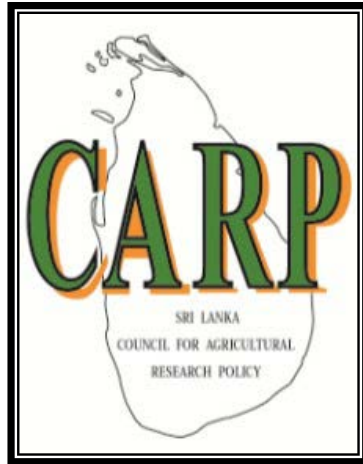


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VISION

A vibrant and sustainable agricultural research, development and innovation system assuring socio-economic development of Sri Lanka

MISSION

To ensure agricultural research, development and innovations are directed towards national development goals through policy formulation, facilitation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and impact assessment.

GOALS

Goal 1: To orient agriculture research, development and innovation to national development goals

Goal 2: Promote capacity development in the National Agriculture Research System

Goal 3: Achieve world class research, development and innovation status

Goal 4: Promote continuous performance appraisal in line agencies

Goal 5: Promote dissemination and awareness creation of the national agriculture research, development and innovations

Goal 6: Strengthen institutional capacity of SLCARP in order to reinforce NARS

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SLCARP

1. To achieve excellence in the agriculture research, development and innovation
2. To orient agriculture research and innovation to achieving national development agenda
3. To develop capacity of the National Agriculture Research and Innovation System
(scientific and technical)
4. To promote demand driven research of high standards to support agriculture developments.
5. To promote international, regional and national level corporation, in order to achieve world class research, development and innovation
6. To monitor and evaluate progress of national research, development and innovation programs and institutions
7. To promote dissemination and awareness of the national agriculture research, development and innovation programs
8. To strengthen institutional capacity of the SLCARP in order to achieve national development agenda

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL 2014

1. Dr. J. D. Samarasinghe, Chairman, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy
2. Dr. D. B. T. Wijerathne, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
3. Prof. W. L. Sumathipala, Chairman, National Science Foundation
4. Prof. Ranjith Senarathna, Vice Chairman, University Grant Commission
5. Dr. W. K. De Silva, Director General, Department of Animal Health and Production
6. Dr. R. R. Wijekoon, Director General, Department of Agriculture
7. Mr. R. M. P. Ratnayake, Additional Director General, Department of External Resources
8. Mr. Gamini Gamage, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Renewable Energy
9. Mr. R. A. D. S. Ranathunga, Director (Development), Ministry of Plantation Industries
10. Mr. S. D. M. Asanka Abeywardhane, Additional Secretary, (Development), Ministry of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
11. Mr. M. Rizvi Zaheed, Managing Director, Hayleys Agriculture Holdings Limited.
12. Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara, Secretary, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

	178	179	180	181	182	183	184
	19th Feb	17th June	31st July	01st Oct	05th Nov	03rd Dec	23rd Dec
Dr. J. D. Samarasinghe	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Prof. W. L. Sumathipala	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
Mr. R. A. D. S. Ranathunga	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
Prof. Ranjith Senarathne	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
Mr. Asanka Abeywardena	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Mr. R. M. P. Rathnayake	1	-	1	-	1	1	-
Dr. W. K. De Silva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dr. D. B. T. Wijeratne	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mr. Gamini Gamage	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mr. Rizvi Saheed	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
Dr. R. R. A. Wijekoon	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

The number of Council meetings held during the year 2014 was six. Dr. J. D. Samarasinghe was the chairman while Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara was the Secretary of all these meetings.

AUDIT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE-2014

During 2014 there were five meetings held on 19th Feb, 17th June, 29th October, 03rd December and 17th December 2014 by the Audit and Management Committee of SLCARP to discuss matters relating to Accounts and Administration of SLCARP.

Members of the committee in year 2014 are as follows;

1. Dr. D. B. T. Wijerathne - Chairman of the Committee
2. Mr. R. M. P. Ratnayake
3. Mr. Gamini Gamage

INTRODUCTION

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) was established on 22nd December, 1987 under the Ministry of Agriculture with the enactment of the SLCARP Act No 47 of 1987. Since then SLCARP has been actively engaged in supporting agricultural research in the National Agricultural Research System (NARS). Among its mandated functions, the primary responsibility of SLCARP is to develop policies and strategies to strengthen research and development in the agricultural sector by creating a conducive environment in the NARS. The overall objective is to support agricultural development by fostering a vibrant and effective research system to generate appropriate technologies and thereby increase productivity and production, increase employment opportunities, make agriculture sustainable and thereby enhance social and economic development.

The main functions of the SLCARP is to identify research priority areas, facilitate interaction through sharing of information on the respective fields, resolve constraints confronted in research and play a role in enhancing the activities of the respective committees. At present there are thirteen committees established by the Council: National Committee on Research Programmes and Projects (NCRPP), National Committee on Plant Breeding (NCPB), National Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology (NCAB), National Committee on Plant Protection (NCPPT), National Committee on Post Harvest Technology (NCPHT), National Committee on Socio Economics and Policy Analysis (NCSEPA), National Committee on Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries (NCLAF), National Committee on Floriculture Research and Development (NCFRD), National Committee on Natural Resources Management (NCNRM), National Committee on Agricultural Machinery (NCAM), National Committee on Organic Agriculture and Forestry (NCOAF), Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET) advisory committee and Committee on International Linkages.

THE MANDATED FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

1. To advise the Government on all matters regarding the organization, co-ordination, planning and execution of agricultural research and such other related matters as may be referred to it by the Minister ;
2. To formulate national agricultural research policy and priorities;
3. To define the overall aims and scope of agricultural research with a view to furthering national development objectives ;
4. To make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the financial, manpower and physical resources required by agricultural research institutions and establishments and on the terms and conditions of service of the staff of such institutions and establishments;
5. To review institutional and departmental agricultural research programmes and make recommendations with regard to their priorities and funding to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance and Planning;
6. To promote and facilitate excellence in agricultural research;
7. To act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government;
8. To arrange for and fund inter-institutional agricultural research projects;
9. To arrange for and fund special scientific services for services for the entire agricultural research sector;
10. To promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at national and international level;
11. To organize conferences and seminars on international, national and inter-institutional issues relating to agricultural research;
12. To arrange the post-graduate training of agricultural research staff and for interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad; and
13. To review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions and divisions from time to time.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy was established by the Act No. 47 of 1987, with significant authority to determine national agricultural research priorities and distribution of some funding for agricultural research within the environment of existing structures. The main strategic task of SLCARP as intended by the Act is to formulate national agricultural research policy and priorities for making arrangements for inter-institutional research projects.

SLCARP operates with the agricultural research institutes in the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and National University System (NUS) established under different line Ministries. SLCARP has correctly identified its capabilities to create strategic leverage in implementing agricultural research in the NARS and the NUS. It has direct influence on research programmes in the research stations coming under the Department of Agriculture, Department of Export Agriculture Crops and in Agriculture Faculties of National Universities.

It is very satisfying to note that in 2014, SLCARP has made significant achievements toward its mandated functions. During the period SLCARP had been able to recommend 36 new research projects under the NARP, including 23 continuation projects from 2013. However, a very little progress had been observed in University research projects due to procedural encumbrances in releasing funds. Physical progress review at the field level and problem solving meetings with the Heads of research institutions and Principle Investigators were another new features added during the year which had helped in identifying issues hindering progress of research activities. SLCARP National Committees catered to different disciplines and helped to create a dialog on topics such as climate change, climate smart agriculture and food security have come to the forefront. The thrust areas of the Committee included: food security, green economy and water security. SLCARP held First International Research Symposium (IRS) in August 2014, Award Ceremony in November 2014 and 7th National Symposium of Floriculture Research (NaSFLO) in December 2014. IRS created a platform for the national and international scientists to meet up and acquire new knowledge and share experience for the development of the agriculture sector.

National Awards 2014 for outstanding achievements in agricultural research to encourage and motivate agricultural scientists towards achieving high standards of scientific research and most outstanding Research and five other research projects were selected in appreciation of contribution to the agriculture sector. National Awards for them were presented in year 2014 by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapakse, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at the BMICH.

The SLCARP had achieved an appreciable amount of work during the year identifying leverage areas that need strategic interventions while moving away from comparatively less important activities. One of the main challenges was the lack of effective communication among the NARS institutions and the relevant Ministries.

Dr. Jayantha Dias Samarasinghe

Chairman

Sri Lanka Council of Agricultural Research Policy

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The SLCARP performed creditably during the year 2014 and some of the significant research and seminars carried out during this period are highlighted. As a central agency for planning, organization, monitoring and coordinating of agricultural research and advising the government on matters related to agriculture, SLCARP has a vital role to play in directing research in the agriculture sector in accordance with the current demands. At present SLCARP is dedicated to promote research in agriculture, mainly through the formulation and ensuring successful implementation of the National Agriculture Research Plan.

Research Management

a) National Agricultural Research Plan 2014 (NARP)

The National Agricultural Research Plan (NARP) is a consolidated plan and an action programme for those who are involved in scientific research in agriculture. Under this programme, 67 projects have been undertaken for funding. They are 36 new projects, 05 of phase II, 23 continuations and 03 of extension of the duration of the projects. All these research projects have been evaluated in 2014 and taken into year 2015 for operation.

As in previous years, main component of the NARP is Department of Agriculture conducting research projects in year 2015. Department of Export Agriculture, HARTI, IPHT and National Universities have also undertaken research projects respectively.

In addition the research projects of national universities which were in operation in year 2014 have been taken into year 2015 as funding on them in year 2014 was insufficient. 40 research projects of national universities will be in operation in year 2015.

b) External Review of NARS Institutes

External Review of Department of Export Agriculture has been commenced. The meeting headed by Secretary / Ministry of Minor Export Crops Promotion and Director General of DEA with DEA officials, SLCARP officials and External Review team was held at DEA. The review will be completed on 2015

c) National Committees of SLCARP

i) National Committee on Research Programmes and Projects (NCRPP)

The National Committee on Research Programmes and Projects (NCRPP) is a Council appointed Committee with the main task of formulating the National Agricultural Research Plan. The Committee is entrusted with the responsibility of working together with the specialized Committees to ensure successful implementation of the NARP and to make the necessary recommendations to the SLCARP Council for effective functioning of research programmes in the NARP. Eminent scientists in the agricultural research sector have been appointed to this committee by the council.

ii) The National Committee in Plant Protection (NCPP)

The National Committee on Plant Protection was appointed for a new term on March 2013. Dr Keerthi Mohotti was appointed as the Chairman of the committee and Dr Shanika Jayasekera, as the coordinator of the Committee. During the Year 2014, five meetings were planned and three were held. Two meetings were cancelled due to unavailability of funds.

During the year under review, Committee worked on several activities such as preparation of the one year Action Plan, monitoring of Half Yearly Progress Report of the NARP projects, physical Monitoring of the NARP projects, organizing a postgraduate training program on Plant Protection in collaboration with the PGIA. The committee evaluated the seven research projects submitted in Plant Protection in two meetings. The necessary corrections proposed by the committee, for six projects were communicated to the Principal Investigators and required amendments were made.

Six research projects were recommended to be incorporated into the National Agriculture Research Plan. In addition two projects were recommended for Phase II. Progress Reports for second half of year 2013 and first half of year 2014 were collected. Committee has given suggestions to improve the research methodology of the projects.

The committee worked on preparing a module for the postgraduate short course in Plant Protection. This programme was conducted by SLCARP National Committee in Plant Protection in collaboration with the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture. The programme aimed at training 20 fresh Research Officers involved in Plant Protection research of the Department of Agriculture this time.

