens (DNBG) was appointed as Chairman of the Committee and Dr. S M P Chandra Padmini, Senior Research Officer of the SLCARP served as coordinator of the committee. During the year 2017, three committee meetings were held to evaluate progress of NARP Projects, Screening of New NARP projects, coordinate stakeholder workshop and to conduct Tenth National Symposium of Floriculture Research (10th NASFLOR) and to finalized the document of research priorities of Floriculture Research for next five years. Two ongoing projects were evaluated which were conducted at the Department of Agriculture. New projects were screened and one was recommended for NARP 2018.

vi) National Committee on Forestry (NCF)

In 2017 the National Committee on Forestry met for total 03 times. In the first meeting National Research Priorities on Forestry document of the SLCARP was prepared by the committee after hearing the issues in various avenues of the Forestry sector. The same was uploaded in the SLCARP website for easy access by the researchers. Furthermore, an Action Plan for the year 2018 of the Committee was prepared based on the issues and needs identified by the committee members throughout the year 2017. The committee evaluated the progress of the ongoing NARP research project. This meeting was held at the SLCARP on 23 October 2017.

vii) National Committee on Livestock and Poultry (NCLP)

Two Committee Meetings were held by the National Committee on Livestock and Poultry in 2017 for research coordination activities. New members appointed to the National Committee on Livestock and Poultry for a period of one year (April 2017 – March 2018) through head of Department/Institutions.

The National Research Priorities on Livestock and Poultry 2017-2021 articulates background, rationale, focus and scope of the research, overall objectives and sub-themes in the following thematic areas: (1) Animal Breeding and Reproduction (2) Animal Feed, Feeding and Nutrition (3) Animal Health and Hygiene (4) Safety and Quality of Livestock and Poultry (LP) Products (5) Production Systems, Economics and Marketing (6) Livestock Waste, Environment and Society and (7) Animal (Livestock) Welfare. This document was distributed (257 copies) to the Ministry of Rural Economy, relevant NARS Institutes, Deans of the relevant University Faculties, relevant NGOs and Private Sector Organizations.

viii) National Committee on Natural Resources Management, Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change (NCNRMSACC)

Dr. Ajantha De Silva, Director, Natural Resources Management Centre of the Department of Agriculture has been appointed as Chairman of the Committee and Dr. S M P Chandra Padmini, Senior Research Officer of the SLCARP served as the coordinator of the committee. During the year 2017, two committee meetings were held to evaluate progress of NARP Projects and Screening of New NARP projects. Three Stakeholder workshops were conducted for present status of research activities on climate change adaptations and to prepare the Road Map of Climate Change Researches and one workshop to discuss the use of fourth generation fertilizers in the country. The Committee evaluated progress of the 10 research projects in National Agricultural Research Plan in 2017 and screened the 02 new research projects and approved one research for funding in 2018.

ix) National Committee on Organic Agriculture (NCOA)

In 2017 the National Committee on Organic Agriculture conveyed 02 technical discussions and 01 National Workshop with a vision to improve the research base of the organic agriculture sector. In 2017 the first ever National Research Priorities on Organic Agriculture document of the SLCARP was published for the period 2017 to 2021 and printed copies were send to individual researchers currently engaged and interested in the sector and to libraries in the National Agricultural Research system.

The SLCARP training workshop Organic Agriculture was held at the Plant Genetic Resources Center (PGRC) Auditorium on 15th September 2017. The National Committee drafted an Action Plan for the year 2018 and discussed the lapses in the existing composition of the National Committee on Organic Agriculture with a vision of furthering the committee's contribution the National organic research base.

x) The National Committee on Plant Protection (NCPPI)

Dr. Keerthi Mohotti, Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka served as the Chairman of the Committee and Dr. Shanika Jayasekera, served as the Coordinator of the Committee. During the year 2017, three committee meetings were held. During the year, Committee worked on several activities such as priority setting, monitoring of half yearly progress of the NARP projects, screening of new research proposals. In the discipline of Plant Protection 08 research projects were evaluated.

xi) National Committee on Post-Harvest Technology and Human Nutrition (NCPHTN)

Dr. D. B. T. Wijeratne, Assistant Representative, Food and Agriculture Organization served as the Chairman of the committee and Dr. Shanika Jayasekera was the Coordinator of the Committee. A total of four meetings in Postharvest Technology and Human Nutrition were convened of which two meetings were devoted for evaluation of NARP research proposals. The committee also evaluated 16 research projects of the Institute of Post-harvest Technology for year 2017 and the comments of the evaluators were submitted to the Institute Post Harvest Technology (IPHT).

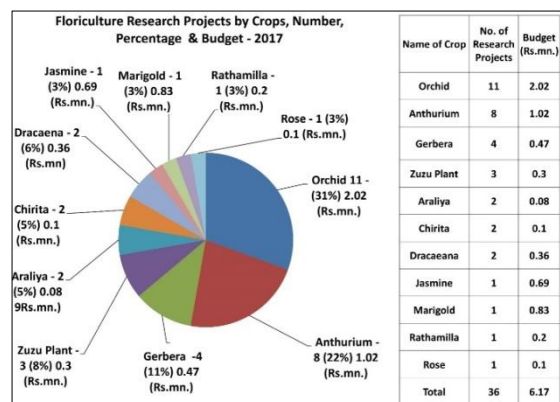
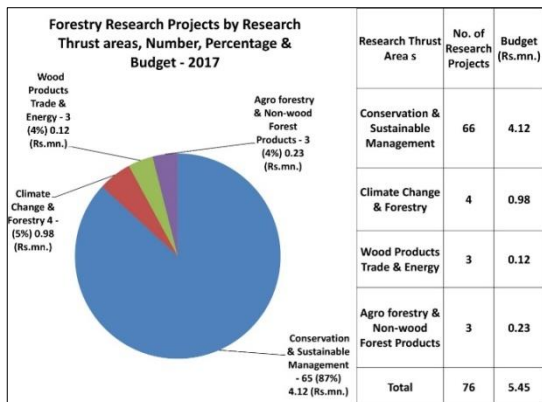
xii) National Committee on Socio-Economic and Policy Analysis (NCSEPA)

Prof. H. L. J. Weerahewa was the Chairperson of the National Committee and new members were appointed in 2017. Dr. Frank Niranjana served as the Coordinator of the Committee and four committee meetings were held during the year. One research proposal received for Treasury funding in 2017 was evaluated by the Committee and accepted the proposal with major comments. Proposal had been accepted after satisfactory incorporation of comments by the principal investigator of the research project. Stakeholder workshop was conducted to update the document of National research priorities on Socio-Economic and Policy Analysis the document was published and distributed among relevant

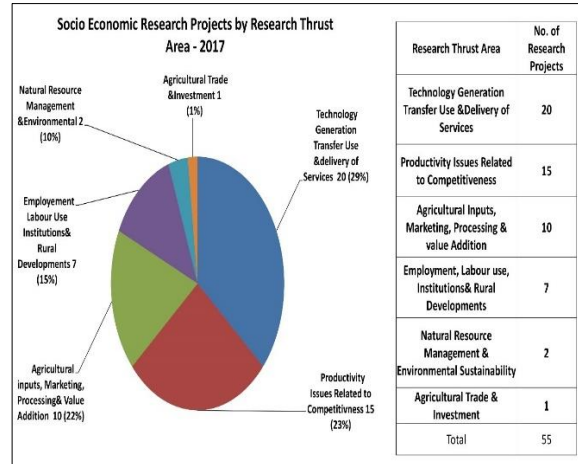
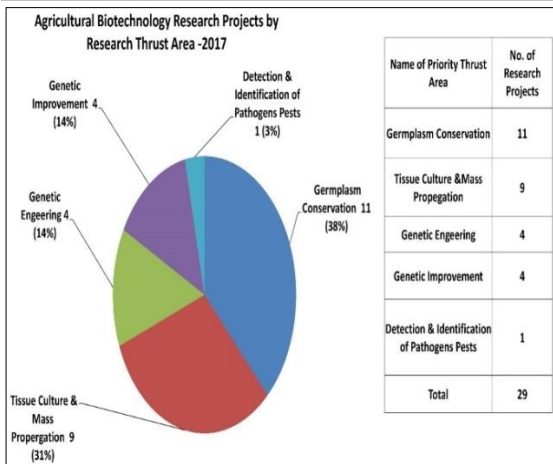
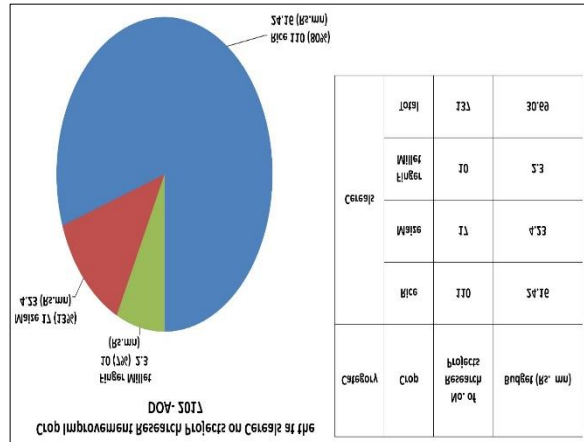
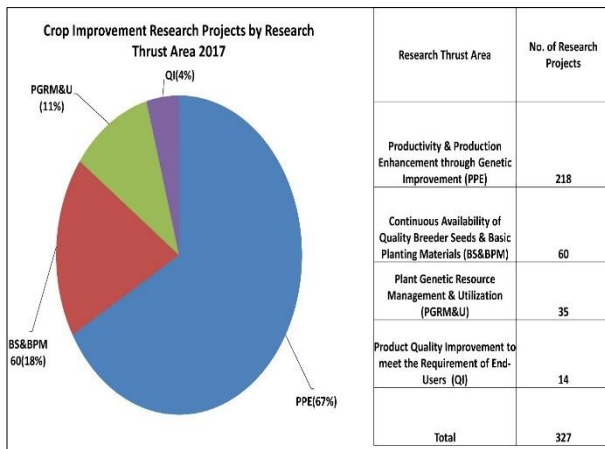
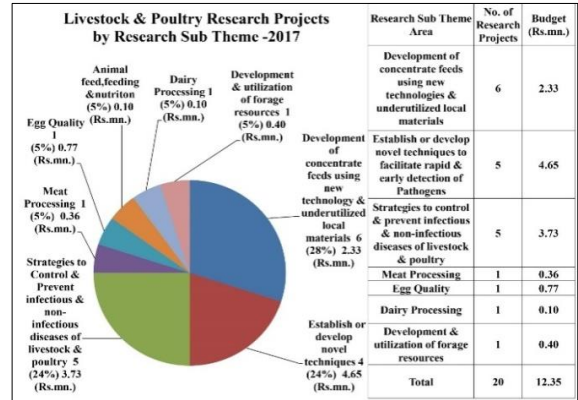
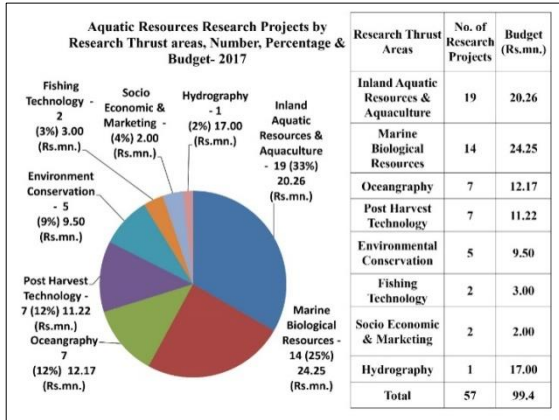
authorities. In 2017 two Committee Meetings were held by the National Committee on Socio-Economics and Policy Analysis for monitoring and evaluation of Research Proposals. New members appointed to the National Committee on Socio Economics and Policy Analysis a period of one year (April 2017 – March 2018) through head of Department/Institutions

Analysis of Research Action Plans of National Agricultural Research System (NARS) Institutes

