The Sri Lanka Surgical Congress (SLSC) of The College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka is considered the pinnacle event of the academic calendar for men and women of the knife in Sri Lanka. It is an event attended by luminaries in the world of surgery, both nationally and internationally. This year will be of special significance as it will also mark the Golden Jubilee of the college which was founded in 1971 by a handful of surgeons and has now grown to include more than six hundred of Sri Lanka's finest. It will not only be a celebration of 50 years of knowledge, science and camaraderie but also a doorway to a new era of advanced practice and technology in the field of surgery in Sri Lanka.

The sessions will be held in collaboration with The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and The SAARC Surgical Care Society from the 24th to 27th of November 2021 in Colombo. It is preceded by the pre congress work shops which serves as the prelude to the main event, where distinguished speakers from various surgical specialties would be invited to share their expertise including hands-on training sessions.

The congress will consist of plenaries, symposia, orations and free paper sessions and will endeavour to cover a wide spectrum of surgical topics. A platform would be laid for inter-disciplinary specialised discussions and real-time knowledge sharing which would be useful for the experienced surgeons as well as young trainees finding their feet in the science and art of surgery.

As the world grapples with the adversities of the COVID pandemic, The College of Surgeons has accepted the challenge of hosting this event in difficult circumstances. While prioritising safety of participants, the sessions will be held as a hybrid event, with limited physical and virtual participation.

The president and council of The College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka takes great pleasure in inviting you to immerse yourself in the academia, knowledge and fellowship that is SLSC 2021 and hopes the congress will contribute to the growth of individual as well as collaborative output in the world of surgery.