The Objectives of the program were to equip the newly-recruited plant protectionists of the Department of Agriculture with hands-on experiences of laboratory and field techniques needed for effective, rapid and accurate diagnosis of agriculturally-important pests and educate the newly-recruited plant protectionists of the Department of Agriculture with novel techniques in plant protection. The Course duration covered ten working days (20 hours of lectures and 50 hours of practical). This program was formally inaugurated with the participation of Chairman, SLCARP, Director General Department of Agriculture and Director of the PGIA and on completion of the program on 04th December 2014, certificates were distributed to the participants at a formal ceremony.

iii) National Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology (NCAB)

The National Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology was appointed for its Second year of the second term on 27 June 2014. Dr Gamini Samarasinghe was appointed as the Chairman of the committee and Dr. Padmini C Girihagama, continue her service as the Secretary of the Committee by officially.

During the year 2014, 5 meetings were planned and 3 were held. Two meetings were cancelled due to unavailability of funds. During the year 2014, starting from end June, Committee worked on

several activities such as preparation of the one year Action Plan, monitoring of Half Yearly Progress Report of the NARP projects and physical Monitoring of the NARP projects.

Preparation of the Action Plan and screening of new project proposals were done in the first meeting held in end of the second quarter. Nine project proposals were evaluated. Two project proposals were recommended to the National Agricultural Research Plan.

Monitoring of Second Half Yearly Progress Reports for the year 2013 was done at the second meeting, held in July in the Second quarter. During the period of review, six NARP projects were carried out by different research institutes in the NARS and National Universities. Progress Reports for second half year was collected before the meeting and all the Principal Investigators (PI) were invited to the meeting to present their progress. On site project monitoring was done for 6 projects. A team comprising two or three members, including the secretary of National Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology, NARP Co-coordinator, chairman or Director of SLCARP visited the research organizations. Committee made suggestions to further improvement of the research.

iv) National Committee on Plant Breeding (NCPB)

The National Committee on Plant Breeding was appointed for its Second year of the second term on 23 June 2014. Fourteen members were appointed from different major commodities/ commodity group. Dr Malima Perera was appointed as the Chairperson of the committee and Dr. Padmini C Girihagama continued her service as the Secretary of the Committee by the officially.

During the Year 2014, 6 meetings were planned and four were held. Two meetings were cancelled due to unavailability of funds.

During the year 2014, starting from June, Committee worked on several activities such as preparation of the one year Action Plan, Screening of new project Proposals for NARP-2015, Monitoring of Half Yearly Progress Report of the NARP projects, On Site Project Monitoring of the NARP projects,.

Preparation of the Action Plan and screening and recommendation of new project proposals to the NARP-2015, were done at the first and the second meetings of second and third quarter. Fourteen projects were evaluated and 12 were recommended.

Monitoring of Second Half Yearly Progress Reports for the year 2013 was done at the third meeting of the NCPB in the third quarter of year 2014. Progress Reports were collected before the meeting and all the Principal Investigators (PI) were invited to the meeting to present their progress. A Power Point presentation was done by each Principle investigator on their project progress. Lengthily discussions were made after the each presentation, progress and constraints were commented by the committee members and other PIs as well. Progress of the each project was assessed according to the activity plan of the project, the second half year progress report, PI presentation and committee discussions. Both physical and financial progress of all the projects was ranged from satisfactory to good. Committee has given suggestions to improve the methodology of the projects. Financial progress of the projects was good. The Committee recommended to continuine all the projects.

The fourth meeting of National Committee on Plant Breeding was held to monitor the first half yearly progress of the Plant Breeding research projects conducted under the NARP during the year 2014. During the period of review, seventeen NARP projects were conducted under the National Committee on Plant Breeding in year 2014. Two projects out of these 19 were conducted by Department of Export Agriculture and rest of the projects was conducted by Department of Agriculture.

On site project monitoring was done for 13 projects. A team comprising of two or three members including the secretary of National Committee on Plant Breeding, NARP Co-ordinator, Chairman or Director of SLCARP visited the research organizations. Committee made suggestions to further improvement of the research.

v) National Committee on Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries (NCLAF)

National Committee on Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries (NCLAF) is responsible for facilitating interaction among scientists in the sector, exchange research information and to identify research priorities and needs. This Committee initiated appropriate action with assistance from the council to overcome sector related constraints. Compilation of research findings and research needs of the dairy sector and aquaculture and fisheries sector were undertaken by the National Committee. Research needs were gathered through stakeholder discussion & held in Uva and Eastern Provinces organized by the National Committee. Further screening and recommending new research and projects review of ongoing research project were undertaken by the National Committee.

vi) National Committee of Socio-Economic and Policy Analysis (NCSEPA)

The objectives of this Committee are to facilitate interaction through sharing information related to social sciences and policy related issues. The Committee has observed that higher growth rate in the agriculture sector could be achieved by means of alleviating poverty through food security. During the year under review, the Committee mainly focused on screening and making recommendations on new research projects, on-going monitoring and evaluation of the research projects in the NARP.

vii) National Committee on Floriculture Research and Development (NCFRD)

The National Committee on Floriculture Research and Development was formulated by the Council to identify the research priorities and develop the industry of ornamental plants and cut flowers with export demand. Six projects were coordinated under the NARP in floriculture, have achieved technological expertise on mass propagation, new variety development, management techniques, and post-harvest strategies with the guidance of SLCARP. These efforts have given opportunities to reach to international level with mutual understanding on future aspects. Seventh National Symposium on Floriculture Research (NaSFLO) created a platform for the scientists, growers and exporters of the floriculture sector to meet up and acquire new knowledge and share experience for the development of the sector.

viii) National Committee on Post Harvest Technology and Human Nutrition

The National Committee was appointed for its second term on March 2014. Dr. D B T Wijeratne was appointed as the Chairman of the committee and Dr. Shanika Jayasekera was appointed as the Secretary of the Committee by the SLCARP Council.

During the year under review three committee meetings were held and following activities were conducted by the Committee: Research Proposals were evaluated, one Day Workshop on Target-Oriented Research Proposal Preparation in the Discipline of Postharvest Technology and Human Nutrition, on 10th July 2014, was held at the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy.

ix) National Committee on Natural Resources Management (NCNRM)

The National Committee of Resources Management was assigned with the task to support the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) in sustainable use of natural resources of water, land and flora towards a long lasting green economy. In the year 2014, committee meetings were held and following activities were conducted by the Committee: Finalize National Priorities on Natural Resources Management, new research proposals were evaluated and eight research projects were recommended for NARP 2014. These eight research projects are Identification of the causes for low adoption of Micro irrigation systems, Effect of foliar feeding for papaya, Management of Calcium and Boron to increase productivity of passion fruit and banana, Improvement of the yield and quality of banana *Musa spp. Var. Millewa Suwandel* by some specific management practices, Development of sustainable plant nutrient management package for Intensive cultivation of vegetables, Impact of high air temperature and moisture stress for pollen and spikelet sterility of rice,. Determination of Phosphorus fertilizer requirement for rice based on soil Phosphorus map of Sri Lanka, Quantification of soil erosion and runoff under different soil conservation measures in major agro-ecological regions of Sri Lanka

x) National Committee on Organic Agriculture and Forestry (NCOA &F)

The National Committee on Organic Agriculture and Forestry (NCOA &F) was appointed with the objective of establishing national level research priorities and policies to direct agriculture towards, eco friendly self sustainable sub-system of the ecosystem. Consulting the stakeholders, the committee has identified the future potential of this industry. As the areas to be addressed public awareness on organic agriculture, management of natural governing entities of eco system, harvesting and value addition are made with priorities for future awareness research programmes.

xi) National Committee on Agricultural Machinery and Equipment (NCAME)

The committee was involved in formulation of the National Priorities in Agriculture Machinery & Equipment. The draft document was circulated three times amongst the stakeholders prior to finalization and on incorporation of the comments each time the document was circulated several times amongst the committee members. The document was then placed for brainstorming session to the committee and now the final draft has been compiled. The committee met three times during the year 2014. Committee was handed over to Mr. S. Dissanayake with effect from December 2013. The relevant Principal investigators were invited to present the research proposals incorporated in the NARP and necessary recommendations were made to the PIs based on the evaluation of the committee.

d) International Linkages

The programmes on International Linkages were handed over to Dr (Mrs) Shanika Jaysekera with effect from November 2013. During the year under review the following activities were performed: A Committee meeting on International Linkages was appointed comprising of the following committee members with representation from, Dept. of Animal Production & Health, Director General of Agriculture / Dept. of Agriculture, / National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Sri Lanka Customs. This committee is to meet as and when necessary to advise and guide SLCARP on International relations. This committee met on 24 March 2014, 9:00 am at the SLCARP.

The following activities were undertaken:

1. Draft MOU between SLCARP and the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MAADI) was finalized incorporating the necessary amendments, where the legal aspects, technical aspects were finalized this year.
2. Initiated attempt for fostering collaboration with reputed International R&D Institutes.
3. Implementation of MOU with Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council was initiated.
4. A document on Guidelines for International Training was prepared.
5. Cabinet approval was sought for MOUs signed with the Nepal Agriculture Research Council (NARC) on 26th February 2004, Pakistan Agriculture Research Council (PARC) on 09 February 2005, with the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on 12 January 2004 and with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam on 27th November 2006.
6. Work plan between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Policy,(ICAR): Study visits were initiated under the current work plan between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Policy,(ICAR). A training program on Agricultural Research Management was conducted for eleven scientists of the National Agricultural Research System.

e) Library/Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET)

SLCARP Library is the focal point for the Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET), providing scientific and technical information to the scientists, farmers, academics, private sector and NGOs. Currently, more than 26 libraries contribute to the network including agricultural research institutes and agricultural faculties of universities. The Librarians participating in AGRINET constructed resource programs of knowledge extension. One of the programmes is the Compounded Electronic Bibliographic Database. The knowledge from distance sources are shared into the data layer to enrich the AGRINET Information System. Browsing services provided by the AGRINET is composed of records over 10,000, utilized by the local and international researchers. Through the Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL) an On-line Database of Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (AGORA) provided by SLCARP permits free access to

Food and Agriculture Organization at their premises. The Memorandum of Understanding between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and SLCARP, the National Digitization Project was initiated. SLCARP publications are open to information seekers digitally on the World Wide Web. D-Space Open Source Digital Library Software is a virtual library space created to give open source software access to institutional researchers to load out their outputs.

f) National INFORM Database

Collections of Actual data for the year 2013 were commenced and 18 databases (DEA, NARA, IPHT, SRI, VRI, FD, NBG FCRDI, FRDI, ,GLORDC, PVIC, RARDC-AR, RARDC-MK, RARDC-BN, RRDI, FRU, PGRC, NRMC,), out of 24 were collected for the year 2013. Data processing of the year 2012 commenced. Draft of INFORM-2011 was prepared. INFORM 2010 was published

g) Committee on the Implementation of MSD circular No. 45

The Government of Sri Lanka has provided an incentive for the researchers for conducting valuable research programmes and as a mechanism to encourage them to conduct highly innovative research to meet the present demands as relevant to their fields of expertise. This is operational through Management Services Department Circular 2/2014. In accordance with the Circular SLCARP has the authority to approve the research allowance for the researchers in agriculture sector. In year 2014, 63 Researchers were given approval for the Research allowance, however 12 applications could not be recommended for the payment of the research allowance.

Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara

Secretary / Director

Sri Lanka Council of Agricultural Research Policy

ACHIEVEMENT OF SLCARP 2014

International Agricultural Research Symposium



Inauguration ceremony of the International Agricultural Research Symposium

The Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) organized the first ever International Agricultural Research Symposium on 11-12 August 2014 at the Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo, Sri Lanka. This symposium was organized to act as a vibrant platform for scientists of various countries to exchange their research achievements to enrich their knowledge to face the challenges of food and nutrition security and environmental changes.

This conference attracted large number of submissions from around the world, where 180 abstracts were submitted and 128 were selected for presentation at the two day symposium. The accepted abstracts were lined up under the ten thematic areas namely Crop Production Technologies, Crop Improvement & Biotechnology, Plant Protection, Socio-Economic Studies, Floriculture and Agro-Forestry, Agricultural Machinery and Post Harvest Technology, Food Science and Technology, Natural Resources Management. Dr. R. S. Paroda, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institute (APAARI), graced the symposium as the chief guest, several distinguished higher officials, scientists, policy makers and private sector representatives attended this event. On the whole, the symposium was attended by about 400 participants. The International Agricultural Research Symposium concluded successfully due to the active involvement of the organizing committee, editorial board, Dr Frank Niranjana, Senior Scientist and Coordinator.

National Awards of SLCARP for Excellence in Agricultural Research 2014



Group photograph of the award winning researchers with His Excellency Mahinda Rajapakse, The President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Honorable Minister of Agriculture, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and the SLCARP officers

SLCARP formulated a National Awards Scheme for outstanding achievements in agricultural research to encourage and motivate agricultural scientists towards achieving high standards of scientific research. Under this Scheme, the most outstanding Research and five other research projects were selected in appreciation of contribution to the agriculture sector. National Awards for them were presented in year 2014 by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapakse, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at the BMICH. The most outstanding research was selected for the research conducted on “Characterization, Classification and Mapping of Dry Zone Soils of Sri Lanka for Sustainable Land and Water Management”, by Professor Ranjith Mapa, University of Peradeniya and his team.

**Training Program on Developing Research Capacity of the Agricultural Scientists to
Formulate Evidence based Policy 15th December 2014**



The Resources persons and participants at the training programme

The Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) organized Training Program on Developing Research Capacity of the Agricultural Scientists to Formulate Evidence based Policy on 15th December 2014. The objective of the program was to disseminate knowledge and skills gained from the Training Programme on *Developing Research Capacity for Sustainable Development in Sri Lanka: Bridging Research and Policy of the Australia Awards Fellowship Program for Senior Government Servants of Sri Lanka* by the Faculty of the Business and Economics of the *Monash University, Australia* from 1st September to 7th November 2014. The Resources persons were Prof. Chandrakumara, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Dr. Kumudinei Dissanayake, Senior Lecturer/Head, Department of Management and Organization Studies and Mrs. Kanchana Wijayawardena, Lecturer, Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo; Mrs. B A D S Bamunuarachchi, Research Officer and Mr. Duminda Priyadarshana, Research Officer, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute; Dr. Frank Niranjana, Senior Scientist and Dr. S M P C Padmini, Senior Research Officer, SLCARP. There were about 40 scientists from National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARS) at this program. This program was chaired by Dr. J D Samarasinghe, Chairman, SLCARP with the participation of Mr. E M Abhayaratne, Director, HARTI and Mr. J K M D Chandrasiri, Deputy Director Research at HARTI.

7th National Symposium of Floriculture Research –2014 (NASFLOR-2014)



Dr. Jayantha Samarasinghe, Chairman, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) welcomed all the participants in the Symposium



Dr. P. Kuruppuarachchi, FAO Representative, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, was the Chief Guest of the Symposium address the gathering.

Seventh National Symposium on Floriculture Research 2014 (NaSFLO-2014) was jointly organized by the National Committee on Floriculture Research and Development of SLCARP and Department of National Botanic Gardens, on 19th December 2014 at the Auditorium, Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya. Dr. Jayantha Samarasinghe, Chairman, SLCARP welcomed all the participants of the Symposium. He outlined the national goals of the floriculture sector in the country and the assistance rendered by SLCARP to the development of this industry. Dr. D. S. A. Wijesundara, Director General, Department of National Botanic Gardens, highlighted the objectives of the Seventh National Symposium on Floriculture Research and National Research Priorities in this sector. Dr. W. D. A. Wijesinghe, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Botanic Gardens and Recreations informed the present trends of Floriculture Sector in the country and opportunities of the sector, Dr. P. Kuruppuarachchi, FAO Representative, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was the Chief Guest of the Symposium. He highly appreciated the participation of growers and researchers in the Symposium. He also highlighted the Importance of the Floriculture Sector to poverty elevation, use of flower for a happy life. Highlights of the Symposium were presented by Dr. S. A. Krishnarajah, Deputy Director (Floriculture), Department of National Botanic Gardens. Dr. S.M.P. Chandra Padmini, Senior Research Officer / Coordinator of National Committee on Floriculture Research and development of SLCARP thanked all researchers, policy makers, growers and officials for their assistance in various ways to make the Symposium on Floriculture Research 2014 a success

Physical Monitoring of NARP Research Projects



Development of an efficient nutrient package for pineapple (*Ananas comosus*) grown in Sri Lanka



Development of high yielding, good quality Bean varieties with conventional and molecular breeding techniques



Improvement of seed potato production technology



Improve productivity of seed potato through introduction of efficient nutrient management and virus detection system
Phase II

National Agricultural Research plan was prepared in accordance with the priority areas identified in the Mahinda Chinthana- the vision for the future and research priorities identified by the National committees. The SLCARP has recommended 67 national important agricultural research projects from the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and National University System (NUS). Progress of those projects were monitored by national committees and reported to the Ministry of Agriculture and to the General Treasury. The team of experts appointed by the SLCARP evaluate the progress of these research projects and identify the constrains in the research fields of the NARS and NUS while doing the physical monitoring,

Achievements of the Staff

Publications:

Niranjan, Frank; N P C Uddika; M C S Bantilan and N P Singh (2014) Assessing Agricultural Vulnerability to Climate Change in Sri Lanka: Application of the IPCC Method, Proceedings of the International Conference of Agricultural Sciences, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

Niranjan, Frank; N P C Uddika; M C S Bantilan and N P Singh (2014) Assessing Agricultural Vulnerability to Climate Change in Sri Lanka, Book of Abstracts, SLCARP International Agricultural Research Symposium 2014, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy, Ministry of Agriculture, Colombo, Sri Lanka (Abstract)

Niranjan, Frank (2014) Potential of Agri-Tourism in Rubber Plantations in Kalutara District of Sri Lanka, Department of Management, Monash University, Australia

Padmini, S.M.P.C. (2014). Development of Floricultural Supporting Network for Women Growers: in Sri Lanka, Abstracts, National Symposium on Floriculture Research, Department of National Botanic Gardens, Sri Lanka: 6.

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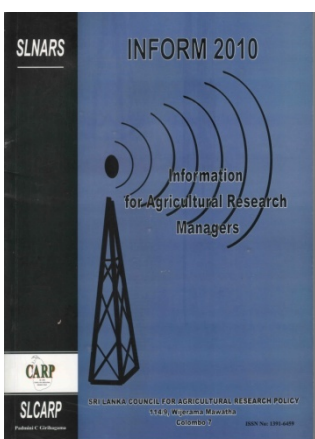
Thillakawardena, T.U., Garihagama, P. C. and Padmini, S. M. P. C. (2014). Government Investment on Agricultural Research in Sri Lanka Implemented by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy : A Review of Research Funding, Book of Abstracts, SLCARP International Agricultural Research Symposium 2014, Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy, Sri Lanka: 79.

Participation of Seminars and Conferences:

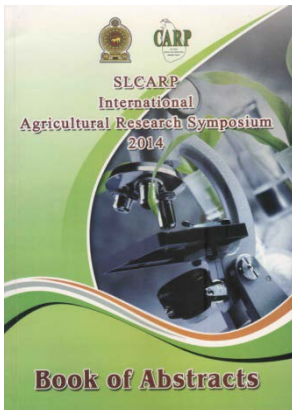
No.	Name & Post	Seminars / Conferences	Country	Period
1	Dr. (Mrs.) T Thillakewardane Senior Scientist	International Training Programme on 'Agricultural Research Management' For the Scientists of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP)	At NAARM, Hyderabad, India	22 nd – 31 st December 2014
2	Dr. (Mrs.) P H A P C Girihagama Senior Scientist	International Training Programme on 'Agricultural Research Management' For the Scientists of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP)	At NAARM, Hyderabad, India	22 nd – 31 st December 2014
3	Dr. (Mrs.) N S Jayasekara Senior Scientist	International Training Programme on 'Agricultural Research Management' For the Scientists of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP)	At NAARM, Hyderabad, India	22 nd – 31 st December 2014
4	Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara Director	Expert Consultation on Assuring Food Safety in Asia Pacific	Tsukuba, Japan	02 nd - 09 th August 2014
5	Dr. S K D F Felix Niranjan Senior Scientist	Australian Awards Fellowship (AAF) Develop Report Writing and Publication Skills of Senior Public Officer /Researchers of Sri Lanka	Monash University , Melbourne, Australia	1 st September – 07 th November 2014,

6	Dr. (Mrs.) S M P C Padmini Senior Research Office	Australian Awards Fellowship (AAF) Develop Report Writing and Publication Skills of Senior Public Officer /Researchers of Sri Lanka	Monash University , Melbourne, Australia	1 st September – 07 th November 2014,
7	Dr. (Mrs.) Shanika Jayasekara Senior Scientist	12 th Asian Maize Conference & Expert Consultation on Maize for Food, Feed Nutrition and environmental Security	Bangkok, Thailand	29 th October 02 nd November 2014
8	Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara Director	12 th Asian Maize Conference & Expert Consultation on Maize for Food, Feed Nutrition and environmental Security	Bangkok, Thailand	30 th October 05 th November 2014,

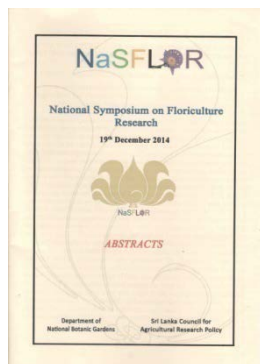
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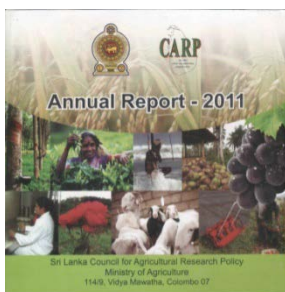
INFORM 2010 was compiled by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy and this publication provides information for Agricultural Research Managers (INFORM) in the National Agricultural Research System of the Sri Lanka. The publication contains overview of research expenditure, personal and projects in the National Agricultural Research System (NARS), Graphical Illustrations of INFORM, Directory of Research Personnel and Directory of Research Projects. .



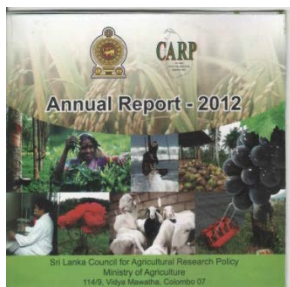
The book of Abstracts was published by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy in the international Research Symposium 2014. The conference has attracted large number of submissions from national and international researchers. The accepted abstracts have been lined up in ten thematic areas and published in the abstracts book. All the abstracts were presented in the Symposium. The thematic areas of the Symposium were as follows; Crop production Technologies, Crop Improvement and Bio Technology, Plant Protection, Socio Economic Studies, Floriculture and Agro Forestry, Agricultural Machinery and Post Harvest Technology, Food Science and Technology, Natural



Seventh National Symposium on Floriculture Research 2014 (NaSFLOR-2014) was jointly organized by the National Committee on Floriculture Research and Development of SLCARP and Department of National Botanic Gardens, on 19th December 2014. Floriculture related research abstracts were presented in the Symposium and published in the book of Abstracts 2014 NASFLOR.