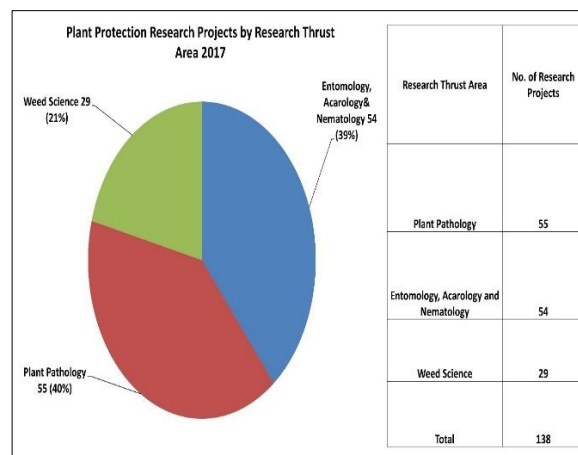
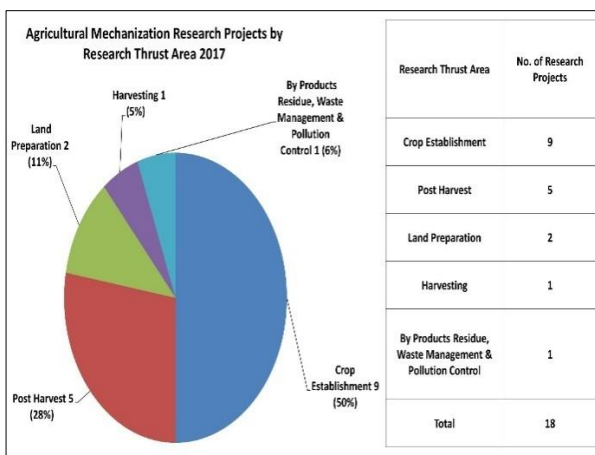
One of the functions of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) Act No. 47 of 1987) is review the performance of Agricultural Research Projects, Institutions and Divisions from time to time. With regard to the above, SLCARP has organized a seminar for progress reviewers of each institution in the National Agricultural Research System to participate and share experience with each other to undertake this function more efficiently. In this connection, institutes had presented the half yearly progress in June 2017. Review of the year-end progress is scheduled in January 2018. Around 50 scientists/progress reviews were participated in this session. Research Action Plans of 23 Research Institutes were collected from the National Agricultural Research System (NARS). Sector-wise and institute-wise analyses were completed for the said NARS institutes. Almost all the research projects are within the research priorities set by SLCARP. The entire institutes Directors were formally informed. The results of the detail analysis were uploaded to SLCARP Website and Face book for information.



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Workshop on writing a winning research proposal for NARP programme: a definitive guide



Having identified by the National Committees of SLCARP that proposal writing ability of NARS scientists were very poor and not up to the standard, SLCARP has conducted a one day workshop on **“Writing a winning Research proposal for NARP Programme: a definitive guide”** on 21st December 2017 for the junior and middle level scientists at National Agricultural Research System of Sri Lanka (NARS) at the SLCARP Secretariat. Forty scientists were participated at this workshop and the total cost incurred in this workshop was Rs. 30,000.00.

The objective of the workshop is to improve the proposal writing skills of scientists in the arena of the Science and Technology and thereby getting more quality research proposal for NARP-2019.

Training programme was evaluated by the participants using the given evaluation form and It is evident from the evaluation that this workshop and the theme has been highly appreciated. Majority of participants have requested two day programme. Therefore, SLCARP propose to conduct many workshops of this nature such as Project Proposal writing, Statistical designing, Data analysis, Scientific writing, Report writing etc.

Training Workshop Organic Agriculture

The SLCARP training workshop Organic Agriculture was held at the Plant Genetic Resources Center (PGRC) Auditorium on 15 September 2017 with the support of the Department of Agriculture for the venue and video coverage. Subject related NARP research applications which were received during the previous year showed critical rejection rate and applicants who are interested in the organic agriculture research were not available in the year 2017 to compete for the research grant made available by the General Treasury and the Ministry of Agriculture. Thus, the above tailor-made training session was produced by the National Committee on Organic Agriculture to address the most common mistakes in the related research proposals organic agriculture submitted by the applicants. Approximately 50 professionals currently experienced and deeply engaged in the sector or interested in newly involving in this sector attended this workshop. Participants were introduced to selected five critical themes including the Organic Agriculture Markets and Products, Priorities in the National Research Programme, Facts and Numbers of the Research Gaps Currently Existing, Standards and Certifications Requirements in the Sector, Related Government Policy Initiatives and Material Inputs for the Sector by Dr. Sarath Ranaweera, Chairman of the Biofoods Pvt. Ltd. and the National Committee on Organic Agriculture of the SLCARP, Prof. S.P. Nissanka, in the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Dr. H.G. Hitinayaka, Senior lecturer in the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya and member of the National Committee on Organic Agriculture of the SLCARP and the National Committee on Participatory Guaranteed System (PGS) of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Thilak Kariyawasam, President of the Lanka Organic Agriculture Movement (LOAM) and member of the National Committee on Organic Agriculture of the SLCARP, Dr. J D H Wijewardena, Secretary of the SLCARP and Ms. Malani Baddegama, Director-Agriculture of Export Development Board (EDB)

respectively. Presented materials were compiled into CDs to be delivered to the interested participants. Participants commended the interest taken by the SLCARP in growing the research base for this sector.

Workshop on Strategic Development of Aquaculture Sector in Sri Lanka – In Meeting Global Trends

A Workshop on Strategic Development of Aquaculture Sector in Sri Lanka: In Meeting Global Trends was organized by the SLCARP National Committee on Aquatic Resources on 24th Friday November 2017 in



Aqua Plaza, Puttalam Road, Chilaw in collaboration with Sri Lanka Aquaculture Development Alliance (SLADA), National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA), National Aquaculture Development Authority (NAQDA) and Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA).

Presentations were done on NARA Contribution to Aquaculture Sector, NAQDA 2030 Vision, Application of Research Findings in Shrimp Aquaculture, Feed Developments for Fish Culture, Ornamental Fish Culture - Induced Breeding, Marine Pollution Control – Policies and Regulations, Genetic Improvement of Ornamental and Table Fish and New Market Trends for Aquaculture. A Group Discussion was held on Feed Development, Health Management, Postharvest & Marketing and Government Policies. About 80 stakeholders including Shrimp farmers, exporters, importers of shrimp feeds, Society members, Scientists and University academics presented at the Workshop.

10th National Symposium for Floriculture Research 2017 (10thNASFLOR – 2017)



10th National Symposium for Floriculture Research 2017 (NASFLOR – 2017) was organized as joint programme by SLCARP and Department of National Botanic Gardens, on 30thOctober 2017 at the Auditorium of the Education Center, Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya. Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wild Life grace the occasion as the Chief Guest of the event. All aspects related to floriculture research and developments were highlighted and recent research findings were discussed in this field. Participants of this symposium were Scientists, Exporters, Representatives of small and medium scale growers and policy makers. In three technical sessions, 22 research papers and 02 posters were presented.

Workshops Related to Present status of Research Activities on Climate Change Adaptations



Adaptation and mitigation for climate smart sustainable agriculture was identified as the main thematic area under the programme number three of the SLCARP Action Plan for 2017. Accordingly conceptualization meeting was held on 3rd February 2017 at SLCARP with the participation of 30 participants who are holding key positions in the field of climate change. The report was submitted to the 200th SLCARP Council meeting

As per the report, the Council requested to gather information from 15 NARS institutes. From those institutes, 12 institutes were reported their research activities related to climate change. Fruit Research and Development Institute, Veterinary Research Institute and Department of National Botanic Gardens reported that they do not have any research activities related to climate change effects. This has been identified as crucial situation in agriculture sector in Sri Lanka.

To fulfill these research gaps, SLCARP, requested to nominate suitable scientist from each institute and trained them by conducting Initial Workshop on Present Status of Research Activities on Climate Change Adaptations which was held on 30th June 2017. After the training review papers were submitted by the scientists related to their institute. In these review papers, they included present status of the research and development activities related to climate change in the institute and future research needs as per the National Adaptation Plan which has been developed by the Climate Change Secretariat. With the approval of 204th Council which was held on 29th August 2017, National Committee on Natural Resources Management, Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change of the SLCARP organized a workshop at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo 07 on 06th November 2017 to present those review papers. The participants of the workshop were policy makers, academia and directors of the NARS institutes. The scientists presented their review papers and informed each and every institute has conducted climate change related research activities under different discipline such as plant breeding, water management etc. They informed that many findings were not published as research papers and therefore difficult to find such information. As future research and development needs related to climate change, identified are as follows;

1. Identification of new varieties / breeds
2. Efficient methods/material for soil moisture management
3. Efficient irrigation systems and water harvesting
4. Model the impacts of the risks of climatic variability on coconut product chain
5. Strengthen Controlled environment research facilities in the institutes – tree growth chambers to study combined effects

6. Strengthen awareness programmes and persuade the growers to manage their crops – policy decisions on fertilizer application and soil moisture conservation
7. Efficient climate information management and sharing system
8. Establishment of Green House Gas (GHG) emission measurement facility & establishment of actual figures.
9. Strengthening of observation network to represent all Agro-ecological Regions
10. Use recently developed global and regional climate models (Global Climate Models (GCM) and Regional Climate Models (RCM)) with high spatial resolution to improve the skill of climate projections
11. Use new approaches such as Crop Growth Modeling to predict the expected yields of important food crops in a given season
12. Drought monitoring using GIS and Remote Sensing technology
13. Research by using traditional varieties and methods
14. Evaluation of existing climate communication models/tools and to identify the best options available.
15. Bottom up mechanism for – event specific impact - from ground level to officials and policy makers
16. Identifying farmer perception/level of awareness/adoption and continuation/discontinuation of climate smart initiatives introduced- (crop varieties, technology packages, practices, marketing strategies) and lessons to be learnt for further improvement and replications.
17. Evaluation of promotion strategies/incentive schemes/subsidy programs on popularizing climate smart BMPs – identifying the efficient/productive model/s depending on different crop production systems and socio-economic backgrounds.
18. Needs for establishing/upgrading ‘institutional set up’ for serving agrarian community in the phase of climate change

19. Developing models to assess the climate change impact on farm households as well as agro-eco systems.
20. Developing well accepted norms/formula – to be used in relief actions (multi-facets approach)
21. Establishing a scientific base for prioritizing tank rehabilitation

Workshop on Use of Fourth Generation Fertilizers in Sri Lanka



Workshop on Use of Fourth Generation Fertilizers in Sri Lanka was held at SLCARP on 17th July 2017. Six experts from fertilizer sector delivered informative presentations related to above issue and finally discussion was held to find the solutions related to the above matter. Policy makers, Heads of Institutes in the NARS and Private sector participated to the workshop. Following topics were discussed at the meeting;

- Use of New Types of Fertilizers in the Food Crops

Dr. Priyantha Weerasinghe, Department of Agriculture

- Use of Different Types of Organic Fertilizer and Suitability in the Food Crops

Mrs. Priyanga Dissanayake, Department of Agriculture

- Integrated Soil Fertility Management Strategies used in Plantations crops

Dr. G P Gunaratne, Tea Research Institute

- Use of Nano Fertilizers in the Agricultural Fields

Prof. Veranja Karunaratne, Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology

- Use of Microbial Fertilizers in the Agricultural Fields

Prof. R. M. C. P. Rajapaksha, University of Peradeniya

- Policies related to Fertilizers in Sri Lanka

Mr. B. H. Rohan Induka, National Fertilizer Secretariat

Sri Lanka Journal of Food and Agriculture (SLJFA)

During the year 2017 the important achievement of the SLCARP journal can be noted as the acceptance of the Sri Lanka Journal of Food and Agriculture (SLJFA) to the Sri Lanka Online Journals Database (SLJOL) which is a service provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF). About 73 Journals in Sri Lanka have been admitted to the SLJO based on a number of journal related quality standards including publication frequency, reviewing methodology, paper rejection rate, Editorial Board qualification, guidelines providing to authors and paper reviewers and copyright statement etc. The Editorial Office of the SLJFA applied to the SLJOL on 30 May 2017. The SLJFA was successfully included in the SLJOL with effect from August 08, 2017. The relevant acceptance notes were tabled along with a paper to the SLCARP Council meeting (204/2017-06). Accordingly, academics can now search and download the full text articles that are published in the SLJFA via SLJOL platform. Thus gives a greater visibility to the research articles published in the SLJFA. Furthermore, SLJOL gives press releases of selected recent research giving extensive publicity to the same.

Furthermore, in 2017 the SLJFA Web page was developed inside the SLCARP website. All the research papers, past volumes and required details to the authors were made available in the web page. In the year 2017 about 700 emails were sent by the Editorial Office to the researchers in the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and the international research institutes to increase awareness regarding the SLJFA. A journal brochure was formulated, printed and approximately 500 brochure copies have been distributed among the NARS as at 18 December 2017.

