

Editorial

The theme of 2013 Annual scientific Sessions is “Defining universal health access and coverage for Sri Lanka” which is timely and appropriate. The goal of universal health coverage is to ensure that all people have access to the health services they need without facing financial hardship due to unaffordable out of pocket expenditure.

The sessions comprise of three pre session workshops, two plenaries, eight symposia and one post session symposium. The workshops consists of training of trainers on control of non-communicable diseases at community level, gender attitudes to reduce health impact of gender and best practices and innovations in Public Health at the grass root level.

The two plenaries highlights important aspects for universal health access namely health financing perspective and multi sectoral approach. The symposia will encompass the areas of maternal & child health, communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, reproductive health, mental health, cancer and training needs to meet universal health access and coverage.

This issue of the journal publishes a leading article, two original research articles, a short communication and a research letter. We are hoping to encourage young researchers will publish their research to enrich the quality of this journal.

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