



A workshop on Communicating Research

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Prof Madawa Chandratilake, Cadre Chair and Professor, Faculty Dean, Department of Medical Education, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka was awarded the NIHR GHR CADA-R2-004. The award was used to organise a workshop on Communicating Research.

This workshop aimed to: enhance skills of written scientific communication, develop skills of communicating research findings to the public through mass media and social media, promote advocacy skills to incorporate research findings into policy and practice and enhance training skills of trainers through collaborative delivery.

The face-to-face component was delivered over six consecutive days in Sri Lanka. Each session was facilitated jointly by a local and an international expert with experience in research communication. The sessions were learner-centred and feedback was provided throughout by the resource persons and peers. The online component will be conducted after a brief self-study period to provide feedback for the outputs of participants by the resource persons on abstracts, posters and manuscripts.

The international resource persons included Associate Professor Sayra Cristancho from Western University, Canada; Prof Stuart Allan from Cardiff University, UK; Associate Professor Judith McCool from the University of Auckland, New Zealand; and Professor Brian Oldenburg from La Trobe University, Australia. Emeritus Professor A. Pathmeshwaran, Dr Udara Amarasinghe, Dr Kapila Sooriyaarachchi, Dr Lathika Athauda and Dr Susie Perera contributed as Sri Lankan facilitators.

Nineteen NIHR Academy members working on projects and PhD/MPhils under NIHR 132960 participated in this workshop in person. Three to five participants from each collaborating center (UKEL / UCOL / BRAC / DDF/ MDRF and SIMS) early and mid-career researchers from Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh participated in the workshop in person. Other in-person participants included 13 early career researchers from Sri Lanka and, more than 80 researchers from around the world participated in the sessions that were made available online.



