As per 18 December 2017 approximately 27 research papers, 02 reviewers each were evaluated. About 04 research papers were reviewed by 3 reviewers as the first round of reviewing resulted in inconclusive Editorial decision. About 4 authors decided to withdraw their research papers due to having major revisions to be done in the respective experiments. Many commendations were received by the Editorial Board regarding the good quality of the paper reviews.

The SLJFA Vol. 2 Issue 2 (2016) was uploaded to the SLCARP website on 17 August 2017 and was forwarded for print (ISSN 2424-6913). It consists of 07 research papers including 03 short communications and full length research papers. The SLJFA policy is to publish the research papers

that are reviewed, revised and accepted by the reviewers and authors on or before 30 June in Issue 1 and 31 December in Issue 2 respectively. As per this policy total of 05 full research papers were published in the SLJFA Vol 3 Issue 1. The same was uploaded to the SLCARP website on 28 December 2017. The Vol 3 Issue 2 will be finalized on the 31 December 2017 and will be published before 31 January 2018 according to the SLJFA policy. Limited budget availability for printing the volumes was experienced specially during the 4th quarter of the past fiscal year.

Agricultural Research Management

Mandated Functions Covered

- Make Recommendations to Appropriate Authorities on Financial, Manpower and Physical Resources Required by Agricultural Research Institutions (4)
- Review Institutional and Departmental Agricultural Research Programmes and Make Recommendations with Regard to their Priorities and Funding to the Ministry of the Minister in Charge of the Subject of Finance and Planning (5)
- Review the performance of agricultural research projects, Institutions and Divisions from time to time (13)

SLCARP External Review of the NARS Institutes



As a mandatory function of the SLCARP Act No 47, 1987, in 2017 the SLCARP prepared Terms of Reference (TOR) for External Review of the Institute of Post-Harvest Technology (IPHT), Anuradhapura and Fruit Research and Development institute (FRDI), Horana, and appointed suitable members for the review panels.

The respective review panel visited the, Anuradhapura. Similarly review panel of the and (FRDI) visited, Horana and the sub-stations in Kundasale, Homagama and Ambathanna for onsite observations of working environments in the organizations and interviewing the staff on other matters which are specified in the SLCARP TOR for External Reviews and the preliminary reports submitted by the Heads of the institutes for the information of the SLCARP. Furthermore, Head of the Mango villagers' development programme of the (FRDI) was interviewed by a panel member at Peradeniya. The Review Reports were submitted by the above review panel members to the Chairman and Secretary of the SLCARP. The respective review panel members presented the essence of those review reports to the Council in the presence of the Chairman and Additional Director of the IPHT and Director General, DOA Additional Director and Deputy Director of the FRDI respectively. The Council advised to follow up the implementation of the recommendations given for the IPHT and FRDI after 06 months. The External Review reports of the IPHT and FRDI were submitted to the Heads of the respective institutes, Secretary, Additional Secretary and Chief Accountant of the Ministry of Agriculture and Secretary, State Ministry of Agriculture.

Library/Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET) 2017

SLCARP library is the focal point for the Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET), providing scientific and technical information to the scientists, academics, private industry and NGOs.

There are 26 libraries are members of this network (agricultural research institutes and agricultural faculties of Universities). AGRINET has provided several resources sharing activities to scientists working in the (NARS) since its inception.

After receiving internet facilities to all member libraries at NARS and also most of international and local research papers are available online, request of information from SLCARP library has been declined.

Sri Lanka National Agricultural Bibliography (NAB)

Sri Lanka National Agricultural Bibliography gives information on agricultural research articles generated in Sri Lanka or written by Sri Lankan. This bibliography is updated annually and contains 10919 records. The entries of this database can be searched by several features such as author, title, title words, subject keywords, publishing year etc.

Subject Specialized Bibliographies

The AGRINET has prepared several subject bibliographies. The following bibliographic databases prepared in printed media including Author indices and keyword indices.

- Bibliography on Indigenous Knowledge
- Bibliography on Goat
- Bibliography on Organic Agriculture
- Bibliography on Mango
- National Agricultural Bibliography Vols. 10 - 15

Information retrieval from On-line database

During the year eleven (11) articles were downloaded from the internet on the request of the scientists. Three research papers were received on inter-library system, to provide to the requested scientist.

AGRINET Advisory Committee Meetings

Two AGRINET Advisory Committee Meetings were held during the year. To restructure SLCARP virtual library and Agricultural Information Network services, the questionnaire on Demand Survey on

Scientists of AGRINET Member Institutions was distributed among forty (40) (NARS) institutes at the end of the 2016. The ninety (90) questionnaires were received from 17 institutes. The responded institutions are eleven (11) DOA Regional centers and one plantation crop research institute and five (05) other member institutions. These questionnaires were analyzed by the Advisory Committee.

Analysis of AGRINET User Needs Assessment

According to the survey following issues were identified:

- Most of scientists met their information needs through access to internet.
- As constrains, they have mentioned that most of them have internet connection but it is very slow.
- Most of scientists have required access to high impact journals and also international databases.
- Some of them have requested to conduct training program on information retrieval from internet.

The result of this need assessment survey was not sufficient to build up the restructure plan. So, AGRINET Advisory Committee decided to do a ‘Seminar on User Services in AGRINET’ with the following events.

- Introduction on AGRINET
- Result of Demand survey Questionnaire
- Information retrieval from Internet/open access journals
- Other Information Services
- Mini survey on AGRINET

Seminar on User Services in AGRINET

The user seminar was held on 12/10/2017 at the SLCARP conference hall for the Scientists of (NARS) and member librarians of AGRINET. The fifty five (55) users from twenty six (26) institutions participated to this seminar.

The main topics covered by the seminar were:

- Introduction on Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET)
- Analysis of AGRINET User Needs Assessment

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- Scientific Information Services at Industrial Technology Institute
- Information Resources at University Sector
- Open Access Resources-Advantages/disadvantages
- Value added information retrieval from internet /online databases
- General discussion with mini survey on AGRINET

Five (05) professional librarians served as the resource persons. They were Ms. K H T Abeysekara, Senior Research Scientists, Information Services Centre, Industrial Technology Institute Ms. H M D S D Somaratna, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Science, University of Colombo, Mr C. Gunadasa, Head, Library, International Water Management Institute, Ms. P A S F Perera, Former Head, National Science Library & Information Centre, National Science Foundation and Ms. T I I Pieris, Librarian/Information Officer, AGRINET Coordinator,SLCARP

At the end of the programme, we collected participants' views by circulating mini questionnaire among them. According to the survey, more than 70% users would like to have similar type of programme frequently and also most of them are expected information dissemination services from this network.

AGRINET Advisory Committee prepared the Work Plan for Development of SLCARP virtual library and Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET) on the basis of the views of the participants. The report is attached herewith for the implementation of the suggestions to improve activities of the Network.

Information for Agricultural Research Managers (INFORM)

During the 2017 information were requested from 12 institutions of NARS including 17 sub institutions. Twenty nine databases were expected and 27 data bases were collected. SLCARP collects this information annually in electronic format from the 12 Research Institutions (Coconut Research Institute (CRI), Rubber Research Institute (RRI), Sugarcane Research Institute (SRI), Tea Research Institute (TRI), Veterinary Research Institute (VRI), National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency (NARA), Institute of Post-Harvest Technology (IPHT), Hector Kobbakaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI), Department of National Botanic Gardens (DNBG), Forest Department (FD), Department of Export Agriculture (DEA) and Department of

Agriculture(DOA) in the NARS including 17 sub institutions of DOA. Collected information were processed and purified and this purified data was resubmitted to the relevant institutions for their use. All the information finally compiled into one National Database for National use. Three Training Programmes were held as mid-year and annual training. There were 47 participants at the midyear training programme and 88 participants at the two annual training programmes. At these workshops INFORM Coordinators were trained on database management.

Website of the SLCARP

The SLCARP website promotes the institute around the world by publishing all events, research management activities, SLCARP Journal, electronic library, National and international linkages and publications. Information gathering was done by the IT staff.

Motivation of the Scientists

Mandated Functions Covered

- Promote and Facilitate Excellence in Agricultural Research (6)
- To Arrange for and Fund Special Scientific Services for the Entire Agricultural Research Sector (9)

SLCARP National Awards for Excellence in Agricultural Research-2017



National Awards for the excellence in Agricultural Research is a biennial award scheme, initiated by the SLCARP for recognizing the outstanding achievement in agricultural research. This programme is conducted as a mandatory function of the SLCARP Act. No 47, 1987 and has been conducted in past three occasions.

The objective of the scheme is to encourage and motivate agricultural scientists towards achieving higher levels of scientific research, improve their career prospects and bestow recognition on outstanding contributions made towards advancement in National Agricultural Development.

Awardees were selected in three sectors such as Plantation, Non Plantation and Livestock & Fisheries by independent three member selection panel and three to four member review panels representing the public and private sector organizations. Accordingly three most outstanding research studies from each of the Sectors namely Non-Plantation and Plantation were selected. However, only one was selected from the Livestock & Fisheries sector. In addition, one research study from the plantation sector was selected to award a certificate of Commendation. The Award Ceremony was held on 14th December 2017 at the Auditorium of the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), No 100/20, and Independence Avenue, Colombo 07. Hundred and twenty participants were participated at this event

Under the National awards for excellence in Agricultural Research 2017, the winners from the Plantation sector were, Tea Research Institute, Department of Export Agriculture and Coconut Research Institute (CRI). Winners of the Non-plantation sector were CIC Agribusinesses, Department of Agriculture and Wayamba University of Sri Lanka. University of Peradeniya was the only winner in Livestock and Fisheries Sector. Other than that a certificate of commendation was given to a research conducted by CRI. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were Rs.200, 000.00, Rs.100, 000.00 and Rs.50, 000.00 respectively along with certificate of Merit and a token.

Committee on the Implementation of MSD circular No. 45

The Government of Sri Lanka has provided an incentive for the researchers for conducting valuable research programmes and as a mechanism to encourage them to conduct highly innovative research to meet the present demands as relevant to their fields of expertise. This is operational through Management Services Department Circular 2/2014. In accordance with the Circular SLCARP has the authority to approve the research allowance for the researchers in agriculture sector. A total of 119 applications for the research allowance was evaluated and approved in 2017.

Funding

Mandated Function Covered

- Arrange for and Fund Inter-Institutional Agricultural Research Projects (8)

Funding for inter-institutional agricultural research projects

Research proposals were called from NARS Institutes. Six research proposals were evaluated and two recommended for funding. Total budget allocated was Rs1Mn.Rs.5Mn was allocated for each project.

Those Projects were;

1. Evaluation of dielectric heating (micro wave) and Infra-Red (IR) techniques as novel soil sterilizing techniques for eradicating Nematode pests in tea as alternative to chemical fumigation – Tea Research Institute
2. Genetic analysis and linkage mapping of pigments of tea (*Camellia sinensis L.*) – Tea Research Institute

Human Resource Development

Mandated Functions Covered

- Promote Linkage between Agricultural Research Institutions at National and International Level (10)
- Arrange Postgraduate Training for Agricultural Research Staff and Interchange/Exchange of Scientists with Recognized Research Institutions Abroad (12)

The second Joint Follow-up Committee (JFC) meeting between Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council and Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy



The second Joint Follow-up Committee (JFC) meeting was held at Colombo on 29 May 2017 and prepared work plan signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) and the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) to exchange

technology, germplasm and information, scientists. Following delegations from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh participated in the JFC meeting;

1. Mr. Md. Hemayet Hussain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Dhaka, Bangladesh
2. Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Director (Crops), Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Dhaka
3. Mr. Mohamnad Shoeb Hassan, Director (Planning & Evaluation), Bangladesh Agricultural Research institute (BARI), Gazipur
4. Dr. A S M Arnanullah, Director (TOT), Bangladesh Sugar crop Research Institute (BSRI), Pabna
5. Dr. Tamalata Aditya, Chief Scientific Officer (Plant Breeding Department), Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), Cazipur
6. Dr. Humayra Sultana, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Dhaka

Representatives of the (NARS) participated the meeting to discuss the work plan for 2017 -2021. The discussed work plan 2017 -2021 was then signed in presence of H.E. Mr. Riaz Hamidullah, High Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Sri Lanka, and senior members of NARS at

the function .According to the work plan, both the parties agreed to Exchange of Technology, Germplasm and Information, Scientists and Trainees including institutional collaboration.