Annual Report 2011 was compiled by the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy and this publication provides financial and physical performances of the institute



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LIBRARY/AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION NETWORK (AGRINET) 2014

CARP Library is the focal point for the Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET), providing scientific and technical information to the scientists, academics, private industry and NGOs.

Vision: To be a network of excellence providing and promoting the use of agriculture and agriculture related information for the socio-economic development of Sri Lanka.

Mission: To improve capacity of agricultural libraries for speedy access, exchange and delivery of information required by agricultural scientists in the country through collaborative programs.

There are 26 libraries are members of this network (agricultural research institutes and agricultural faculties of universities.). AGRINET conduct several resource sharing activities to satisfy the information needs of agricultural scientists and technologists.

AGRINET Advisory Committee Meetings

Two AGRINET Advisory Committee meetings were held during the year. The memberships of the Committee are given below.

<i>Ms I Mudannayake</i>	- Senior Assistant Librarian, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (Chairperson)
<i>Ms P A S F Perera</i>	- Head/National Science Library & Resources Centre, NSF
<i>Mr. S U Amarasinghe</i>	- Librarian, Rubber Research Institute
<i>Ms C Dabare</i>	- Senior Librarian, Central Environment Authority
<i>Ms B G S Kariyawasam</i>	- Chief Librarian, National Aquatic Resources Research & Development Agency
<i>Ms T I I Pieris</i>	- Librarian/Information Officer, CARP (Coordinator)

Compilation of Electronic databases

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National Agricultural Bibliography (NAB)

Sri Lanka National Agricultural bibliography gives information on agricultural documents generated in Sri Lanka or written by Sri Lankan. This bibliography is updated annually. This database contains 10677 records.

Selective Dissemination of Contents Pages (SDCP) Service

SDCP database contains the title of the international journals which are acquired on subscription basis or on exchange by AGRINET member libraries. It is updated annually and at present contains 313 journals. *The list of journals in AGRINET for 2014* was prepared using this information.

Information Retrieval from Electronic databases and Internet

During the year Nos. 25 searches have been made from available CABI CD databases/TEEAL and from bibliographies for the scientists in NARS on their request.

Information retrieval was done from internet and downloaded ninety eight (98) articles on the request of scientists.

On-Line Database – AGORA

AGORA online database facilitate to obtain digital scholarly articles in the fields of food, agriculture, environmental science and related social sciences. Our Scientists /Academics /university students can access to this site.

CARP has downloaded (141) articles from this database on the request of scientists/University students.

Printing of National Agricultural Bibliography Vols. 6-9 (2003-2007)

The above bibliographic database is prepared as a word document to publish it. This publication contains list of references (3339), author index and keyword index.

The locations of the articles are included in these entries.

Open Access to Bibliographic databases

The following bibliographic databases were converted to word documents and prepared as publications to upload the CARP library server.

***Bibliography on Papaw**

***Bibliography on drought**

STAFF OF THE SLCARP

Approved carder for the SLCARP is 31 and existing carder in 2014 is 24. The Posts fall in vacant were; Deputy Director Research Mgt. (01 post), Research Officer (01 post), Management Assistant (03 posts), Driver (01 post) and an Office Aide.

Staff status as at 31st December 2014, at the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy is as follows:

Chairman

Dr. J. D. Samarasinghe BA, M.Phil, M.Sc. (UK), PhD. (UK)

Senior Manager

Mr. Prabath Wimal Kumara	B.A., M.A.	Secretary/Director
Dr. T. U. Thilakawardana	M.Sc. (Agric.), Ph.D.	Senior Scientist
Dr. Frank Niranjana	B.Sc. (Agric.), Ph.D.	Senior Scientist
Dr. P. H. A. P. C. Giriagama	B.Sc. (Agric.), Ph.D.	Senior Scientist
Dr. N. S. Jayasekara	B.Sc. (Sci.), Ph.D.	Senior Scientist

Manager

Dr. S. M. P. C. Padmini	B.Sc. (Agric.), Ph.D.	Senior Research Officer
Mr. W. M. D. B. Abeyratne	PG. Dip. In (Acc. & Finc. Mgt.), Dip. In Hum. Right (University of Peradeniya), HNDA, AAT, ACMA, ACPM, ICASL –Inter mediate, Sri Lanka, FIAB, IFA – London	Accountant
*Ms. T. I. I. Peiris	ASLLA	Librarian/ Information Officer (*Personalized)

Junior Manager

Ms. C. Daulagala	B.Sc., M.Sc. (Agric.)	Research Officer
Mr. S. Dissanayake	B.Sc. (Agric.)	Research Officer
Mrs. D. Chethika	B.Sc. (Agric.)	Administration Officer

Management Assistant (Non-Tec)

Mrs. N. M. Withanachchi	Management Assistant
Mrs. H. H. Batagoda	-do-
Mrs. G. L. Nawalage	-do-
Ms. N. B. S. Dharshani	-do-
Mrs. G. A. P. K. Dissanayake	-do-
Ms. A. B. Anjalee	-do-
Mr. K. G. S. C. Wanigasekara	-do-
Ms. A. P. M. D. K. Samarajewa,	-do-
Mr. R. P. N. B. Premathilaka,	-do-

Skilled

Mr. S. K. R. K. Jayasuriya	-do-
Mr. D. G. A. S. Dassanayake	-do-

Unskilled

Mr. N. A. K. Weerakkody	Office Aide
Mr. E. A. L. S. Shantha	-do-

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy is grateful to its entire staff for their hard work and cooperation provided in implementing the accelerated work program. If not for their continuous cooperation and commitment, the volume of work completed in this year could never have been achieved. Our sincere thanks are also due to the Chairman and members of the Council for the valuable support and cooperation extended at all times.

SLCARP is also thankful to Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Deputy Minister of Agriculture the Secretary, Additional Secretaries, Director Finance, Director Projects and other staff in the Ministry and those of the Audit Unit for their excellent cooperation provided to SLCARP for successful completion of year 2014 work plan.

The cooperation extended by the State Sector Institutes, Universities and other Private Organizations are also acknowledged with thanks.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31st December 2014


Restated

	Notes	2014		2013	
		LKR.	Cts.	LKR.	Cts.
ASSETS					
Property, plant & equipment	07	28,232,232		30,703,703	
Total non current assets		28,232,232		30,703,703	
Inventories	08	243,265		296,563	
Trade & other receivables	09	5,705,648		6,262,970	
Cash at bank	10	13,032,456		7,905,140	
Total current assets		18,981,370		14,464,673	
TOTAL ASSETS		47,213,602		45,162,376	
EQUITY & LIABILITIES					
Capital & Reserves					
CARP Fund	11	32,756,007		29,742,658	
Treasury Grants - Research	12	10,215,857		13,015,488	
Special Research Grants	13	1,077,837		87,436	
Accumulated Surplus / (Deficit)		(10,856,459)		(9,215,724)	
Gift		116,892		204,423	
		33,310,134		33,834,280	
Retirement Benefit (Gratuity)	14	5,763,638		4,923,272	
Total non current liabilities		5,763,638		4,923,272	
Current Liabilities					
Trade & other payables	15	8,139,831		6,404,824	
Total current liabilities		8,139,831		6,404,824	
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES		47,213,602		45,162,376	



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These Financial Statements are in compliance with the requirements of the finance Act, No.38 of 1971 and the Public sector accounting standers in Sri Lanka.

The Governing Council is responsible for preparation of these Financial Statements. We approved and signed on behalf of the council.




 24/11/2015
 Mr. W.M.D.B. Abeyartne Secretary to the
 Accountant Ministry of Agricultural &
 Chief Accounting Officer
 to the Ministry

 Dr. S.D.G. Jayawardena Prof. A.R. Ariyaratne
 Chairman to the Executive Director/
 Council Secretary to the Council
 Board Member board Member

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 C. N. P. GAMAGE


 N.D.R. Weerawardane
 (Council Member)

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the Year ended 31 December 2014

	Note	2014		Restated 2013	
		LKRs.	Cts.	LKRs.	Cts.
Treasury Grants	01	26,015,190		25,260,000	
Other Income	02 (a)	250,917		185,309	
Government grant for depreciation	02 (b)	10,316,405		7,514,302	
TOTAL INCOME		36,582,512		32,959,611	
Administrative Expenses	03	38,210,593		36,005,017	
Finance Cost	04	12,654		9,381	
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TREASURY GRANTS & OTHER INCOME AND TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(1,640,735)		(3,054,787)	
Add / (Less) Prior Year Adjustment	05	-		-	
Add / (Less) Write off Assets	06	-		(54,028)	
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		(1,640,735)		(3,108,815)	
Balance B/F		(9,215,724)		(6,106,909)	
Balance C/F		(10,856,459)		(9,215,724)	

Statement of Cash Flow
For the Year ended 31st December 2014

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net Surplus/ (deficit) for the year (1,640,735)

Non-cash movements

Adjustment for

Depreciation on property, plant & equipment 12,096,339

Treasury Grant Prior year Adjustment (3,771,710)

Gift depreciation income (87,531)

Interest Income

Distress Loan Interest (101,302)

Bank Deposits (128,816)

Operating Profit Before Changes in Working Capital 6,366,245

Changes in Working Capital

(Increase) / Decrease in Inventories 53,298

(Increase) / Decrease in trade & other receivables 557,321

Increase / (Decrease) in creditors and payables 1,729,006

Increase / (Decrease) Retirement Benefit (Gratuity) 1,403,370

Cash Generated from Operations 10,109,240

Gratuity paid (563,004)

Net Cash Flows from Operations Activities 9,546,236

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchase of property, plant & equipment (9,624,868)

Research investments (19,474,921)

Interest income

Distress Loan Interest 101,302

Bank Deposits 128,816

Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities (28,869,671)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Treasury Grant Received 20,447,000

Net Fund received 3,013,349

Special Research Grants Received 990,402

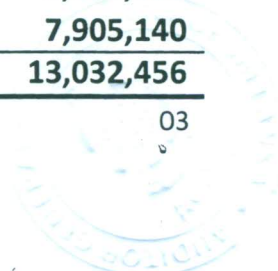
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities 24,450,752

Net increase/ (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents 5,127,317

Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of the period 7,905,140

Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of period (Note 10) 13,032,456

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Public Sector Entity - Statement of Changes in Net/Equity
For the year ended December 31st 2014

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Attribute to owners of the controlling entity				
	CARP Fund	Other Reserves	Accumulated Surpluses/ (Deficits)	Total Net Assets/ Equity
Balance at January 01 st 2014 (Note - 01)	29,742,658	204,423	(9,215,724)	20,731,356
Office Motor Vehicle	9,390,000	-	-	9,390,000
total recognized revenue and expenses for the period	(6,376,651)	(87,531)	(1,640,735)	(8,104,917)
Balance at December 31 st 2014	32,756,007	116,892	(10,856,459)	20,516,668

