

Seminar on Advanced Technologies in Food Chemistry

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A seminar on 'Advanced Technologies in Food Chemistry', organised by the trainee workshop and seminar committee, was held on the 22nd of February 2023 in the premises of the Adamantane House, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon and the event was also broadcasted live on ZOOM.

With the theme of the 2022/23 council year of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, the seminar was conducted to educate the audience on new strategies in food technologies, and how they can be developed in order to meet three of the 16 main sustainable development goals, Zero hunger, Good health and wellbeing, Clean Water and sanitization.

The speakers and participants of the seminar were welcomed by Prof Namal Priyantha, the Dean of the College of Chemical Sciences, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon after which the Chairperson of the Trainee seminar and workshop committee, Dr. Laksiri Weerasinghe, introduced the speakers of the seminar. Speakers from different fields of science joined this seminar helping the audience to gather information on food technology as seen from individuals in various stages in the industry.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof K.D.S. Ranaweera, Senior Professor at the Department of Food and Science Technology of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura.

Followed by the keynote address, three plenary speakers addressed the gathering on various topics.

Dr Nadeesh M. Adassooriya, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Chemical and Process Engineering Spoke on The Present and Future Prospects of Nanotechnology in Food Science. The Head of Business Development of the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology, Dr. Lakshitha Pahalagedara addressed the gathering on The Business of Technology Driven Food Security. The final presentation on "The

Role of Urban Agriculture and Positive Technology in food security" was done by Dr Surani Chathurika, Head, Department of Urban Bioresources, Faculty of Urban and Aquatic Bioresources, University of Sri Jayawardenepura.

The tokens of appreciation to all speakers were handed over by Dr. Laksiri Weerasinghe and Dr. Dinusha Udukala, after each presentation to appreciate their valuable time and knowledge shared.

The event was officially concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Dinusha Udukala, Senior Lecturer at the College of Chemical Sciences, Institute of Chemistry Ceylon.