Memorandum of Understanding between Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI)and SLCARP

SLCARP has its mandated function to arrange for the post-graduate training of Agricultural research staff and for interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad. To achieve the said objectives SLCARP and Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the development of Human Resource of agricultural scientists in the (NARS). As per the request made by SLCARP, Cabinet of Ministers of Democratic Socialistic Republic of Sri Lanka has approved to implement the signed MoU. On the way of implementing the MoU, Sri Lanka government has given supplementary allocation of Rs. 5 Mn. to meet the expenses of delegation visit headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Mr. B. Wijerathna, Dr. S D G Jayawardena Chairman, SLCARP, Dr. Rohan Wijekoon, Director General, Department of Agriculture, Dr. J D H Wijewardena, Secretary, SLCARP, Prof. D. K. N. G. Pushpakumara, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. SLCARP has successfully convinced the Department of National Budget to allocate Rs. 300 Mn. per year up to 5 years for the total cost of Rs.1.5 Bn. to train NARS scientists in M.Sc. and Ph.D. level in different discipline. The above said Capacity Building training programme will be initiated from 2018 onwards to train NARS scientists in Agricultural Sciences at UPM, Malaysia, Kasetsart University, Thailand, UPLB and IRRI, Philippines by SLCARP the tuition fee, air travel and stipend will be paid.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) and SLCARP



Work Plan 2017-2019 was signed by Dr. SDG Jayawardena, Chairman, SLCARP and Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (Department of Agriculture Research and Education) & Director General (ICAR) on 17 September 2017. Three candidates from the Department of Agriculture were admitted to PhD in Soil Science at Chaudhary

Charan Singh, Hariyana Agriculture University, Plant Breeding at Professor Jayashankar Telengana Agriculture University, Hyderabad and Agriculture Microbiology at Kerala Agriculture University according to the Action Plan in Year 2017.

Further to that Dr. PHAC Giriagama and Dr. N S Jayasekera, Senior Scientists, SLCARP attended the meeting on Work Plan 2017-2019 and the proposed capacity building programme during year 2018 under the Memorandum of Agreement between ICAR and SLCARP at ICAR Headquarters New Delhi, on 22 December 2017. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (Department of Agriculture Research and Education) & Director General (ICAR), attended by Shri. Chhabilendra Roul Additional Secretary (DARE) & Secretary (ICAR), Mrs. Nirmala Paranavitana Minister of the Sri Lanka High Commission and Deputy Director Generals and other officials of the ICAR. Following issues were discussed:

- Admission letter issued by ICAR when Sri Lankan scientists are admitted for post graduate studies is not accepted by Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka.
- Difficulties faced by Sri Lankan Scientists in India without suitable accommodation and that they are complaining regarding the inadequacy of the stipend paid monthly.
- Possibility of increasing the stipend from US\$450, which was decided in year 2011.
- Permission for families of students to be taken to India.
- SLCARP proposal for leadership training for senior researchers during year 2018 at NAARM Hyderabad

- Finalization of activities for year 2018 under the ICAR and SLCARP work plan (Collaborative Research Programmes, Visit of Indian Scientists to Sri Lanka and Short Term Training Programmes) to be conducted
- Research and Human Resources Planning of the ICAR system

Postgraduate training for agricultural research staff and interchange/exchange of scientists with recognized research institutions

SLCARP has identified the training requirement for 2018-2020 of the NARS in terms of the number of scientist to be trained at MSc and PhD level. SLCARP submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Agriculture for Capacity Building of the Researchers of the NARS on 16 March 2017, due to the lacunae of trained staff in the NARS. As a result of the attempt by SLCARP, a Cabinet Memorandum was issued on 21 September 2017 under the heading of Directing of Researchers of the NARS for Foreign postgraduate degree training approving Rs. 300Mn per annum for over a period of five consecutive years.


As directed by the Cabinet SLCARP received an allocation of Rs. 300Mn for year 2018 for Capacity Building from the Budget 2018. Selection interviews for M.Sc and PhD were conducted from 17 November 2017 to 12 December 2017 during year 2017 for the R & D Institutes of the NARS with the participation of the Head/CEO of the Institute. The AMC at the 52nd meeting has recommended and the Council at the 208th Council meeting approved US\$800 as stipend for those scholars who will be going to Thailand, Malaysia and Philippines and the AMC at the 52nd meeting has recommended the same. Kesetsart University in Thailand has also recommended the payment of US\$800 as stipend. SLCARP has requested for Treasury approvals for payment of Fees and US\$800 as the monthly stipend for those scholars who will be receiving admission at University specified by SLCARP in Thailand, Malaysia and Philippines.

Three candidates from the Department of Agriculture were admitted to PhD in Soil Science at Chaudhary Charan Singh, Haryana Agriculture University, Plant Breeding at Professor Jayashankar Telengana Agriculture University, Hyderabad and Agriculture Microbiology at Kerala Agriculture University in Year 2017 details are as follows;


Training at Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR)

Name of the Researcher	Training Programme	Subject area	University	Study Period
 <p>Mr. K M S Kodikara, Assistant Director (Res.) RARDC/Bandarawela</p>	Ph.D Programme	Soil Science	Chaudhary Charan Singh, Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, India	03 /08/17 to 03/08/20
 <p>Mrs. W R K D W K V Wickramasinghe, RARDC - Bombuwela</p>	Ph.D Programme	Agricultural Microbiology	Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, India	27/11/17 to 27/11/20
 <p>Mrs. N P S DE Silva Assistant Director (Agric) RARDC, Bombuwela</p>	Ph.D Programme	Genetics & Plant Breeding	Professor Jayasankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTS AU), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad , India	01/01/18 to 01/01/21


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Name of the Researcher		Training Programme	Subject area	University	Study Period
	Mr. D M Withanawarsha Assistant Director of Agriculture (Research) Department of Agriculture	Ph.D Programme	Genetics & Plant Breeding	Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Guntur - Andhra Pradesh, India	<i>Pending - 2018-01-17</i>

SLCARP under a special programme supported a SLCARP selected scholar to do local PhD, for a training in Michigan State University- Sri Lanka Partnership Initiative

Name of the Researcher		Training Programme	Subject area	University	Study Period
	Mrs. H M P S Kumari /Assistant Director (Res.) HORDI	Ph.D. Programme	Sandwich degree programme establishing a platform for collaborative Plant Breeding	Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture, Michigan State University- Sri Lanka Partnership Initiative	13 Sept. 2017 -17 Dec 2017

Training at Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya – Sri Lanka

Name of the Researcher	Training Programme	Subject area	University	Study Period
 <p data-bbox="467 436 740 764">Mrs. N R N Silva - Assistant Director - HORDI, 02 October 2017</p>	Ph.D. Programme -	Soil Science	Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA)	02 October 2017 to 03 October 2020

Promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at National and International level

Through the Asia Pacific Association for Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), two training and invitation for a workshop were offered to SLCARP which are given below along with names of participants:

- Workshop on e-Business Modeling for Women Entrepreneur, held from 19-23 June 2017 at Taipei, Taiwan.- .M.P.K.Weerasekara Menike, Agrarian Development Department
- Master Class on Agricultural Research Leadership and Management, 29 October 2017 to 4 November 2017 at Penang, Malaysia.- Mrs I Kalubolwila, Department of Agriculture
- Regional Expert Consultation on Underutilized Crops for Nutrition and Food Security in Asia and the Pacific, 12-16 November 2017, Bangkok, Thailand, Dr JDH Wijewardena, Secretary, SLCARP.

Cabinet Approval Obtained by SLCARP in 2017

References	Subject/Matter	Decision taken	Progress of the implementation/ Current status
Date of the Cabinet Memorandum: 17.05.2017 Cabinet Paper No. CP17/0792/705/004 (19/2017) Decision item No: 18	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered between the SLCARP and MARDI for development of human resources of Agricultural scientists in National Agricultural Research System	Approved	A delegation of SLCARP headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture visited MARDI, Malaysia to finalize the action plan
Date of Cabinet Memorandum – 28-06-2017 Cabinet Paper No. 17/1401/728/026 Decision Item - 39.66	Annual Report 2015	Approval was granted to present in the Parliament	350 CDs and 50 hard copies will be submitted to the Parliament in December 2017
Date of the Cabinet Memorandum: 30.08.2017 Cabinet Paper No. CP17/1992/728/034 (37/2017) Decision item No: 44	Directing of Researchers of National Agricultural Research System for foreign Post Graduate Degrees	Grant Approval	According to the observations made by the Hon. Minister of Finance and Mass media, a delegation of SLCARP headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture visited Malaysia, Thailand and Philippines in October 2017. 30 local agricultural scientists will be enrolled in January 2018 to the universities identified in the above countries.

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STAFF**Participation in International Seminars and Conferences by SLCARP staff and Council Members****Participation in Local training and Conferences by SLCARP staff**

No.	Name	Travel Country to	Detail	Period
1	Dr. S S B D G Jayawardena/Chairman	Berlin , Germany	8th Global Forum for food & Agriculture (GFFA)	18 - 26 January 2017
2	Mr. Sameera Dissanayake	China	Seminar on Utilization of Biomass Energies	05 - 25 July 2017
3	Dr. S S B D G Jayawardena/Chairman/ Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy	Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines	Capacity Building Programme	15 - 25 October 2017
4	Dr. J D H Wijewardena/Secretary, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy	Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines	Capacity Building Programme	15 - 25 October 2017
5	Mr. B Wijyaratne/Secretary/MOA	Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines	Capacity Building Programme	15 - 25 October 2017
6	Dr. R R A Wijekoon/DOA /DG	Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines	Capacity Building Programme	15 - 25 October 2017
7	Prof D K N G Pushpakumara / Dean /Faculty of Agriculture / University of Peradeniya	Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines	Capacity Building Programme	15 - 25 October 2017
8	Dr. J D H Wijewardena/Secretary/Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy	Bangkok, Thailand	" Regional Expert Consultation on Underutilized Crops for Nutrition and Food Security in Asia and the Pacific "	12 - 16 November 2017
9	Dr. Padmini Girihagama Senior Scientist	New Delhi, India	ICAR - SLCARP discussion	22 - 26 December 2017
10	Dr. Shanika Jayasekera/ Senior Scientist	New Delhi, India	ICAR - SLCARP discussion	22 - 26 December 2017
11	Dr. S B D G Jayawardena/Chairman/ Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy	China	Opening Ceremony of Alibaba, Tajiki	24 - 28 December 2017

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	Officer	Training Programme	Institute	Days of Period
1	Ms. Hemantha Batagoda	Excel Training	MILODA	30&31 Oct 2017
2	Dr. SMPC Padmini	Establishment Code	SLF	16 & 17 Nov 2017
3	Mr. LG Hettiarachchi	Establishment Code	SLF	
4	Ms. Shoba Darshani	Establishment Code	SLF	
5	Ms. KP Dissanayake	Establishment Code	SLF	
6	Mr. SC Wanigasekera	Establishment Code	SLF	
7	Mr. NB Premathilake	Establishment Code	SLF	16 & 17 Nov 2017
8	Ms. Lochani Sumanasinghe	Establishment Code	SLF	
9	Ms. Mudara Fernando	Establishment Code	SLF	
10	Ms. Ishara Weerakkody	Establishment Code	SLF	
11	Ms. Piumi Himansha	Establishment Code	SLF	
12	Ms. NC Daulagala	Advanced MS Excel	NCAS	23 & 24 Nov 2017
13	Mr. DDSS Dissanayake	Project management for HR	IPM	28 Nov 2017
14	Mr. SC Wanigasekera	Financial and Procurement Procedure	SLF	23 & 24 Nov 2017
15	Mr. NB Premathilake	Financial and Procurement Procedure	SLF	
16	Ms. SMSU Kawshalya	Financial and Procurement Procedure	SLF	
17	Ms. Madusha Jayasinghe	Financial and Procurement Procedure	SLF	
18	Ms. Sandamli Basnayake	Web Development	OUSL	10 days
19	Ms. Hansini Premaratne	Office Management	SLF	07 & 08 Dec 2017
20	Mr. Madushanka Kumara	Office Management	SLF	
21	Dr. SMPC Padmini	Right to Information Act		18 Dec 2017

22	Ms. NC Daulagala	Certificate Course on Graphic Designing	SLIIT	2017
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Padmini, S.M.P.C., Pushpakumara, D.K.N.G. and Samarasekera, R. (2017). Morphological, chemical and bioactive variation in selected soursop (*Annona muricata* L.) Germplasm in Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Journal of Food and Agriculture (accepted)

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Lakshika Hettiarachchi, Sudarshana Fernando, Sanja Gunawardena, Nilanthi Jayathilake, Johannes G. Paul and Felix Grau,(2016). Strength and Disintegration characteristics of compost pellets produced from urban waste in Sri Lanka; Conference on International Research on Food Security, Natural Resource Management, and Rural Development, TROPENTAG 2016, Vienna, Austria, September 18-21.