Note - 01

Balance at January 01 st 2013	32,776,551	734,209	(6,106,909)	27,403,851
Receivable of International Linkages	1,298,909	-	-	1,298,909
Prior year Adjustment	-	(529,787)	-	(529,787)
total recognized revenue and expenses for the period	(4,332,802)	-	(3,108,816)	(7,441,618)
Balance as at 31st 2013	29,742,658	204,423	(9,215,725)	20,731,356

Notes to the financial statements
Year ended 31 December 2014

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	2014		Restated 2013	
	LKR.	Cts.	LKR.	Cts.
01 Treasury Grants				
Recurrent	26,015,190		25,260,000	
	26,015,190		25,260,000	

02 (a). Other Income

<i>Interest Income from</i>				
Distress Loan Interest	101,302		97,696	
Bank Deposits	128,816		26,662	
Sundry Income	10,799		19,411	
Sale of Vehicle	-		-	
Sale of Disposal items	-		41,540	
Advertisement Income	10,000		-	
	250,917		185,309	

(b). Government grant for depreciation

CARP Building	352,511		332,650	
Computer & Printer	1,273,642		1,417,449	
Computer Software	531,000		132,250	
Office Equipment	1,428,540		1,125,860	
Office Furniture	281,149		261,507	
Motor Vehicles	6,436,866		4,232,824	
Library books	243		166	
Road	-		-	
Non- Consumables	12,454		11,596	
Electronic Data	-		-	
	10,316,405		7,514,302	

03 Administrative Expenses

Employee benefits expenses (A)	18,615,140		17,756,456	
Travelling Expenses (B)	44,701		51,601	
Vehicle Hiring Charges	360,000		360,000	
Fuel to Members	41,000		86,380	

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Allowances to Members	289,000	280,200
Fuel & Oil	650,197	598,964
Uniforms	20,000	25,000
Newspapers & Periodicals	21,610	19,710
Printing & Stationery	359,012	401,767
Repairs & Maintenance (C)	976,267	1,275,719
Office Upkeep (Janitorial service)	790,750	751,570
Communication Expenses	707,556	782,796
Electricity Charges	820,535	772,812
Security Charges	1,117,901	1,045,647
Entertainment	31,943	48,035
Staff Welfare	347,736	511,196
Auditor's remuneration	-	150,000
Staff Training	14,200	6,700
Insurance	389,421	242,198
Postage & Stamps	33,590	22,950
Advertisement	474,208	-
Depreciation on Property, Plant & Equipment	12,096,339	10,660,490
Surcharge	-	6,421
Incidentals	-	1,010
Sundry Expenses	9,489	57,275
Vehicle Tax	-	90,120
	38,210,593	36,005,017

A Employee benefits expenses

Staff Salaries	9,182,468	9,718,396
Cost of Living Allowances	2,378,480	2,273,480
Other Allowances	1,911,183	1,643,550
Overtime	141,330	262,963
Medical Reimbursement	353,726	389,417
Encashment of medical leave	1,125,448	-
Research Allowances	165,523	-
Contribution to Employees' Provident Fund	1,916,992	1,971,174
Contribution to Employees' Trust Fund	383,766	392,280
Defined Benefit Plan Cost - Gratuity	1,056,226	1,105,195
	18,615,140	17,756,456

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(B) Travelling Expenses

Local	44,701	51,601
Overseas	-	-
	44,701	51,601

(C) Repairs & Maintenance

Equipments	606,377	923,461
Vehicles	367,025	330,152
Building	2,865	22,107
Furniture & Fittings	-	-
	976,267	1,275,719

04 Finance Cost

Debit Tax	12,654	1,881
Bank Charges	-	7,500
	12,654	9,381

05 Prior Year Adjustment

Balance at the beginning of the year

Add:

Over Depreciation	-	15,157
Accumelated Depreciation of Non Consumable	-	700
Balance rate 25% depreciation income	-	2,160,146
	-	79,728
	-	96,790
	-	2,352,521

Less:

Not provisioned for Communication	-	790
Last year depreciation	-	79,728
Payable Vat & NBT	-	84,000
Non Consumable Expenses	-	12,000
	-	15,857
Balance rate 25% depreciation	-	2,160,146
	-	2,352,521

Balance at the end of the year

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06 Write off of Assets***Balance brought forward- At Cost***

Computer & Printer	-	1,642,561
Office Equipment	-	302,952
Office Furniture	-	120,197
Non- Consumables	-	73,857
Stationery	-	16,140
Vehicle	-	-
	-	<u>2,155,707</u>

Balance brought forward - Accumulated Depreciation

CARP Building	-	-
Computer & Printer	-	1,636,861
Office Equipment	-	302,952
Office Furniture	-	107,017
Non- Consumables	-	54,849
Vehicle	-	-
	-	<u>2,101,679</u>
	-	<u>54,028</u>

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Comparison of Approved Recurrent Budget (Revised) and Actual Expenditure
Amounts for the year ended December 2014

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<i>Recurrent</i>	Actual Income/ Expenditure 2014		Approved Revised Budget 2014		Difference/ Excess (Shortage)	
	LKR.	Cts.	LKR.	Cts.	LKR.	Cts.
01 Treasury Grants						
Recurrent	26,015,190		27,710,890		1,695,700	
	26,015,190		27,710,890		1,695,700	
02 (a). Other Income						
<i>Interest Income from</i>						
Distress Loan Interest	-		-		-	
Bank Deposits	-		-		-	
Sundry Income	-		-		-	
Sale of Vehicle	-		-		-	
Sale of Disposal items	-		-		-	
Advertisement Income	-		-		-	
	-		-		-	
03 Administrative Expenses						
Employee benefits expenses (A) <i>Please see Note * and **</i>	17,954,405		18,427,043		472,638	
Travelling Expenses (B)	43,301		46,767		3,466	
Vehicle Hiring Charges	390,000		390,000		-	
Fuel to Members	165,523		165,523		-	
Allowances to Members - <i>Please see Note ***</i>	273,800		252,800		(21,000)	
Fuel & Oil	718,681		781,910		63,229	
Uniforms	20,000		20,000		-	
Newspapers & Periodicals	19,610		23,837		4,227	
Printing & Stationery	248,964		485,051		236,086	
Repairs & Maintenance (C)	880,419		1,176,550		296,131	
Office Upkeep(Janitorial service)	651,758		780,801		129,043	
Communication Expenses	611,282		909,412		298,130	
Electricity Charges	767,395		830,862		63,467	
Security Charges	847,901		1,071,569		223,668	
Entertainment	24,647		35,404		10,757	
Staff Welfare	218,950		404,137		185,187	
Auditor's remuneration	-		-		-	
Staff Training	14,200		24,200		10,000	
Insurance	340,789		561,788		220,999	
Postage & Stamps	35,785		41,667		5,882	

Advertisement	-	475,000	475,000
Depreciation on Property, Plant & Equipment	-	-	-
Surcharge	-	-	-
Incidentals	-	5,000	5,000
Sundry Expenses	81,489	106,451	24,963
Vehicle Tax	90,120	90,120	-
	24,399,018	27,105,890	2,706,871

A Employee benefits expenses

Staff Salaries	8,610,283	8,623,098	12,815
Cost of Living Allowances	2,374,840	2,577,400	202,560
<i>Other Allowances (Note *)</i>	1,907,833	1,919,823	11,990
Overtime	144,653	252,860	108,207
Medical Reimbursement	306,614	307,575	961
Encashment of medical leave	710,890	710,899	-
Contribution to Employees' Provident Fund	1,920,257	1,951,166	30,908
Contribution to Employees' Trust Fund	384,442	408,575	24,133
Defined Benefit Plan Cost - Gratuity	1,594,594	1,675,648	81,055
	17,954,405	18,427,043	472,638

B Travelling Expenses

Local	43,301	46,767	3,466
Overseas	-	-	-
	43,301	46,767	3,466

C Repairs & Maintenance

Equipments	581,936	680,029	98,093
Vehicles	295,618	446,521	150,903
Building	2,865	50,000	47,135
Furniture & Fittings	-	-	-
	880,419	1,176,550	296,131

04 Finance Cost

Debit Tax	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	5,000	5,000
	-	5,000	5,000

05 Allowance to Chairman

<i>Arrears of Allowance (Note **)</i>	-	600,000	600,000
	-	600,000	600,000

Grand Total	24,399,018	27,710,890	3,311,871
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Note : For 2014 ;

*	Other Allowances	1,907,833
**	Arrears of Allowances	<u>600,000</u>
	Total Value of Other Allowances	<u><u>2,507,833</u></u>

*** Members sitting allowances has been gone up during the review year.

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Comparison of Approved Capital Budget (Revised) and Actual Expenditure Amounts for the year ended December 2014

Folio	Expenditure Category	Objective No./ Section of the Act.	Object Code	Functions	Actual Income/ Expenditure 2014 LKRs. Cts.	Approved Revised Budget 2014 LKRs. Cts.	Difference/ Excess (Shortage) LKRs. Cts.
1	Research Management and Functions of the council	10 - (a)	2501	To advise the Government on all matters regarding the organization, co-ordination, planning and execution of agricultural research and such other related matters as may be referred to it by the Minister	200,557.11	500,000.00	299,442.89
	(Objectives of the Council)	10 - (b)	2501	To formulate national agricultural research policy and priorities	131,085.55	780,000.00	648,914.45
		10 - (c)	2501	To define the overall aims and scope of agricultural research with a view to furthering national development objectives	585,109.40	1,200,000.00	614,890.60
		10 - (d)	2501	To make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the financial, manpower and physical resources required by agricultural research institutions and establishments and on the terms and conditions of service of the staff of such institutions and establishments	410,398.61	600,000.00	189,601.39
		10 - (e)	2501	To review institutional and departmental agricultural research programmes and make recommendations with regard to their priorities and funding to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance and Planning	312,778.12	400,000.00	87,221.88
		10 - (f)	2501	To promote and facilitate excellence in agricultural research	8,359,562.35	10,540,000.00	2,180,437.65
		10 - (g)	2501	To act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government	47,108.61	100,000.00	52,891.39
		10 - (h)	2501	To arrange for and fund inter-institutional agricultural research projects	47,233.61	60,000.00	12,766.39
		10 - (i)	2501	To arrange for and fund special scientific services for the entire agricultural research sector	47,609.61	50,000.00	2,390.39
		10 - (j)	2501	To promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at national and international level	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	-
			C/F		12,641,442.97	16,730,000.00	4,088,557.03

B/F				12,641,442.97	16,730,000.00	4,088,557.03
	10 - (k)	2501	To organize conferences and seminars on international, national and inter-institutional issues relating to agricultural	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
	10 - (l)	2401	To arrange for the post-graduate training of agricultural research staff and for interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad:	3,528,014.96	2,950,000.00	(578,014.96)
	10 - (m)	2501	To review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions and divisions from time to time.	329,171.41	400,000.00	70,828.59
				16,698,629.34	20,280,000.00	3,581,370.66
2	Acquisition of capital Assets					
	(a) Plant, Machinery & equipments	2103		15,900.00	2,220,000.00	2,204,100.00
	(b) Land & land improvements, information Technology & agricultural Journals	2105		13,130.00	300,000.00	286,870.00
				29,030.00	2,520,000.00	2,490,970.00
3	Rehabilitation & Improvements of Capital Assets	2502		-	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
4	Other Capital expenditure					
	(a) Restructuring	2502		48,300.00	2,000,000.00	1,951,700.00
	(b) Seminar, Workshop & Publication	2502		2,910,377.22	3,200,000.00	289,622.78
				2,958,677.22	5,200,000.00	2,241,322.78
Grand Total				19,686,336.56	30,000,000.00	10,313,663.44

* Note : Air ticket charges and other expenses which had been gone up comparing with begging of the year 2014.

