

SEAA News Update - January to December, 2016

1. Recognition of M.Sc. and PGDSE for Promotions

The members of the SEAA along with the Director/PGIS and members of the Board of Study of Science Education have worked to rectify the matters on updating and revising the present constitution related to teacher service, educational administrative service, principal service, and teacher educator service. We expect that the inclusion of M.Sc. and Postgraduate Diploma in Science Education for the promotions on the above areas in the revised constitution in 2017. A copy of the letter sent by the Science Branch to the Administrative Branch of the Ministry of Education is attached for your reference.



The president of SEAA Dr. W. D. Chandrasena was handing over a request letter to Mr. Sunil Hettiarachchi, the Secretary/Ministry of Education on teacher promotions based on Postgraduate Diploma in Science Education and M.Sc. in Science Education offered by the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya (25.10.2016)

2. Teacher Training Programmes

One-day teacher training programme was conducted at Poramadulla National School for G.C.E. (O/L) science teachers on 12.02.2016. Approximately 35 science teachers from Hanguranketha Educational Zone participated in the workshop. Dr. W. D. Chandrasena of Faculty of Science and Mr. U. Samarakoon of Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya participated as the resource persons of the programme. The workshop was organized by Ms. G. G. H. M. H. S. Bandara, Assistant Director of Education/Science of the Hanguranketha Education Zone. The programme consisted of sessions on Science and

Science Education, Motivation on Learning, and Introduction to Teaching Methods. The participants had highly appreciated the workshop.



Dr. W. D. Chandrasena was conducting the First Session of the Workshop



It was Morning Tea Time



Participants at a Group Work



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One-day teacher training programme was conducted at Nuwaraeliya Zonal Education Office for G.C.E. (O/L) science teachers on 19.02.2016. Approximately 30 science teachers from the Nuwara-Eliya Educational Zone participated in the workshop. Dr. W. D. Chandrasena and Dr. Chamara Jayasundera of the Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya and Mr. Cletus Rodrigo of Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya participated as the resource persons of the programme. The workshop was organized by Ms. V. R. Iddamalgoda, Assistant Director of Education/Science of Nuwara-Eliya Education Zone. The programme

consisted of sessions on Science and Science Education, Motivation on Learning, Chemistry Education, and Introduction to Teaching Methods. The participants had highly valued the workshop.



At the Inauguration of the Workshop



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Dr. Chamara Jayasundera was conducting his session on Chemistry Education



Dr. W. D. Chandrasena and Ms. V. R. Iddamalgoda were observing teachers' group work

One-day teacher training programme was conducted at Katugastota Teacher Centre for G.C.E. (O/L) science teachers on 18.10.2016. Approximately 40 science teachers from Katugastota Educational Zone participated in the workshop. Dr. W. D. Chandrasena and Dr. Chamara Jayasundera of the Faculty of Science, University of Peradeniya participated as the resource persons of the programme and the workshop was facilitated by H. M. D. Ranjani Seneviratne, Assistant Director of Education/Science and Mr. Upul Rajapakse, In-Service Advisor/Science of Katugastota Education Zone. The programme consisted of sessions on Motivation towards Success, Chemistry and Chemistry Education, Science and Science Education, Introduction to Teaching Methods, and Self-Determination Theory on Teaching and Learning. The participants had highly appreciated the workshop.



Dr. Chamara Jayasundera was conducting his Session on Acids and Bases



Dr. W. D. Chandrasena was conducting his Session on Teaching Methods



Participants are engaging in some work



Closing Ceremony of G.C.E. (O/L) Teacher Training Programme Organized through SEAA at the Postgraduate Institute of Science in Collaboration with the Central Province Department of Education



Participants of the G.C.E. (O/L) Teacher Training Programme

3. Workshops for G.C.E. (O/L) Students

The SEAA has conducted two workshops for G.C.E. (O/L) students at Seevali Maha Vidyalaya, Hindagala. First Programme was conducted by Ms. M. A. P. Makawita in the area of biology on 23.03.2016. A half-day practical workshop was conducted on 01.12.2016 in the subject disciplines of biology and chemistry. Dr. W. D. Chandrasena, the President/SEAA coordinated the workshop and the panel of resource persons included Ms. M. R. T. D. Mallawa, Ms. T. D. Sinharachchi, Ms. Rangana Angunawala, Ms. Iresha Edirisinghe, and Mr. Balashreedaran of Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya. The school teachers and students highly valued the programmes.



Students are engaging in a Chemistry Practical



A Biology Practical



Chemistry Practical



A Video Presentation on Tissue Culture

4. SEAA Annual Trip

The SEAA organized a one-day trip to Nuwara-Eliya on 14th August, 2016. The number of SEAA members and Associate Members participated in the event was 40. The places visited included “Piduruthalagala” and Moon Plain (“Sandathenna). Participants enjoyed the trip very much and the relations among the members were strengthened.

**SEAA ANNUAL TRIP
2016**

Join with SEAA annual trip to
Nuwara Eliya
14th August 2016
@ 6.00 am
from
University premises

We facilitate your,
Breakfast
Morning Tea
Lunch
Evening Tea

*Bring your,
Water bottle
Cap
Sweater* *All are welcome...*



Nuwara Eliya



Moon Plains



Piduruthalagala



After Morning Tea



At the Highest Elevation in Sri Lanka



Just after a Dance near Gregory Lake, Nuwara-Eliya

5. SEAA Magazine

The SEAA is ready to publish its educational magazine to be used by science educationists, science teachers, and students. The SEAA has received around 10 articles to be published in this magazine and the first publication will be launched in early 2017..

6. Fund Raising

The fund raising programme of SEAA has been launched through SEAA T-shirt sales and raffle draw. Dark blue and golden colours were used in the T-shirt designing and the raffle draw has to be held on 30.12.2016 at the AGM.



A Winner is receiving her Present from the 2015 Raffle Draw

7. Other Activities

Some SEAA members participated in school projects coordinated by a Visiting Japanese Professor Yoshiyuki Nagata in Hindagala Seevali Maha Vidyalaya and Uda-Peradeniya Maha Vidyalaya. The programme was on the theme of “Education for a Sustainable Environment”. Hindagala Maha Vidyalaya was visited for one day and Uda-Peradeniya school was visited for six days. The school observations were conducted followed by the discussions with the school principals, teachers, and students with related activities. A cultural event was organized in a Hotel at Uda-Peradeniya on the final day of the programme.



Project Team at Hindagala Seevali Maha Vidyalaya



At Uda-Peradeniya Maha Vidyalaya



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Student Activity at Uda-Peradeniya Maha Vidyalaya



A Discussion on Student Activity at Uda-Peradeniya Maha Vidyalaya

SEAA members involved in some “Shramadana” campaigns as well.



Cleaning of University “Viharaya” Road



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Some SEAA members celebrated New Year at the University.



Celebrating New Year

On behalf of SEAA, some members attended the funeral of the father in-law of Former President Dr. Sakunthala Yatigamma to convey the SEAA sympathies on that sad occasion.