STAFF OF THE SLCARP

Approved carder for the SLCARP is 36 and existing carder in 2017 is 30. The Posts which are fall in vacant; Deputy Director Research Management (01 post), Senior Scientist (01post), Assistant Director Administrator (01 post), Librarian (01 post) Administrative Officer (01 post), Accountant (01 post).

Staff status as at 31st December 2017, at the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy is as follows:

Chairman

Dr. S.S. B. D.G. Jayawardena B.Sc. (Agric.), M.Sc. Ph.D.

Secretary

Dr. J.D. H. Wijewardena MPhil, Ph.D. Secretary

Senior Manager

Dr. S. K. D. F. F. Niranjana	B.Sc. (Agric.), MPhil, Ph.D.	Senior Scientist
Dr. P. H. A. P. C. Giriagama	B.Sc. (Agric.), MPhil, Ph.D.	Senior Scientist
Dr. N. S. Jayasekara	B.Sc. (Sci.), MSc. Ph.D.	Senior Scientist

Academic and Research

Dr. S. M. P. C. Padmini	B.Sc. (Agric.), MSc, Ph.D.	Senior Research Officer
Ms. C. Daulagala	B.Sc., M.Sc. (Agric.)	Research Officer
Mr. D. D. S. S. Dissanayake	B.Sc. (Agric.),	Research Officer
Mr. L. G. Hettiarachchi	B.Sc. (Agric.), MSc.	Research Officer

Management Assistants (Tec)

Ms. B. M. U. S. Basnayake	B.Sc. (Computer Science),
Mr. D. M. D. D. N. Abeyrathne	BIT
Ms. J. A. D. M. P. Jayasinghe	AAT
Ms. S. M. S. U. Kaushalya	AAT

Management Assistants (Non-Tec)

Mrs. G. L. Nawalage
Mrs. H. H. Batagoda
Ms. N. B. S. Dharshani
Mrs. G. A. P. K. Dissanayake
Mrs. A. B. Anjalee
Mr. K. G. S. C. Wanigasekara
Mrs. A. P. M. D. K. Samarajeewa
Mr. R. P. N. B. Premathilaka
Ms. P. G. C. L. Sumanasinghe
Ms. L. M. N. Fernando
Ms. S. R. M. P. H. Samaranayake
Ms. W. A.D.I.G. Weerakkodi

Primary Level Skilled

Mr. S. K. R. K. Jayasuriya	Driver
Mr. D. G. A. S. Dassanayake	-do-
Mr. D. J. D. R. D. Jayamaha	-do-

Primary Level Unskilled

Mr. N. A. K. Weerakkody	Office Aide
Ms. W. A. R. H. Premarathne	-do-
Mr. T. G.S.M.Kumara	-do-

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SLCARP is also thankful to Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Hon. State Minister of Agriculture, the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Secretary of State Ministry of Agriculture, Additional Secretaries, Chief Accountant, Directors and other staff in the Ministry of Agriculture and those of the Audit Unit for their excellent cooperation provided to SLCARP for successful completion of year 2017 work plan.

The cooperation extended by the State Sector Institutions, Universities and relevant Private Sector Organizations are also acknowledged with thanks.



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FINAL ACCOUNTS – 2017

Ministry of Agriculture

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

114/9, Vidya Mawatha

Colombo 07

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy
No. 114/09, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2017

	Notes	2017		2016	
		LKR.	Cts.	LKR.	Cts.
ASSETS					
Property, plant & equipment	07	13,204,586	-	15,682,736	
Infrastructure	07 - A	648,604		53,695	
Total non current assets		13,853,190		15,736,431	
Inventories	08	764,316		326,123	
Trade & other receivables	09	4,942,618		5,041,638	
Cash at bank	10	10,851,270		11,638,580	
Total current assets		16,558,204		17,006,341	
TOTAL ASSETS		30,411,394		32,742,772	
EQUITY & LIABILITIES					
Capital & Reserves					
CARP Fund	11	27,639,257		27,639,257	
Treasury Grants - Research	12	(5,856,588)		150,992	
Special Research Grants	13	-		-	
Accumulated Surplus / (Deficit)		605,476		(4,838,167)	
Gift		116,892		116,892	
		22,505,037		23,068,974	
Retirement Benefit (Gratuity)	14	6,549,815		8,314,850	
Total non current liabilities		6,549,815		8,314,850	
Current Liabilities					
Trade & other payables	15	1,258,307		1,260,713	
Floriculture Project Payable		-		-	
Closed A/C		98,235	*	98,235	*
Total current liabilities		1,356,542		1,358,948	
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES		30,411,394		32,742,772	

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Sri Lanka public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS).

The accounting policies and notes on pages 01 to 24 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements. These Financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf

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 S.M.S.U.Kaushalya
 Book Keeper

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 Checked by
 J.A.D.M.P.Jayasinghe
 Book Keeper

S. Jayasekera

 Accountant (Covering Up)

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 Council

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 Secretary to the Council

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**Statement of Comperhensive Income
for the Year ended 31 December 2017**

	Note	2017		2016	
		LKRs.	Cts.	LKRs.	Cts.
Treasury Grants	01	43,450,000		33,200,000	
Other Income	02 (a)	600,086		677,345	
Government grant for depreciation	02 (b)	5,530,992		6,683,988	
TOTAL INCOME		49,581,078		40,561,333	
Administrative Expenses	03	44,345,789		38,083,028	
Finance Cost	04	37,447		41,770	
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TREASURY GRANTS & OTHER INCOME AND TOTAL EXPENDITURE		5,197,841		2,436,536	
Add / (Less) Prior Year Adjustment	05	396,746		-	
Add / (Less) Write off Assets	06	161,854		1,604	
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		5,432,734		2,434,932	
Balance B/F		(4,827,258)		(7,262,190)	
Balance C/F		605,476		(4,827,258)	

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy
Public Sector Entity - Statement of Changes in Net/Equity
For the year ended December 31st 2017

LKR.

Attribute to owners of the controlling entity				
	CARP Fund	Other Reserves	Accumulated Surpluses/ (Deficits)	Total Net Assets/ Equity
Balance at January 01 st 2017	27,639,257	116,892	(4,827,258)	22,928,891
Office Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	-
total recognized revenue and expenses for the period	-	-	5,432,734	5,432,734
Balance at December 31 st 2017	27,639,257	116,892	605,476	28,361,625

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Statement of Cash Flow

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For the Year ended 31st December 2017

	2017		2,016	
	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.	Cts.
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	5,197,841	✓	2,436,536	
Non-cash movements				
<u>Adjustment for</u>				
Depreciation on property, plant & equipment	5,530,991		6,683,988	
Treasury Grant Prior year Adjustment	(5,123,338)		(6,683,988)	
Gift depreciation income	-		-	
<u>Interest Income</u>				
Distress Loan Interest	(98,873)	✓	(115,954)	
Bank Deposits	(468,088)	✓	(522,119)	
Operating Profit Before Changes in Working Capital	5,038,533		1,798,463	
<u>Changes in Working Capital</u>				
(Increase) / Decrease in Inventories	(438,193)	✓	74,130	
(Increase) / Decrease in trade & other receivables	99,021	✓	(10,242)	
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors and payables	(2,406)	✓	(6,350,334)	
Increase / (Decrease) Retirement Benefit (Gratuity)	(410,522)	✓	973,540	
Cash Generated from Operations	4,286,433		(3,514,443)	
Gratuity paid	(1,354,513)	✓	(266,040)	
Net Cash Flows from Operations Activities	2,931,920		(3,780,483)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(3,809,604)	✓	(3,636,378)	
Research investments	(11,277,588)	✓	(6,002,932)	
<u>Interest income</u>				
Distress Loan Interest	98,873	✓	115,954	
Bank Deposits	468,088	✓	522,119	
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(14,520,231)		(9,001,237)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Treasury Grant Received	10,801,000	✓	8,796,700	
Net Fund received	-		-	
Special Research Grants Received	-		(870,737)	
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	10,801,000		7,925,963	
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(787,311)		(4,855,757)	
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of the period	11,638,580		16,494,337	
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period (Note 10)	10,851,269		11,638,580	

Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2017

	2017		2016	
	LKR.	Cts.	LKR.	Cts.
01 Treasury Grants				
Recurrent	43,450,000		33,200,000	
	43,450,000		33,200,000	
02 (a). Other Income				
<i>Interest Income from</i>				
Distress Loan Interest	98,873		115,954	
Bank Deposits	468,088		522,119	
Sundry Income	33,125		39,272	
Sale of Vehicle	-		-	
Sale of Disposal items	-		-	
Advertisement Income	-		-	
	600,086		677,345	
(b). Government grant for depreciation				
CARP Building	1,104,230		1,002,420	
Computer & Printer	217,566		734,044	
Computer Software	80,500		515,084	
Office Equipment	1,449,766		1,481,726	
Office Furniture	276,277		291,031	
Motor Vehicles	2,347,500		2,605,958	
Library books	6,846		6,846	
Road	20,864		13,424	
Non- Consumables	27,442		33,455	
Electronic Data	-		-	
	5,530,992		6,683,988	
03 Administrative Expenses				
Allowances to Chairman & Director	2,069,280		1,343,510	
Employee benefits expenses (A)	23,435,319		22,185,559	
Travelling Expenses (B)	5,348,972		345,212	
Vehicle Hiring Charges	-		-	
Fuel to Members	180,000		118,500	

Allowances to Members	652,500	669,500
Fuel & Oil	257,687	326,393
Uniforms	25,000	30,000
Newspapers & Periodicals	16,450	16,430
Printing & Stationery	475,658	695,976
Repairs & Maintenance (C)	1,014,148	1,192,870
Office Upkeep (Janitorial service)	584,734	870,170
Communication Expenses	1,151,006	1,053,448
Electricity Charges	806,039	779,450
Security Charges	832,295	822,999
Entertainment	512,015	632,864
Staff Welfare	305,166	323,357
Auditor's remuneration	-	100,000
Staff Training	158,420	93,435
Insurance	382,447	227,713
Postage & Stamps	53,150	59,250
Advertisement	191,590	515,686
Depreciation on Property, Plant & Equipment	5,530,992	6,683,988
Surcharge	-	-
Incidentals	-	-
Sundry Expenses	348,923	322,227
Vehicle Tax	14,000	18,000
	44,345,789	38,083,028

(A) Employee benefits expenses

Staff Salaries	11,874,106	8,295,252
Cost of Living Allowances	2,767,050	2,464,410
Other Allowances	2,574,028	4,856,361
Overtime	246,649	312,435
Medical Reimbursement	290,505	350,977
Encashment of medical leave	397,130	396,576
Research Allowances	530,945	105,507
Transport & Fuel Allowance	2,417,514	2,242,240
Contribution to Employees' Provident Fund	1,947,801	1,508,106
Contribution to Employees' Trust Fund	389,589	310,185
Defined Benefit Plan Cost - Gratuity	-	-
	23,435,319	20,842,049

(B) Travelling Expenses

Local	90,649	81,643
Overseas	5,258,323	263,569
	5,348,972	345,212

(C) Repairs & Maintenance

Equipments	236,152	372,975
Vehicles	681,241	799,554
Building	93,154	20,341
Furniture & Fittings	3,600	-
	1,014,148	1,192,870

04 Finance Cost

Debit Tax	37,447	41,770
Bank Charges	-	-
	37,447	41,770

05 Prior Year Adjustment

Balance at the beginning of the year

Add:

Over Provision for Communication	1,133.00	-
Accumelated Depreciation of Non Consumabl	396.34	-
Balance rate 25% depreciation income	410,522.00	-
	-	-
	-	-
	412,051.34	-

Less:

Not provisioned for Research Management Ac	4,000.00	-
Last year depreciation	11,305.48	-
Payable Vat & NBT	-	-
Non Consumable Expenses	-	-
	-	-
Balance rate 25% depreciation	-	-
	15,305.48	-
Balance at the end of the year	396,745.86	-

06 Write off of Assets***Balance brought forward- At Cost***

Computer & Printer	275,498.24	518,216.95
Office Equipment	1,057,232.00	414,979.00
Office Furniture	2,970.00	2,600.00
Non- Consumables	46,366.27	1,447.84
Stationery	-	-
Vehicle	-	3,900.00
	1,382,066.51	941,143.79

