

Message from the Chair

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South Eastern University of Sri Lanka

South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, one of the national universities in the country, is in the fore front in the region in research and development, innovation and dissemination. IntSym 2015, the fifth international symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, is one of the major events organized in the Eastern Sri Lanka to facilitate dissemination of research findings. The theme of the fifth international symposium is “Emerging Trends and Challenges in Multidisciplinary Research” an important aspect in research which is focused nationally and globally. Multidisciplinary research brings different disciplines together to talk about issues from each of their perspectives where different disciplines may collaborate, but maintaining a separation of their disciplines within that process.

Researchers from different disciplines can initiate multidisciplinary research by simple teaming. Multidisciplinary research integrates data from different disciplines, incorporates different methodologies, and combines multiple perspectives and concepts to solve real world problems. Multidisciplinary research, therefore, requires either an individual researcher involves in two or more disciplines or two or more researchers bring together two or more different disciplines or multidisciplinary teams assemble and create a platform for discovery and innovation. Multidisciplinary research not only brings expertise together but also other limited resources in many contexts such as equipment, resources, time and motivation. Hence, multidisciplinary research leads to findings that exceed the possibilities of a uni-disciplinary research.

The steering committee of the international symposium has selected this timely theme in order to be on par with national and global trends and needs. This symposium allows the researchers, academics and students to share the novel findings of multidisciplinary research and development initiatives. This symposium will also provide ample opportunity to the participants to share knowledge and collaborate and network with different experts from different parts of the country and the globe. This symposium will emerge as a platform that encourages and enhances multiple disciplines to merge together to yield more and more fruitful research findings.

I wish to thank the organizing committee of the fifth international symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for selecting an appropriate and timely theme for this year. I also wish to thank all others who have contributed to make this symposium a reality. I wish the fifth international symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka all the success.

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