Responsibility Statement of the
Chairman and Accountant – SL CARP.

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The Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy has prepared and presented in conformity with the requirement of the following;

- Public Sector Accounting Standards in Sri Lanka(SL – PSAS),
- Finance Act.No.38 of 1071,
- **(a) Code ;**
Code of Best Practice in Corporate Governance for Public Enterprises in Sri Lanka issued by Department of Public Enterprises , Ministry of Finance and Planning and
- **(b) Manual ;**
Good Governance issued by Ministry of Finance in Sri Lanka.

The financial statements have been prepared by using the format used in the preparation of the financial statements and disclosures in the financial statements according to the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards .

Significant accounting policies and estimates that involved a high degree of judgment and complexity were discussed with the Government Auditors .

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge , the financial statements and other financial information in this annual accounts / report , fairly present in all respects of the financial position , results of operation and cash flow statement report.

We are responsible for establishing , implementing and maintaining internal controls systems and procedures of the Council . We ensure that effective internal control systems and procedures are in place , ensuring material information relating to the Council are made known to us for safeguarding assets, preventing and detecting fraud and / or error as well as other irregularities , which is reviewed , evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis . We have evaluated the internal control systems and procedures of the Council for the financial period under review and are satisfied that there were no significant deficiencies and weaknesses in the design or operation of the internal controls and procedures , to the best of our knowledge . We confirm , based on our evaluations that there were no significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls and fraud that involves management or other employees.

The Ministry of Agriculture , Chief Internal Auditor also conduct periodic reviews to ensure that the internal controls and procedures are consistently followed . We also wish to inform stakeholders that the Council is well aware of the changes required to financial statements and is in the process of taking appropriate action to design systems and procedures to meet the requirements . We are confident that we will be able to have all process in place to address the requirement of these Public Sector Accounting Standards (SL - PSAS) smoothly while making necessary disclosures in time.


The financial statements of the Council were audited by Auditor General and his report also attached with this annual (2014) report .

The Council Audit and Management Committee (AMC) , *Inter alia* , reviewed all the internal and external audit (Govt. Audit - Auditor General) queries and their inspection programmers , the efficiency of Internal Control systems and procedures and also reviewed the quality of significant accounting policies and their adherence to statutory requirement , laws, rules and regulations , the details of which are given in the Council's AMC report also attached with this annual (2014) report . The continuous inspection and audit functions , effective functioning of AMC , ensure that the Internal Controls and procedures are followed consistently to ensure complete independence . The external auditors and the internal auditors have full and free access to the members of the AMC to discuss any matter of substance. However , there are inherent limitations that should be recognized in weighing the assurances provided by any system of internal control and accounting. It is also declared and confirmed that the Council has complied with and ensured compliance by the Auditor's with the guidelines for the audit of Council registered under Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act No.47 of 1987 where mandatory compliance is required.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge;

All taxes , duties , levies , Contribution to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) & Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and all other statutory payments by the Council and all contributions , levies and taxes payable on behalf of and in respect of the employees of the Council as at the balance sheet date have been paid , or where relevant , provided for.

The Governing Council is responsible for preparation of these Financial Statements and the Responsibility Statement of the governing council of SLCARP. Approved and signed on behalf of the council


W.M.D.B. Abeyratne
24/11/2015
Accountant

Dr.S.D.G.Jayawardena
Chairman to the SLCARP

Report of the Audit and Management Committee - 2014:

Assuring Accountability of SL CARP

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy's Audit and Management Committee (AMC) monitors and carries out several important functions connected to the overall governance of the Council to ensure that the institution stays in top form. The Audit and Management Committee reviews internal control issues identified by the internal auditors or external auditors (Auditor General) and evaluates the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems . The internal audit functions are also reviewed with particular emphasis on the scope of audit and the quality of internal audits.

During the year under review the AMC comprised of the following members up to 31st of December 2014;

- Dr. D B T Wijerathne - Chairperson (Addi : Secretary - Ministry of Agricultural)
- Mr. R.M.P. Ratnayake - Member(Director General , Ministry of Finance & Planning)
- Mr. Gamini Gamage - Member (Addi : Secretary - Environment Policy , Ministry of Environment & Renewable Energy)

The new AMC from 01st of January 2015 onwards comprises of the following members;

Note ; Members would have been appointed by next SLCARP council meeting.

Five meetings (39th Meeting - 19th of February 2014 , 40th Meeting - 17th of June 2014 , 41st Meeting - 29th October 2014 , 42nd Meeting - 03rd of December and 43rd Meeting - 17th of December 2014) were held by the AMC during the course of the year 2013. The Secretary / Executive Director (Mr. W.I.Prabath Wimal Kumara) , Accountant (W.M.D.B.Abeyratne) representative officer (Mrs. P.A.G.Athukorala) of the Auditor General were participated by invitation at AMC meetings . All proceedings of the Committee were presented to the Governing Council and also significant issues were brought to the attention of the Governing Council.

Functions of the Audit and Management Committee;

- a) Reviewing the budgeting and forecasting systems, financial reporting systems and controls,
- b) Reviewing the procedures for identifying research management activities / business risks and controlling their financial impact on the Council and the operational effectiveness of the policies and procedures related to risk and control,
- c) Reviewing the Polices , Proceedings , information systems, and procedures for operation and dissemination of information to stake-holders ,
- d) The AMC checks for compliance with accounting policies and procedures and the effectiveness of the internal control systems on an ongoing basis. This was done by using samples and rotational procedures and highlighting significant findings in respect of any non-compliance . Internal and external audits are carried out on a regular basis determined by the level of risk assessed to provide an independent and objective report ,
- e) The Annual Internal Audit Plan was prepared by Agriculture Ministry which was reviewed by the AMC ,
- f) Annual Progress report and monthly basis budget allocation for Capital and Recurrent expenditure which was reviewed by the AMC , submitted to the Council for their approval,
- g) Annual Master Procurement Plan and Calendar for purchase of Goods, Work and Services which was reviewed by the AMC , submitted to the Council for their approval,
- h) Annual Delegation of Authority plan which was reviewed by the AMC , submitted to the Council for their approval,
- i) Findings of the internal and external audit queries and answers had been submitted to the AMC . Those audit queries and answers were reviewed at its periodic meetings,
- j) Reviewing the procedures for identifying research management activities / business risks and controlling their financial impact on the Council and the operational effectiveness of the policies and procedures related to risk and control and
- k) Reviewing the Public Sector Accounting Standards Polices , Proceedings , information systems, and procedures for operation and dissemination of information to stake-holders .

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Mr. R M P Ratnayake - Board Member

(Director General, External Resources Dept., Ministry of Finance & Planning, Colombo 01

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Notes to the financial statements

07 Property, plant & equipment

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	Balance as at 1/1/2014	Additions	(Disposals)	Balance as at 12/31/2014
Cost				
CARP Building	19,794,453	-	-	19,794,453
Computer & Printer	9,816,242	116,025	-	9,932,267
Computer Software	2,404,427	-	-	2,404,427
Office Equipment	11,171,190	114,270	-	11,285,460
Office Furniture	2,517,708	-	-	2,517,708
Motor Vehicles	16,935,195	9,390,000	-	26,325,195
Library books	136,928	-	-	136,928
Electronic Data	8,640,585	-	-	8,640,585
Road	268,477	-	-	268,477
Non- Consumables	311,769	4,573	-	316,342
	71,996,974	9,624,868	-	81,621,842

	Balance as at 1/1/2014	Charge for the year	(Disposals)	Balance as at 12/31/2014
Depreciation				
CARP Building	10,747,095	989,723	-	11,736,818
Computer & Printer	6,920,984	1,199,144	-	8,120,128
Computer Software	580,837	614,003	-	1,194,840
Office Equipment	4,191,098	1,448,106	-	5,639,205
Office Furniture	1,214,132	281,689	-	1,495,821
Motor Vehicles	9,674,663	6,436,865	-	16,111,528
Library books	52,119	6,846	-	58,965
Electronic Data	7,564,075	1,076,511	-	8,640,585
Road	174,510	13,424	-	187,934
Non- Consumables	173,757	30,028	-	203,785
	41,293,271	12,096,339	-	53,389,610

Net book value as at 2014.12.31	30,703,703			28,232,232
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08 Inventories

Stamp in hand	665	9,005
Stationery	242,600	287,558
	243,265	296,563

09 Trade & other receivables

Staff Debtors - Distress Loan	2,374,709	2,436,632
Staff Debtors - Festival Advance	21,500	27,000
Unsettled Research Impress	659,131	659,131
Deposits Receivable	96,929	75,500
Deposits Payble	(25,000)	(25,000)
Prepayment	36,509	155,977
Income Receivable	2,473,268	2,933,729
Unsettled Cash Imprest 2014	15,000	-
Unsettled Advance - 2014	50,323	-
Distress Loan interest receivable	3,280	-
Project - Funds receivable from SLCARP	-	-
Advance to SLCARP from 5th Asia Bio tech.	-	-
	5,705,648	6,262,970

10 Cash at bank

BOC - Kollupitiya	1,077,837	87,435
BOC - Torrington Square	2,403,533	124,373
BOC - Loan revol. Fund	3,787,448	2,840,398
BOC Savings A/C - gratuity fund	5,763,638	4,852,933
	13,032,456	7,905,140

11 CARP Fund

Balance as at 01 st January 2014	29,742,658	32,776,551
Add : Receivable of International Linkages	-	1,298,909
Office Motor Vehicles	9,390,000	-
Depreciation income	(6,376,651)	(4,332,803)
Balance as at 31 st December 2014	32,756,007	29,742,658

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12 Treasury Grants - Research

Balance at the beginning of the year	13,015,488	18,411,407
Add: Prior year Adjustment	(3,771,710)	(8,097,194)
	9,243,778	10,314,214
Contract Research expenses		
International Linkage	2,984,374	298,108
Research Management Activities	15,590,821	5,087,706
Publication, seminars & Workshops	851,426	1,620,858
Other Capital Expenses	48,300	-
	19,474,921	7,006,672
	(10,231,143)	3,307,542
Less: Treasury Grant Received	20,447,000	16,323,030
	10,215,857	(13,015,488)

13 Special Research Grants

ICRISAT	744	744
Weligama Coconut Wilt	29,055	29,355
Disaster Management	68,267	68,666
5th Asia Bio Tech	2,629,518	2,629,518
Pro Poor	34,587	34,887
ASTI Project	(46,217)	(46,217)
Fund Receivable from SLCARP	(2,629,518)	(2,629,517)
Symposium Income	736,052	-
IFPRI Project	255,350	-
	1,077,837	87,436

14 Retirement Benefit (Gratuity)

Balance as at 01 st January 2014		4,923,272	4,545,127
<u>Add : Receipts</u>			
Current Year Provision	1,184,063		367,049
Interest	219,307	1,403,370	194,200
		6,326,642	5,106,376
<u>Less : Payment</u>			
Retired Employees	414,652		167,568
Debit Tax	16,096		15,536
J/E 44 (Over provision)	132,256	563,004	
		5,763,638	4,923,272