Balance brought forward - Accumulated Depreciation

CARP Building	-	-
Computer & Printer	275,498.24	518,216.95
Office Equipment	906,534.06	414,320.88
Office Furniture	2,970.00	2,600.00
Non- Consumables	35,210.55	502.08
Vehicle	-	3,900.00
	1,220,212.85	939,539.91
	161,853.66	1,603.88

Notes to the financial statements

07 Property, plant & equipment

	Balance as at 01/01/2017	Additions	(Disposals)	Balance as at 31/12/2017	Balance as at 31.12.2016
Cost					
CARP Building	22,028,410	449,480	-	22,477,889.37	22,028,410
Computer & Printer	9,417,850	2,111,975	275,498	11,254,326.61	9,417,850
Computer Software	2,404,427	-	-	2,404,426.80	2,404,427
Office Equipment	12,032,563	600,538	1,057,232	11,575,868.34	12,032,563
Office Furniture	2,689,053	-	2,970	2,686,082.92	2,689,053
Motor Vehicles	26,321,295	-	-	26,321,295.00	26,321,295
Library books	136,928	-	-	136,927.98	136,928
Non- Consumables	403,875	31,839	46,366	389,348.11	403,875
	75,434,400	3,193,831	1,382,067	77,246,165	75,434,400

	Balance as at 01/01/2017	Charge for the year	(Disposals)	Balance as at 31/12/2017	Balance as at 31/12/2016
Depreciation					
CARP Building	13,728,960	1,104,230	-	14,833,190	13,728,960
Computer & Printer	9,288,411	217,566	275,498	9,230,478	9,288,411
Computer Software	2,323,927	80,500	-	2,404,427	2,323,927
Office Equipment	8,171,110	1,449,766	906,534	8,714,342	8,162,161
Office Furniture	2,067,033	276,277	2,970	2,340,341	2,065,621
Motor Vehicles	23,830,336	2,347,500	-	26,177,836	23,830,336
Library books	72,658	6,846	-	79,505	72,658
Non- Consumables	269,228	27,442	35,211	261,460	268,681
	59,751,665	5,510,127	1,220,213	64,041,579	59,740,756

Net book value as at 2017.12.31	15,682,736			13,204,586 ✓	
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07 - A Infrastructure

	Balance as at 01/01/2017	Additions	(Disposals)	Balance as at 31/12/2017	Balance as at 31.12.2016
Cost					
Electronic Data	8,640,585	-	-	8,640,585	8,640,585
Road	268,477	615,773	-	884,251	268,477
	8,909,062	615,773	-	9,524,836	8,909,062

	Balance as at 01/01/2017	Charge for the year	(Disposals)	Balance as at 31/12/2017	Balance as at 31/12/2016
Depreciation					
Electronic Data	8,640,585	-	-	8,640,585	8,640,585
Road	214,782	20,864	-	235,646	214,782
	8,855,367	20,864	-	8,876,231	8,855,367

Net book value as at 2017.12.31	53,695			648,604 ✓	
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08 Inventories

Stamp in hand	1,100	1,400
Stationery	763,216	324,723
	<u>764,316</u>	<u>326,123</u>

09 Trade & other receivables

Staff Debtors - Distress Loan	3,024,406	2,516,412
Staff Debtors - Festival Advance	3,750	3,750
Unsettled Research Impress	659,131	659,131
Deposits Receivable	75,500	75,500
Prepayment	156,082	238,804
Income Receivable	1,012,782	1,537,074
Unsettled Advance - 2014	31,963	31,963
Unsettled Advance - 2015	(21,564)	(21,564)
Floriculture Project	50	50
IFPRI Project	518	518
	<u>4,942,618</u>	<u>5,041,638</u>

10 Cash at bank

BOC - Kollupitiya	-	-
BOC - Torrington Square	86,607	51,055
BOC - Loan revol. Fund	4,005,145	3,495,345
BOC Savings A/C - gratuity fund	6,759,517	8,092,180
	<u>10,851,270</u>	<u>11,638,580</u>

11 CARP Fund

Balance as at 01 st January 2017	27,639,257	27,639,257
Add : Receivable of International Linkages	-	-
Office Motor Vehicles	-	-
Depreciation income	-	-
Balance as at 31 st December 2017	<u>27,639,257</u>	<u>27,639,257</u>

12 Treasury Grants - Research

Balance at the beginning of the year	150,992 ✓	4,041,212
Add: Depreciation Income	(5,530,992)	(6,683,988)
	<u>(5,380,000)</u>	<u>(2,642,776)</u>
Research Management Activities	10,565,688	5,706,803
Publication, seminars & Workshops	711,900	296,129
Other Capital Expenses	-	-
	<u>11,277,588</u>	<u>6,002,932</u>
	<u>(16,657,588)</u>	<u>(8,645,708)</u>
Less: Treasury Grant Received	10,801,000	8,796,700
	<u>(5,856,588)</u>	<u>150,992</u>

13 Special Research Grants

ICRISAT	-	-
Weligama Coconut Wilt	-	-
Disaster Management	-	-
5th Asia Bio Tech	-	-
Pro Poor	-	-
ASTI Project	-	-
Fund Receivable from SLCARP	-	-
Symposium Income	-	-
Floriculture Project	-	-
	-	-

14 Retirement Benefit (Gratuity Provision)

Balance as at 01 st January 2017	8,314,850	7,607,350
<u>Add : Receipts</u>		
Current Year Provision	-	973,539.88
Previous year provision	-	-
Interest	-	-
	8,314,850	8,580,890
<u>Less : Payment</u>		
Retired Employees	1,354,513	266,040.00
Debit Tax	-	-
over provision	410,522	-
	6,549,815	8,314,850

15 Trade & other payables

Overtime	8,579	6,216
Newspaper	1,321	1,400
Communication	84,210	70,946
Audit Fess	-	100,000
Office Upkeep (Janitorial)	48,500	85,685
Stamp duty	3,975	3,200
Travelling	2,100	-
Security	65,765	67,620
Electricity	28,705	39,486
Repair & Main. Of Building	10,878	-
Accruals 2016	669,314	742,878
Payable - Stamp Fees	(25)	(25)
Deposits Payble	275,289	51,508
Gratuity Interest payable	-	-
Loan Payable	6,200	6,200
CARP Buliding	22,474	85,366
Road	30,789	-
NARP Project	233	233
	1,258,307	1,260,713

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy
Comparison of Approved Recurrent Budget (Revised) and Actual
Expenditure Amounts for the year ended December 2017

<i>Recurrent</i>	Actual Income/ Expenditure 2017		Approved Revised Budget 2017		Difference/ Excess (Shortage)	
	LKR.	Cts.	LKR.	Cts.	LKR.	Cts.
01 Treasury Grants						
Recurrent	43,450,000		50,000,000		6,550,000	
	43,450,000		50,000,000		6,550,000	
02 (a). Other Income						
<i>Interest Income from</i>						
Distress Loan Interest	-		-		-	
Bank Deposits	-		-		-	
Sundry Income	-		-		-	
Sale of Vehicle	-		-		-	
Sale of Disposal items	-		-		-	
Advertisement Income	-		-		-	
	-		-		-	
03 Administrative Expenses						
Employee benefits expenses (A)	25,504,599		29,642,874		4,138,275	
Travelling Expenses (B)	5,348,972		6,350,000		1,001,028	
Vehicle Hiring Charges	-		150,000		150,000	
Allowances to Members	652,500		864,000		211,500	
Fuel & Oil	437,687		500,000		62,313	
Uniforms	25,000		30,000		5,000	
Newspapers & Periodicals	16,450		19,000		2,550	
Printing & Stationery	475,658		1,700,000		1,224,342	
Repairs & Maintenance (C)	1,014,148		1,650,000		635,852	
Office Upkeep(Janitorial service)	584,734		1,050,000		465,266	
Communication Expenses	1,151,006		1,397,200		246,194	
Electricity Charges	806,039		1,100,000		293,961	
Security Charges	832,295		1,300,000		467,705	
Meeting Expenses	512,015		1,150,000		637,985	
Staff Welfare	305,166		630,000		324,834	
Auditor's remuneration	-		300,000		300,000	
Staff Training	158,420		500,000		341,580	
Insurance	382,447		392,000		9,553	
Postage & Stamps	53,150		120,000		66,850	

Advertisement	191,590	500,000	308,410
Surcharge	-	10,000	10,000
Incidentals	-	-	-
Sundry Expenses	348,923	595,926	247,004
Vehicle Tax	14,000	19,000	5,000
	38,814,798	49,970,000	11,155,202

A Employee benefits expenses

Staff Salaries	11,874,106	12,196,345	322,239
Cost of Living Allowances	2,767,050	3,276,000	508,950
Other Allowances	2,574,028	4,211,742	1,637,714
Overtime	246,649	300,000	53,351
Medical Reimbursement	290,505	360,000	69,495
Encashment of medical leave	397,130	436,245	39,115
Contribution to Employees' Provident Fund	1,947,801	2,393,352	445,550
Contribution to Employees' Trust Fund	389,589	467,670	78,081
Defined Benefit Plan Cost - Gratuity	-	-	-
Approved Vehicle & fuel Allowances	2,417,514	2,882,240	464,726
Research Allowances	530,945	1,000,000	469,055
Allowances to Chairman & Director	2,069,280	2,119,280	50,000
	25,504,599	29,642,874	4,138,275

B Travelling Expenses

Local	90,649	100,000	9,351
Overseas	5,258,323	6,250,000	991,677
	5,348,972	6,350,000	1,001,028

C Repairs & Maintenance

Equipments	236,152	650,000	413,848
Vehicles	681,241	750,000	68,759
Building	93,154	100,000	6,846
Furniture & Fittings	3,600	150,000	146,400
	1,014,148	1,650,000	635,852

04 Finance Cost

Debit Tax	37,447	-	(37,447)
Bank Charges	-	30,000	30,000
	37,447	30,000	(7,447)

Grand Total	38,852,245	50,000,000	11,147,755
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Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

Comparison of Approved Capital Budget (Revised) and Actual Expenditure Amounts for the year ended December 2017

Folio	Expenditure Category	Objective No./ Section of the Act.	Object Code	Functions	Actual Income/ Expenditure 2017 LKR. Cts.	Approved Budget 2017 LKR. Cts.	Difference/ Excess (Shortage) LKR. Cts.
1	Research Management and Functions of the council (Objectives of the Council)	10 - (a)	2501	To advise the Government on all matters regarding the organization, co-ordination, planning and execution of agricultural research and such other related matters as may be referred to it by the Minister	53,849.00	200,000.00	146,151.00
		10 - (b)	2501	To formulate national agricultural research policy and priorities	291,834.74	498,000.00	206,165.26
		10 - (c)	2501	To define the overall aims and scope of agricultural research with a view to furthering national development objectives	324,680.76	500,000.00	175,319.24
		10 - (d)	2501	To make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the financial, manpower and physical resources required by agricultural research institutions and establishments and on the terms and conditions of service of the staff of such institutions and establishments	299,374.00	325,000.00	25,626.00
		10 - (e)	2501	To review institutional and departmental agricultural research programmes and make recommendations with regard to their priorities and funding to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance and Planning	970,504.90	1,000,000.00	29,495.10
		10 - (f)	2501	To promote and facilitate excellence in agricultural research	2,112,746.11	2,400,000.00	287,253.89
		10 - (g)	2501	To act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government	35,800.00	175,000.00	139,200.00
		10 - (h)	2501	To arrange for and fund inter-institutional agricultural research projects	901,306.00	1,002,000.00	100,694.00
		10 - (i)	2501	To arrange for and fund special scientific services for the entire agricultural research sector	99,819.00	500,000.00	400,181.00
		10 - (j)	2501	To promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at national and international level	1,383,085.40	1,500,000.00	116,914.60
		C/F			6,472,999.91	8,100,000.00	1,627,000.09

		B/F		6,472,999.91	8,100,000.00	1,627,000.09	
		10 - (k)	2501	To organize conferences and seminars on international, national and inter-institutional issues relating to agricultural research	291,224.57	300,000.00	8,775.43
		10 - (l)	2401	To arrange for the post-graduate training of agricultural research staff and for interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad:	3,548,283.07	4,000,000.00	451,716.93
		10 - (m)	2501	To review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions and divisions from time to time.	256,709.26	400,000.00	143,290.74
					10,569,216.81	12,800,000.00	2,230,783.19
2	Acquisition of capital Assets						
	(a) Plant, Machinery & equipments		2103		2,712,512.50	5,038,000.00	2,325,487.50
	(b) Land & land improvements, Information Technology & agricultural Journals		2105		614,984.64	662,000.00	47,015.36
					3,327,497.14	5,700,000.00	2,372,502.86
3	Rehabilitation & Improvements of Capital Assets		2502		427,005.74	480,000.00	52,994.26
4	Other Capital expenditure						
	(a) Restructuring		2502			20,000.00	20,000.00
	(b) Seminar, Workshop & Publication		2502		711,900.00	1,000,000.00	288,100.00
					711,900.00	1,020,000.00	308,100.00
	Grand Total				15,035,619.69	20,000,000.00	4,964,380.31

PART II

16. GENERAL16.1 Basis of Preparation

- a) **Statement of compliance** - The financial statement of the council comprise the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, cash flow statement and notes to the financial statement.
- b) The financial statement was authorized for issue by the Council on 27th February 2018.
- c) **Reporting entity** - The institute of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy has been registered under the Parliament act.No.47 of 1987 on 27th of December 1987. The registered office of the council is situated at No.114/09, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.
- d) **Principle activities and nature of operations** - SLCARP was established in 1987, under the Act No.47 of 1987 to ensure that agricultural research is directed towards national development through formulation of agricultural research policy, research prioritization, planning, facilitation, co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural research.
- e) **A Description of the Nature of the Entity** - Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy is an umbrella organization of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) that operates within several Ministries. SLCARP came into existence on the 22nd December 1987 to create an environment for more productive agricultural research.

