

-Message from SLAAI President -

“Computers are able to see, hear and learn. Welcome to the Future”- Dave Waters

As the president of Sri Lanka Association for Artificial Intelligence (SLAAI), I am privileged to be alongside council members in bringing the one-of-a-kind pioneering association of AI in Sri Lanka, yet again to its most anticipated 15th annual session. Since its inception in 2000, SLAAI has successfully steered the IT industry and academia towards a new era of Artificial Intelligence for the collective good of our nation. Indeed, SLAAI has come a long way in fulfilling its objectives through organized international level conferences, meetups, workshops, and exhibitions under various topics have raised the awareness of AI among the community. As the oldest association for AI in Sri Lanka, SLAAI plays an important active role in National AI Policy development in Sri Lanka. We have successfully established annual sessions together with international conferences that provide excellent forums to communicate with experts regarding their innovations which explore yet unexplored intelligence in the whole wide world in the field of Artificial Intelligence, which has become one of the pivotal events in artificial intelligence professionals' calendar.

Third SLAAI-International Conference on Artificial Intelligence – 2019 (SLAAI-ICAI-2019) has been indexed in Scopus and attracted high-quality papers and preserved 40% of acceptance rate. We have continued to set the bar higher each conference year, and as we enter into our 15th year since our founding, this association will establish still another milestone.

The high level of member participation in many of our events is a testament to the success of the SLAAI leadership and its membership - it highlights the excellent progress the association has achieved during the past few years. Equally important is the continuous expansion of our industry connections which is a reflection of the strong interest in the portfolio of services provided by the association. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering confidence and support rendered to us by our supporting industry and our stakeholders comprising academia from several universities in Sri Lanka. With the support of our members, our journey towards excellence will continue with the same vigor and energy, and we are ready to meet the challenges that will come our way.

On behalf of the council, I welcome you to this year's Conference of SLAAI-ICAI-2019 to join with your fellow professional to enrich the process of Innovation and follow a game plan that accepts open boundaries.

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