15 Trade & other payables

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Entertainment	-	-
Overtime	18,021	21,344
Newspaper	3,980	-
Communication	90,281	37,681
Medical Expenses	49,612	-
Vehicle hiring Charges	90,000	120,000
Audit Fess	1,341,103	1,341,102
Office Upkeep (Janitorial)	201,288	62,296
Stamp duty	4,575	2,100
Recreation & welfare	145,620	-
Stationery	71,856	-
Travelling	1,400	-
Security	273,771	3,771
Electricity	115,596	62,456
Repair & Main. Of Equipments	4,900	22,848
Repair & Main. Of Vehicle	71,407	-
Office Equipment	24,425	24,425
Computers & Printers	110,480	-
Allowances to Member	28,000	-
Research Management Activities	752,599	308,569
Seminars,Workshops & publication	1,048	-
Vehicle Tax	-	90,120
Advertisment	474,208	-
Transferrable of excess funds to project A/C	-	-
Encashment of medical leave	414,549	-
EPF Payable (15.A)	-	-
ETF payable (15.B)	-	-
Gratuity payable (15.C)	1,188,482	1,594,595
Provision for Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-
Payable of VAT & NBT	12,000	84,000
Fuel & Lubricants	21,113	-
Project Payable A/C	2,629,517	2,629,518
	8,139,831	6,404,824

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15.A EPF Payable

Current Year	-	-
Previous Year	-	-
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15.B ETF payable

Current Year	-	-
Previous Year	-	-
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15.C Gratuity payable

Current Year	1,188,482	1,105,195
Previous Year	-	489,399
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	1,188,482	1,594,595



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16. GENERAL16.1 Basis of Preparation

- a) **Statement of compliance** - The financial statement of the council comprise the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, cash flow statement and notes to the financial statement.
- b) The financial statement was authorized for issue by the Council on 04th December 2015.
- c) **Reporting entity** - The institute of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy has been registered under the Parliament act.No.47 of 1987 on 27th of December 1987. The registered office of the council is situated at No.114/09, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.
- d) **Principle activities and nature of operations** - SLCARP was established in 1987, under the Act No.47 of 1987 to ensure that agricultural research is directed towards national development through formulation of agricultural research policy, research prioritization, planning, facilitation, co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural research.
- e) **A Description of the Nature of the Entity** - Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy is an umbrella organization of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) that operates within several Ministries. SLCARP came into existence on the 22nd December 1987 to create an environment for more productive agricultural research.

SLCARP's mission is to enhance and mobilize the scientific resources in Sri Lanka efficiently to catalyze and agricultural research and technology generation within NARS.

With the Secretariat in Colombo, SLCARP serves as an organization in an advisory capacity for co-coordinating and consolidating efforts within Sri Lanka NARS, funding research projects/programmers and promoting scientific research linkages in prioritized areas both nationally and internationally. CARP has been instrumental in promoting and facilitating research, by improving and enhancing agricultural research

through documentation and communicating latest advances in research to the NARS scientists. SLCARP has identified its own perspective, plans and programs for the future in keeping with the aspirations and goals of the Ministry of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services to meet the future challenges in enhancing domestic food production and exports focused on poverty reduction.

- f) **Our Vision** - A vibrant and sustainable agricultural research, development and innovation system assuring socio- economic development of Sri Lanka.
- g) **Our Mission** - To ensure agricultural research, development and innovations are directed towards national development goals through policy formulation, facilitation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment.
- h) **Our Mandated Functions - SLCARP**
 - (1) To advice the Government on all matters regarding the organization, co-ordination, planning and execution of agricultural research and such other related matters as may be referred to it by the Minister;
 - (2) to formulate national agricultural research policy and priorities;
 - (3) to define the overall aims and scope of agricultural research with a view to furthering national development objectives;
 - (4) to make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the financial, manpower and physical resources required by agricultural research institutions and establishments and on the terms and conditions of service of the staff of such institutions and establishments;
 - (5) to review Institutional and departmental agricultural research programmes and make recommendations with regard to their priorities and funding to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance and Planning ;
 - (6) to promote and facilitate excellence in agricultural research;

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- (7) to act as a channel of communication between agricultural research institutions and the Government;
- (8) to arrange for and fund inter-institutional agricultural research projects;
- (9) to arrange for and fund special scientific services for the entire agricultural research sector;
- (10) to promote linkage between agricultural research institutions at national and international level;
- (11) Organize conferences and seminars on international , national and inter-Institutional issues relating to the agricultural research;
- (12) to arrange for the post-graduate training of agricultural research staff and for interchange of scientists with recognized research institutions abroad; and
- (13) to review the performance of agricultural research projects, institutions and divisions from time to time.

16.2.1 Accounting Policies and Concepts;

Accounting policies consist of principles, bases, conventions, rules and procedures, and also Accounting concepts are ideas and assumption which are fundamental to accounting practices. Therefore some of our accounting concepts are as follows;

16.2.2 Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cast basis. No adjustment have been made for inflationary factors in the financial statement.

16.3 Functional and presentation of currency

The financial statement of the year end 2010 were presented in Sri Lankan rupees (LKR.) and nearest cents.

However we have decided to present our Financial Statement in LKR. And round to the nearest rupee which is effective from the financial year January 01st 2011 and ahead. Year 2014 was presented in LKR. and rounded to the nearest rupee.

16.4 Accounting for Govt. Grants disclose of Govt. Assistance

(a) Accounting for Government Grants & Disclosure of Government Assistance was adopted for accounting year ended 2014 and also comparative figures were restated accordingly up to 2013.

(b) We further say, that accounting policy had been adopted with regard to the government grants was the method of capital approach but that government grant was related to the fixed assets it had been taken to the accounts under the method of income approach.

17. 1. VALUATION OF ASSETS

1.1 Property plant & Equipment

Property plant & equipment are on the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation and is provided on the straight line method at the following rates per annum.

a)	Building	05%
b)	Computer & printers	30%
c)	Page(vii) Computer Software	30%
d)	Office Equipment	15%
e)	Office Furniture	15%
f)	Vehicles	25%
g)	Road	05%
h)	Library Book	05%
i)	Non Consumables	10%
j)	Electronic Data	30%

A fixed asset which was purchased during the month of December on review year is not depreciated. If it is purchased on 1st of January we considered 12 months for the deprecation of review year, but if it is purchased on 15th January we considered only 11 months & 15 days only .etc.....

1.2 Disposal Value

Value of disposal items has been decided by the council approved valuation committee

1.3 Trade & Other Receivables

Trade & Other Receivables incurred Staff Debtors, Unsettled Research Imprest , Deposits , Prepayment , Income receivable , Unsettled Advance & Distress Loan interest receivable.

1.4 Composition of EPF & ETF rates ;

	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Total</u>
EPF	15%	10%	25%
ETF	03%	-	03%

1.5 Unsettled Research imprest

The research imprest has been given to various research Institutes/ Universities in Sri Lanka. However, some of the research institutes/ Universities do not settle this research imprest at the year end such amount stated as an unsettled research imprest.

1.6 Stocks

Stocks are shown in the financial statement at lower of market value or purchase price. The stock is valued using FIFO method.

1.7 Gratuities

A provision has been made according to regulations 5 of Gratuity Act. No.12 of 1983 in respect of employees eligible under the Act.

1.8 Refundable and Receivable Deposits

Values of refundable and receivable of deposits are namely as follows;

Receivable

BMICH

A. W. Ranasinghe (Filling Station - Kollupitiya)

Postgraduate Institute of Management - Library

Sri Lanka Telecom - IDD

Refundable

Security Service - Cosmo

Said deposits relating with service agreements when we are terminating above agreements we must pay/ receive money from each party.

2. A building in value of Rs. 19,794,453 with a land is belonged to the Council. An access road in value of Rs. 268,477 has also been constructed on this land. Therefore immediate action will be taken to transfer the title of this land to the Council.

3. Even though the error in full time period had been rectified in the financial statement of the year under review, according to the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 03 (SLP.S.A.S.03), the nature of the rectified error and the amount of impacts apart from the financial statement should be indicated.

Capital grants received from government up to 31.12.2010 which reflects the nature of the error had been accounted to income and expenditure account as an income. Write off method from capital accounts which gradually brings the depreciation into income is applied by the council as a depreciation accounting policy. Though the case had been so, the depreciation for the fixed assets procured before 31.12.2010 were again accounted to income. Due to this error, such depreciation had been accounted by the Council twice into income in 2011 and 2012.

The said error was rectified and the accounts have been prepared in the current year (2014). The year 2013 we wish to indicate the amount of impact caused to audited accounts. Hence, the values adjusted in those respective years are given below.

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Our Corporate Information

As at 31st of December 2014

Name of the State Owned Enterprise

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

Ministry

Agriculture Ministry

Secretary to the Ministry

Mr.R.M.D.B.Meegasmulla

Classification of General Treasury (PED /COP/POLI/Circular-17.06.2015)

Budgetary Funded – Research and Development Agencies/ Entities established under an Act. of Parliament to perform research and development activities for the benefit of the National Economy or in the wider interest of the public are deemed as Research and Development Agencies.

Supervision and Monitoring Role Managed by

Department of Public Enterprises (PED)

Carder Supervision & Corporate Plan Managed by

National Salaries and Carder Commission / Department of Management Services (MSD)

and

Department of Public Enterprises (PED)

Annual Budget and Action Plan Managed by

Department of National Budget

Governed by

The Council of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

Head of the Council

Secretary / Director

Legal Form

Incorporated Under the Parliament Act.

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act, No. 47 of 1987

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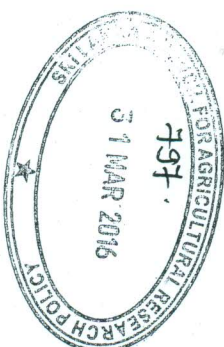
Year	2008		2009		2010		2011	
	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital
Total Estimate	21,100,000.00	72,000,000.00	20,650,000.00	31,300,000.00	19,728,000.00	21,740,000.00	20,944,100.00	50,985,000.00
Total Approved	19,000,000.00	55,800,000.00	18,326,000.00	23,800,000.00	19,220,000.00	28,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	33,000,000.00
Actual Received	18,150,000.00	31,600,000.00	16,100,000.00	16,800,000.00	14,201,000.00	12,525,000.00	18,881,000.00	28,350,000.00
Actual Expenses	18,867,440.93	28,021,853.70	18,830,744.76	14,858,241.55	18,603,906.49	11,068,129.62	22,335,003.00	11,490,104.00

Year	2012		2013		2014	
	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital
Total Estimate	34,900,000.00	93,500,000.00	39,796,188.00	101,065,000.00	41,533,594.27	73,081,940.00
Total Approved	21,560,000.00	27,300,000.00	27,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	27,710,890.00	30,000,000.00
Actual Received	20,462,753.00	17,955,150.00	25,600,000.00	16,323,030.00	26,015,190.00	20,447,000.00
Actual Expenses	22,172,644.00	12,877,337.00	25,353,837.00	15,865,294.00	26,126,908.00	19,474,921.00

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23 February 2016

The Chairman,

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for the year ended 31 December 2014 in terms of Section 14 (2) (C) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971.

The audit of the Financial statements of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy for the year ended 31 December 2014 comprising the Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014 and the Statement of comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in equity and Cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with Section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 and Section 18(3) of Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act, No. 47 of 1987. My comments and observations which I consider should be published with the Annual Report of the Council in terms of Section 14 (2) (c) of the Finance Act appear in this report. A detailed report in terms of Section 13(7) (a) of the Finance Act was issued to the Chairman of the Council on 04 November 2015.

1.2 Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as the management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements whether due to fraud or error.





1.3 Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Auditing Standards consistent with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI 1000 - 1810). Those standards require that, I comply with the ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgments, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. Sub sections (3) and (4) of Section 13 of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 give discretionary powers to the Auditor General to determine the scope and extent of the audit.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

1.4 Basis for Qualified Audit Opinion

My opinion is qualified based on the matters described in paragraph 2.2 of this report.