SLCARP's mission is to enhance and mobilize the scientific resources in Sri Lanka efficiently to catalyze and agricultural research and technology generation within NARS.

With the Secretariat in Colombo, SLCARP serves as an organization in an advisory capacity for co-coordinating and consolidating efforts within Sri Lanka NARS, funding research projects/programmers and promoting scientific research linkages in prioritized areas both nationally and internationally. CARP has been instrumental in promoting and facilitating research, by improving and enhancing agricultural research.

through documentation and communicating latest advances in research to the NARS scientists. SLCARP has identified its own perspective, plans and programs for the future in keeping with the aspirations and goals of the Ministry of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services to meet the future challenges in enhancing domestic food production and exports focused on poverty reduction.

- f) **Our Vision** - A vibrant and sustainable agricultural research, development and innovation system assuring socio- economic development of Sri Lanka.
- g) **Our Mission** - To ensure agricultural research, development and innovations are directed towards national development goals through policy formulation, facilitation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment.
- h) **Our Mandated Functions - SLCARP**
 - (1) To advise the Government on all matters regarding the organization, co-ordination, planning and execution of agricultural research and such other related matters as may be referred to it by the Minister;
 - (2) to formulate national agricultural research policy and priorities;
 - (3) to define the overall aims and scope of agricultural research with a view to furthering national development objectives;
 - (4) to make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the financial, manpower and physical resources required by agricultural research institutions and establishments and on the terms and conditions of service of the staff of such institutions and establishments;
 - (5) to review Institutional and departmental agricultural research programmes and make recommendations with regard to their priorities and funding to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance and Planning ;
 - (6) to promote and facilitate excellence in agricultural research;

- (7) to act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government;
- (8) to arrange for and fund inter-institutional agricultural research projects;
- (9) to arrange for and fund special scientific services for the entire agricultural research sector;
- (10) to promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at national and international level;
- (11) Organize conferences and seminars on international , national and inter-Institutional issues relating to the agricultural research;
- (12) to arrange for the post-graduate training of agricultural research staff and for interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad; and
- (13) to review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions and divisions from time to time.

16.2.1 Accounting Policies and Concepts;

Financial Statements for the year 2017 have been prepared on accrual basis in accordance with Sri Lanka public sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS). Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLAS) are used whenever the applicable standards are silent on the particular issue.

16.2.2 Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cash basis. No adjustment have been made for inflationary factors in the financial statement.

16.3 Functional and presentation of currency

The financial statement of the year end 2010 were presented in Sri Lankan rupees (LKR.) and nearest cents.

However we have decided to present our Financial Statement in LKR. And round to the nearest rupee which is effective from the financial year January 01st 2011 and ahead. Year 2017 was presented in LKR. and rounded to the nearest rupee.

16.4 Accounting for Govt. Grants disclose of Govt. Assistance

(a) Accounting for Government Grants & Disclosure of Government Assistance was adopted for accounting year ended 2017 and also comparative figures were restated accordingly up to 2016.

(b) We further say, that accounting policy had been adopted with regard to the government grants was the method of capital approach but that government grant was related to the fixed assets it had been taken to the accounts under the method of income approach.

17. 1. VALUATION OF ASSETS

1.1 Property plant & Equipment

Property plant & equipment are on the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation and is provided on the straight line method at the following rates per annum.

a)	Building	05%
b)	Computer & printers	30%
c)	Page(vii) Computer Software	30%
d)	Office Equipment	15%
e)	Office Furniture	15%
f)	Vehicles	25%
g)	Road	05%
h)	Library Book	05%
i)	Non Consumables	10%
j)	Electronic Data	30%

A fixed asset which was purchased during the month of December on review year is not depreciated. If it is purchased on 1st of January we considered 12 months for the deprecation of review year, but if it is purchased on 15th January we considered only 11 months & 15 days only .etc.....

Revaluation of Assets

Request has been made to the secretary Ministry of Agriculture for revaluation of assets. Adjustment will make for 2018 after receiving of the revaluation report.

1.2 Disposal Value

Value of disposal items has been decided by the council approved valuation committee. Year 2013,2014 & 2015 has been finalised.

1.3 Trade & Other Receivables

Trade & Other Receivables incurred Staff Debtors, Unsettled Research Imprest, Deposits , Prepayment , Income receivable , Unsettled Advance & Distress Loan interest receivable.

1.4 Composition of EPF & ETF rates ;

	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Total</u>
EPF	15%	10%	25%
ETF	03%	-	03%

1.5 Unsettled Research imprest

The research imprest has been given to various research Institutes/ Universities in Sri Lanka. However, some of the research institutes/ Universities do not settle this research imprest at the year end such amount stated as an unsettled research imprest.

1.6 Stocks

Stocks are shown in the financial statement at lower of market value or purchase price. The stock is valued using FIFO method.

1.7 Gratuities

A provision has been made according to regulations 5 of Gratuity Act. No.12 of 1983 in respect of employees eligible under the Act.

1.8 Refundable and Receivable Deposits

Values of refundable and receivable of deposits are namely as follows;

Receivable

A. W. Ranasinghe (Filling Station - Kollupitiya)
Postgraduate Institute of Management - Library
Sri Lanka Telecom - IDD

1.9 Trade & Other Receivables

Refundable

Security Service - Cosmo
Janitorial Service- Filter Environmental Cleaning Services
J K Power Security Service
Sirakma Security Service (Pvt) Ltd
Resource Environmental & Management Service
Nipuni Cleaning service (Pvt) Ltd
Action Clean Service
Rs.5,000.00 Refundable Deposits

Said deposits relating with service agreements when we are terminating above agreements we must pay/ receive money from each party.

2.0 Request has been made to the Secretary ministry of Agriculture to clear the ownership of the land and Building which is used by the SLCARP.

Auditor's Comment

Our Corporate Information

As at 31st of December 2016

Name of the State Owned Enterprise

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

Ministry

Agriculture Ministry

Secretary to the Ministry

Mr.B.Wijayaratne

Classification of General Treasury (PED/COP/POLU/Circular-17.06.2015)

Budgetary Funded – Research and Development Agencies/ Entities established under an Act. of Parliament to perform research and development activities for the benefit of the National Economy or in the wider interest of the public are deemed as Research and Development Agencies.

Supervision and Monitoring Role Managed by

Department of Public Enterprises (PED)

Carder Supervision & Corporate Plan Managed by

National Salaries and Carder Commission / Department of Management Services (MSD)

and

Department of Public Enterprises (PED)

Annual Budget and Action Plan Managed by

Department of National Budget

Governed by

The Council of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

Head of the Council

Secretary / Director

Legal Form

Incorporated Under the Parliament Act.

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act, No. 47 of 1987

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Auditor General

Secretary to the Council / Head of the Department

Secretary / Director

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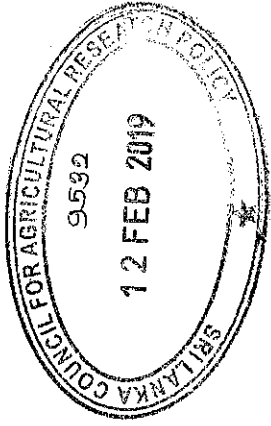
- **Current A/C No. 2323310**
- **Swift Code BCEYLKLX ,Bank Code 7010 ,Branch Code 453**
- **Telephone Number 0094 - 11-2692506**

Bank of Ceylon – Supper Grade Branch , Kollupitiya , Colombom07 , Sri lanka.

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Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy
Budget Detail year 2011 - 2017

Year	2011		2012		2013		2014		
	Particulars	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital
Total Estimate	20,944,100.00	50,985,000.00	34,900,000.00	93,500,000.00	39,796,188.00	101,065,000.00	41,533,594.27	73,081,940.00	
Total Approved	20,000,000.00	33,000,000.00	21,560,000.00	27,300,000.00	27,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	27,710,890.00	30,000,000.00	
Actual Received	18,881,000.00	28,350,000.00	20,462,753.00	17,955,150.00	25,600,000.00	16,323,030.00	26,015,190.00	20,447,000.00	
Actual Expenses	22,335,003.00	11,490,104.00	22,172,644.00	12,877,337.00	25,353,837.00	15,865,294.00	26,126,908.00	19,474,921.00	

Year	2015		2016		2017		
	Particulars	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital
Total Estimate	36,869,183.33	75,400,000.00	56,042,693.36	35,000,000.00	51,854,073.85	175,700,000.00	
Total Approved	31,220,000.00	30,000,000.00	56,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	45,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	
Actual Received	30,258,000.00	978,655.00	33,200,000.00	8,796,700.00	43,450,000.00	10,801,000.00	
Actual Expenses	27,245,671.56	2,807,985.00	31,440,810.00	6,002,932.00	38,852,244.00	11,277,588.00	

Prepared by: *[Signature]*

Checked by: *[Signature]*

Accountant: *[Signature]*

**Summary of the Recommendations made at the Audit and Management Committee
Meetings Conducted in year 2017**



Composition of the Audit & Management Committee in Year 2017.

Audit & Management Committee:

1. Mrs. P. C. Maduwanthi, Ministry of Finance & Planning – Chairperson
2. Mr. D V Bandulasena, Ministry of Agriculture – Member
3. Dr. H. M. P.Kithsiri, National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency – Member

By Invitation:

1. Mrs. Sunanda Padmini, Audit Superintendent, Ministry of Agriculture
2. Mr. P L Namasena, Internal Auditor, Ministry of Agriculture

Numbers of Meetings Convened with Duties:

- 48th Audit & Management Committee Meeting – 13th June 2017
- 49th Audit & Management Committee Meeting – 21st August 2017
- 50th Audit & Management Committee Meeting – 19th October 2017
- 51st Audit & Management Committee Meeting – 13th November 2017
- 52nd Audit & Management Committee Meeting – 18th December 2017

All Recommendation of the Audit & Management Committee Meetings held have been submitted to the Council of SLCARP.

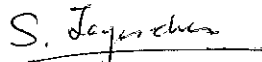
Recommendations made at the Audit & Management Committee Meetings:

Papers submitted at the 48 th AMC Meeting	Submission Requirements		Action by
	Information	Recommendation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of the Minutes of the 47th Audit & Management Committee meeting 	Submitted for information		Secretary

Papers submitted at the 50 th AMC	Submission Requirements		Action by
	Information	Recommendation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of the Minutes of the 49th Audit & Management Committee Meeting • Inquiry of Mr. W. M. D. B Abeyratne, Accountant, SLCARP • Post of Internal Auditor • Designations of Assistant Director (Administration) and Assistant Director (Finance). • SLCARP- ICRAF Project. • Contingency Payment to ICAR- SLCARP Scholars. • Revised SLCARP Recurrent Budget – 2017 		Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary Secretary Secretary Secretary Secretary Secretary

Papers submitted at the 51 st AMC	Submission Requirements		Action by
	Information	Recommendation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of the Minutes of the 50th Audit & Management Committee Meeting • Inquiry of Mr. W. M. D. B Abeyratne, Accountant, SLCARP • Post of Internal Auditor • Post of Assistant Director (Administration) • Payments to Secretary /SLCARP • Revised Capital Budget 2017 • Financial progress of the Recurrent and Capital Budget 2017 • Medical Insurance for SLCARP staff • Any Other Business 		Submitted for Recommendation	Secretary Secretary Secretary Secretary Secretary Secretary

Papers submitted at the 52 nd AMC Meeting	Submission Requirements		Action by
	Information	Recommendation	
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The Chairman,
Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy for the year ended 31 December 2017 in terms of Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act No.38 of 1971

The audit of financial statements of Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy for the year then ended 31 December 2017 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with Section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 and Section 18(3) of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act No.47 of 1987. My comments and observations which I consider should be published with the Annual Report of the Council in terms of Section 14(2) (c) of the Finance Act appear in this report. A detailed report in terms of Section 13(7) (a) of the Finance Act was issued to the Chairman of the Council on 30 May 2018.

1.2 Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as the management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

1.3 Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards consistent with International Auditing Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI 1000- 1810).

1.4 Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As a result of the matters described in paragraph 2.2 of this report, I am unable to determined whether any adjustment might have been found necessary in respect of the recorded or unrecorded items and the elements making up the statements of financial position, statement of comprehensive income and statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement.

2. Financial Statements

2.1 Disclaimer Opinion

Because of significant of the matters described in paragraph 2.2 of this report, I have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidences to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

2.2 Comments on Financial Statements

2.2.1 Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards

The following observations are made.

(a) Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 01

Eventhough assets and liabilities should not be set-off unless requested or permitted by Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard as per the paragraph 48 of the Standard, balance of Rs. 144,452 payable to the Research Institutions and receivable balance of Rs. 46,217 had been set-off against and net balance of Rs. 98,235 had been shown in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017.

(b) **Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 02**

Eventhough Treasury Grant of Rs. 10,801,000 received for research during the year and research expenses of Rs. 11,277,588 required to be shown under the operating activities in the cash flow statements as per the Section 22 (c) of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 02, had been shown under the investment activities.

2.2.2 Accounting Deficiencies

The following observations are made.

- (a) Value of donation had been overstated by Rs. 114,697 and accumulated excess had been understated by same amount during the year under review, due to donations received for equipment had not been depreciated since year 2015.
- (b) Cost of building Rs. 449,480 and depreciation for the year Rs.2,809 had been overstated as at 31 December for the year under review, due to recurrent expenses of painting and rehabilitation expenses incurred for the building amounting Rs. 449,480 had been accounted as capital expenses in the current year.
- (c) Loss on disposal of fixed asset Rs. 157,949 for the year under review had been shown as Rs. 161,854 in the comprehensive income statement.
- (d) Allocation had not been made for the audit fees in the financial statements for the year under review.

2.2.3 Lack of Evidence for Audit

Capital grant received from the General Treasury for research had been shown as negative balance of Rs. 5,856,588 in the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2017 and accuracy of the balance could not be verified in audit.

2.2.4 Unexplained Difference

According to the financial statements as at 31 December of the year under review, differences of Rs. 49,992 and Rs. 99,981 had been observed in reconciliation of opening and closing distress loan balances with balances of distress loan register respectively and reason thereon had not been explained.

2.3 Accounts Receivable and Payable

Eventhough unsettled research imprest of Rs. 650,131 and unsettled advances negative balance of Rs. 21,564 as at 31 December 2017 had been brought forward since 2015, action had not been taken to identify the balances and settled.

2.4 Non-compliances with Law, Rules, Regulations and Management Decisions

According to the Public Finance Circular No. 03/2015 of 14 July 2015, eventhough it is required to settle the ad-hoc sub imprest immediately after completing the works, advances of Rs. 31,963 given in the year 2014 had not been settled even as at 31 December of the year under review.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Results

According to the financial statements furnished, the financial result of the Council for the year ended 31 December 2017 was a surplus of Rs. 5,432,734 as compared with the corresponding surplus of Rs. 2,434,932 for the preceding year, thus indicating a improvement of Rs. 2,997,802 in the financial result in the year under review as compared with the preceding year. Eventhough administration expenses had been increases by Rs. 6,262,761 during the year under review as compared with preceding year, increase in Government Grant by Rs. 10,250,000 was the main reasons for this improvement.

In analyzing financial results of 04 preceding years and in the year under review, eventhough a net loss had been indicated in the years 2013 and 2014, a net profit had been indicated in the following years and it was Rs.3,594,269 in the year 2015 and it had been deceased up to Rs. 2,434,932 in the year 2016. However, net profit of the year under review had been increased up to Rs. 5,437,734 again. However, in adjusting personnel emoluments and depreciation on non- current assets to the financial result, the contribution of the Institution had been continuously improved from Rs. 24,507,650 to Rs.34,399,045 since year 2013 to year 2017.

4. Operating Review

4.1 Performance

4.1.1 Activity and Review

The following observations are made.

- (a) According to the Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy Act No. 47 of 1987, allocation of Rs. 10,801,000 had been made for 13 research programmes in the action plan prepared for the achievement of main functions of the Council. However, physical progress of research programmes such as agricultural research priorities, identifying agricultural data information and preparation of journal, relationship between national and international level research institution had been remained at 37 per cent, 21 per cent and 8 per cent respectively.
- (b) Eventhough it was schedule to settle the problems and weakness of the computer software introduced by the Institution for research by observing 20 external institutions under the INFORM- 2017 annual training workshop in the annual action plan of the year, action had not been taken accordingly and awareness had only been made by calling a meeting for officers of those institutions.

4.2 Operating Review

According to the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers, it had been scheduled to award foreign Post Graduate Degrees for the National Agricultural Researchers by spending Rs. 300 million per year in next 05 years period by the Council. A foreign tour had been made by Secretary of the Ministry, 6 officers including Chairman and Secretary of the Council by spending Rs. 4,341,358 to select university thereon.

4.3 Matters in Contentious Nature

Appointment had been given for two professors for the posts of review committee of two institutions which review externally without considering the position of the case implementing in the Criminal Investigation Department in connection with the financial allegation of the project implemented by the Council in the year 2012 and allowances aggregating Rs. 95,000 had been paid by the Council.

4.4 Ideal and Underutilized Assets

Action had not been taken to utilize 04 tyres valued at Rs. 116,150 procured on 31 December 2016 even as at 31 December 2017.

4.5 Personal Management

A senior Scientist had been appointed to cover the post of Accountant instead of being recruit qualified officer for such post.

5. Sustainable Development

5.1 Achievement of Sustainable Development Goal

Every public institution should act in compliance with the Circular, No. NP/SP/SDG/17 issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs dated 14 August 2017 and the 2030 Agenda of the United Nation. Accordingly targets such as get rid of hunger and climate changes and reduction of its effects had been assigned to the Council by the Ministry and works had been assigned to collect information by conducting awareness programmes for research officers during the year under review.

6. Accountability and Good Governance

6.1 Procurements

The following observations are made.

- (a) Two officers who participate for the foreign training had been appointed as members of the procurement committee held to procure air tickets valued at Rs. 171,600 contrary to the ethics of procurement mention in the paragraph 1.4.3 of the Government Procurement Guidelines.
- (b) Eventhough at least one member required to be a specialist on the respective procurement in a Technical Evaluation Committee as per the paragraph 2.8.1 (b) of the Government Procurement Guidelines, a specialist had not been appointed to take part at the Technical Evaluation Committee for procurement of computers and accessories valued at Rs.2,513,120 during the year under review by the Council.

6.2 Budgetary Control

Variations ranging from 19 per cent to 100 per cent were observed in comparing the expenditure of 39 budgeted items with actual expenditure of the year under review. Thus indicate that the budget had not been used as an effective instrument of management control.

7. Systems and Controls

The deficiencies in systems and controls observed during the course of audit were brought to the notice of the Chairman of the Council from time to time. Special attention is needed in respect of the following areas of control.

<u>Areas of Systems and Controls</u>	<u>Observations</u>
(a) Accounting	Deficiencies in Accounting
(b) Assets Management	Procurements are made without considering the requirements.
(c) Procurement Management	Non-compliances with Procurement Guidelines
(d) Budgetary Control	Budget had not been prepared according to the action plan in implementing programmes and projects.

Sgd./ H.M. GAMINI WIJESINGHE
Auditor General

H.M Gamini Wijesinghe
Auditor General

Auditor General's report in terms of section 14 (2) (c) of the Finance Act No.38 of 1971, for the financial statements of the year 2016 ended at 31st December of the Council for Agricultural Research Policy of Sri Lanka

1.2 Responsibilities of Management on financial statements

1.3 Accountability of Auditor General

2.1 Audit Opinion

2.2 Comments on financial statements

2.2.1 Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard

A. Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard No.01

According to Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard No. 01, liability for the assets should not be compensated. However, in the financial statements of this institute, namely the value of current liability, from the years of 2014, 2015 and 2016 was compensated, and net value recorded because of maintaining the consistency of presentation of accounts. However, according to the instructions given, action will be taken to present accounts, from year 2017.

B. Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard No.07

- I. The matters indicated in the audit query are accepted. It has been mentioned based on the accounts footnotes that the depreciation should not be made for the assets procured within the month of December in the relevant year. In future, according to Accounting Standard No.69, action will be taken to calculate depreciation for the assets from the period where they are utilized.
- II. Fully depreciated assets are still in use. Action will be taken to do re-valuation and account.

2.2.2 Accounting Deficiencies

- (a) Relevant depreciation is adjusted in the financial statements of the year under review, based on the final outstanding. This is accepted. Necessary action will be taken to adjust relevant depreciation in year 2017.

2.2.3 Unexplained Differences

In allocation of provision for gratuity, total salary is considered as a base for such provision as mentioned in the gratuity allocation schedule, based on bank outstanding found within some previous years (basic salary + allowances). Necessary action will be taken to adjust this in the accounts of 2017.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Outcome

This matter is accepted.

4. Operational Review

4.1 Performance

- (a) This is accepted in respect of year 2016. This has been rectified in 2017 accounts.
- (b) The comments are accepted. Action will be taken to adjust this in year 2017 accounts.

4.2 Management Operations

It was not planned to procure this equipment within year 2016. These 03 equipment are very old ones. These all three equipment were out of order in three occasions. Therefore, based on the necessity of this institute, 03 substitute equipment have been purchased instead of such 03 equipment which had been out of order. Further, I would like to inform that these equipment are supplied through registered private companies in Sri Lanka. Procurements have been done by calling tenders from such companies which supply such equipment.

4.4 Staff Administration

(b) Deputy Director General

An interview was held to make recruitment to this post. However, as a qualified officer did not appear for this interview, it was unable to make such appointment to this post. However, necessary arrangements are being made to restructure the organizational structure in future and to make appointments to the posts which are existing in this institute.

Post of Network Administrator

Advertisement was published in two occasions to recruit a suitable person to this post of network administrator, according to relevant recruitment scheme. However, no person who fulfilled required qualifications applied for, and therefore it was unable to make a recruitment to this post so far. Further, Board of Management granted its approval to change this post as 'Senior Administrative Officer' which is more important than that of post. Accordingly, approval from the Department of Management Services has also been obtained to do so. A letter has been sent to the Department of Management Services seeking instructions on the recruitment qualifications for this post.

5. Accountability and Good Governance

5.1 Submission of Annual Report

A draft of the annual report for 2016 was sent to the Ministry on 2017.03.02. However, it was unable to submit the said report to the Auditor General. Action will be taken to rectify this error.

5.2 Budgetary Control

Budgetary control matters including preparation of 2017 plan are being carried out properly.

6. System and Control

Annex 1

Annual Report 2017 - Summary Report

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policies

Performance of the Institution

- Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policies has discharged most of its duties and functions which had been assigned to it, and therefore, year 2017 became a prominent successful year for the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policies.
- A policy document which includes the policies for ten years of period was published.
- In the first time, Cashew Corporation and Sesame Research Center were amalgamated into National Agricultural Research Systems.
- Many workshops on the challenges arising due to impacts of climate changes and crop diversity were conducted in year 2017 in order to enhance the National Goals.
- An awarding ceremony was successfully conducted to evaluate the special characteristics of agricultural researches.
- International relationship was strengthened in 2017 by executing memorandum of Understandings among Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policies, and India Council for Agricultural Researches (ICAR), Malaysia Agricultural Research Development Institute (MARDI), and Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) etc.

The actions taken to rectify the deficiencies indicated in audit queries and audit reports

- To achieve sustainable goals, an action plan was prepared for necessary activities by appointing an officer.
- Necessary steps were taken to fill the vacancies existing in the cadre.
- Necessary arrangements have been made to do an adjustment in respect of Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard No. 01.

The mid-term actions proposed to be taken to improve the Council's Performance

All Staff have been instructed to follow good governance methodology to improve the Council's performance.