2. Financial Statements

2.1 Qualified Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 2.2 of this report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy as at 31 December 2014 and its Financial performance and Cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

2.2 Comments on Financial Statements

2.2.1 Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards

Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 01

Government Research Grants and Special Research Grants shown as equity and reserves amounting to Rs. 20,447,000 and Rs. 991,402 respectively had not been included in the Statement of changes in equity.

2.2.2 Lack of Evidence for Audit

Following observations are made.

A sum of Rs. 4,250,526 equivalent to US\$ 3,150 had been paid to Director/ Secretary of the Council, who had participated in the World Summit on Climate Changes held in France during the period from 25 to 28 September 2013. But Air flight timetable and the copy of the Air ticket had not been furnished to prove the travel abroad. Further, the approval obtained to leave the Island in terms of Section 10.1 of Chapter XV of the Establishments Code and evidence to prove the participation in The World Summit held in France and reporting for duty again had not been presented to audit.

2.3 Accounts Receivable and Payable

The following observations are made.

- (a) Advances amounting to Rs. 659,131, obtained for Competitive Agreement Research Programme ended on 31 December 2010, had not been settled even up to 31 December of the year under review.
- (b) A sum of Rs. 2,629,518 in the project Account payable since the year 2013 had not been settled even up to 31 December 2014.

2.4 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations and Management Decisions.

The following instances of non-compliance were observed.

Reference to Laws, Rules and Regulations.

Non-compliance

- (a) Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy Act, No. 47 of 1987.
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Section 4.1

Even though the Council should consist of not more than fourteen members appointed by the Minister, only 12 members had been appointed to the Council in the year 2014.

- (b) The Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
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Sections 4.1 and 4.3 of Chapter XV.

Even though it had mentioned that an officer who is sent abroad for a period of more than one month for study or training should be entered into an agreement as to serve the Government inclusive of a compulsory period of service and it is a responsibility of the Head of the Department to get signed the agreements and bonds before the departure of the officer concerned, agreements had not been got signed, making inclusive of a compulsory period of service, from two officers who had been participated in the course held at the University of Monash in Australia from 01 September to 07 November in the year 2014.

(c) Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

(i) Financial Regulations 155

Even though it is the responsibility of the Accounting officer to take prompt action regarding Audit queries and to provide complete answers, replies for 03 Audit Queries issued in the year under review had not been provided even up to 08 October 2015.

(ii) Financial Regulations 371

- A sum of Rs. 213,200 had been granted as advances exceeding the limit of ad hoc Sub-imprest at 06 occasions in the year under review.
- Petty cash Sub-Imprest up to a maximum of Rs. 5,000 can be kept. Even though the approval of the Treasury should be obtained for Petty cash Sub-Imprests over such amount, contrarily imprests at Rs.15,000 each had been issued for two Management Assistants.

(iii) Financial Regulations 757 (2) and (4)

Even though a copy of the stock verification report prepared on Form T. & A. 66 by the Board of Annual Survey should be presented to the Auditor General, a copy of the Report of Board of Survey in the year under review had not been presented to the Auditor General.

(d) National Budget Circular No. 150 dated 07 December 2010.

Paragraph (6)

Only Petrol Motor Vehicles can be obtained under Financial leasing method to the officers who are entitled to official vehicles. Even though it had been stated that cabs and vans should be used as pool vehicles, Director/ Secretary of the Council had used the cab as an allocated vehicle while there were two motor vehicles belonged to the Council.

2.5 Transactions not supported by appropriate authority

International Research symposium had been held in Colombo in August in the year 2014 by spending an expenditure of Rs. 5,676,516 out of the Capital Grants received from the Treasury. Revenue of Rs. 736,052 earned from sale of stalls, advertisements and from the registration of both local and foreign researchers, had been credited to the Special Research Fund without an approval of the Treasury.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Results

The financial result of the Council for the year under review had been a deficit of Rs. 1,640,735 as compared with the corresponding deficit of Rs.3,108,815 for the preceding year. Accordingly, the deficit of the year under review had decreased by Rs. 1,468,080 as compared with the preceding year. Even though the Administrative expenditure had increased by Rs. 2,205,576, increase of Treasury grants, other revenue and Government Grants by Rs.3,622,901 had attributed to the decrease of deficit.

4. Operating Review

4.1 Management inefficiencies

The following observations are made.

(a) Even though a Capital expenditure amounting to Rs. 2,505,150 had been incurred during the period from 30 December 2011 to 29 November 2013 for the installation of Computer Hardware and Software (Programmes) for the utilization of technology for getting done the work efficiently and easily as to fulfill the objectives and goals of the Council, it was observed in audit that these systems had not been utilized for the implementation of the functions of the Council. The details are mentioned below.

(i) Even though a sum of Rs.240,000 had been spent for "Inform Data Base" Computer Programmes, neither its data had been processed using such Programme nor it had been updated after the year 2011.

- (d) The value of the balance stock of stationeries amounting to Rs.287,558 as at 31 December in the preceding year had been written off as used stock in the year. The balance of the physical Stock as at the end of the year valued at Rs. 243,265 had been deducted from the stock of stationery purchased in the year and since the balance had been brought to account as used stock, the shortages and excesses which were likely to occur in stores remained undisclosed.

4.3 Personnel Administration

Advertisements had been publicized in two English newspapers in November 2014 to make recruitments for 09 posts of Deputy Director, Web Administrator, Management Assistant, Driver and Office Labourer in which vacancies occurred in the Council. Approximately 3500 applications had been received, but action had not been taken to make recruitments in holding interviews even by 30 September 2015.

5. Accountability and Good Governance

5.1 Presentation of Financial Statements

Even though the Financial Statements should have been presented for audit within 60 days after the close of financial year in terms of the Public Enterprises Circular No. PED/12 dated 02 June 2003, the financial statements of the Council had been presented to audit only on 23 September 2015 after a delay of 07 months.

5.2 Budgetary Control

In comparing the budgeted figures with the actual figures of the Capital Expenditure of the Council, significant variances were observed ranging from 20 per cent to 99 per cent, thus indicating that the budget had not been made use of as an effective instrument of management control.



6. Systems and Controls

Deficiencies in the systems and controls observed during the course of audit were brought to the notice of the Chairman of the Council from time to time. Special attention is needed in respect of the following areas of control.

- (a) Control of overseas Travelling Expenses and Research Expenses
- (b) Financial Control
- (c) Vehicle Control

H.M.Gamini Wijesinghe
Auditor General

Replies to the matters indicated in the final Audit Report prepared by the Auditor General on the financial statements of the Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy for the year ended 31st December, 2014 in terms of the section 14(2)(c) of the Financial Act No.38 of 1971 and sent the same by him

1.2 Responsibility of the Management on Financial Statements

The matters indicated in audit query are accepted.

1.3 Audit Responsibility

It is agreed.

1.4 Base of Audit Opinion

It is agreed.

2. Financial Statements

2.1 Audit Opinion

It is agreed.

2.2 Comments on Financial Statements

2.2.1 Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards

Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard No.01

Action has been taken to include the details in financial statements in future according to this accounting standard.

2.2.2 Non Evidence for Audit

- (a) The approval from the Hon. Prime Minister has been obtained for participating at the World Summit on Climatic Changes held in France from 25.09.2013 to 28.09.2013. 3,150 US dollar has been given for this visit. This is Rs.425, 525.62 in value of Sri Lankan money. A copy of the receipt issued in this regard from the Bank of Ceylon Branch at Independent Square. The staff has been instructed by circulating an internal circular to act according to the provisions in Chapter XV of the Establishment Code in order to avoid occurring this sort of shortcoming in future.

2.3 Receivable and Payable Accounts

- (a) The advance received for research activities under the competitive agreement entered and terminated as at 31st December 2010 has not been settled so far. A further action is being taken in this regard in terms of FR 104 by appointing a committee on inquiry. A report in this regard will be submitted within 03 months of period.

- (b) Necessary action is being taken to write off these accounts by obtaining due approvals from the Ministry Secretary and the Council in this regard. The said tasks will be completed before 30.04.2016.

2.4 Non-compliance with laws, regulations and management decisions

(a) Section 4.1

Action has been taken to make appointments of the new board members in due manner.

(b) Sections 4.1 and 4.3 of Chapter XV

These officers have reported to their work again. The staff has been instructed by circulating an internal circular to act according to the provisions in Chapter XV of the Establishment Code in order to avoid the occurring this sort of weaknesses in administration in future which have already occurred .

(c) Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

i Financial regulation No.155

The Council had not been in operation from January to October of this year. Therefore, this shortcoming has occurred. Replies for all audit queries have already been sent in year 2014.

ii Financial Regulation No.371

The relevant officers have been instructed that the payment should be made beyond the limit of apt interim imprest and small imprest. Necessary action will be taken to avoid the occurring this sort of shortcoming in future.

iii Financial Regulation No.757 (2) and (4)

Necessary arrangements have been made for submission of the report on board of survey to the Department of Auditor General before 31.03.2016 completing such report.

(d) Government Budget Circular No. 150 dated 07th December, 2010

Action has been taken to rectify the matter indicated. The cab registered under WPPC 3499 is being used as a pool vehicle from 18.12.2015.

2.5 The Transactions not Confirmed by Sufficient Authority

It is kindly informed that the necessary action would be taken to obtain approval from the Treasury in this regard.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Results

It is agreed.

4 Operational Review

4.1 Inefficiency in Management

- (a) An inquiry regarding computer hardware and software is carried out by Mr. P.L. Namasena, Internal Auditor of the Ministry of Agriculture. A request letter sent to Mr. P.L. Namasena asking him to pay attention on the matters indicated herein.
- (b) Action has been taken to rectify this. A specimen form has been circulated among the staff in order to prepare the sufficient budget and submit. This issue can be avoided through this method.

4.2 Inefficiency in Operational Activities

- (a) Some books were printed in 2013 and 2014 under 10 topics for distribution in agricultural division. 200 books out of them have been kept in this Council. All other books have already been distributed.
- (b) 150 books and 100 CDs prepared and published under the heading of Reflection on SLCARP 25th Anniversary 1987-2012 have been kept in this Council. All other books have already been distributed.
- (c) The Ministry of Agriculture has been informed about this matter. The engine of the cab bearing registered No. WPPD 6401 was repaired and now is in good condition. An inquiry in this regard is being carried by the Presidential Inquiry Commission. The necessary information has been provided for this inquiry. It is further kindly informed that the due repairs have been done by the recognized companies of these vehicles.
- (d) It is kindly informed that the necessary action would be taken to avoid the frauds /misuses indicated as in the audit and to include actual stocks in the relevant final accounts by notifying the relevant officers to do accounting as per the annual physical stock verification.

4.3 Cadre Position

The advertisements calling applications published in newspapers on 23, 26 of November, 2014 for filling the existing vacancies are in contradiction. Therefore, such applications were withdrawn later. Advertisements on recruitment to the existing vacancies were published in Dinamina, Thinakaran and Daily News on

12.02.2016 and process of calling applications has already been completed. Arrangements have been made to recruit these applicants by conducting a structural interview.

5. Accountings and Good Governance

5.1 Submission of Financial Statements

Necessary steps have already been taken to avoid the delay in preparation and submission of the financial statements. It is also kindly informed that the necessary action would be taken for updating of the accounts from year 2016 and submission of accounts for 2016 within the particular period in year 2017.

5.2 Budgetary Control

The reason for the difference between the budget on capital expenditure and the actual budget of the Council is that such budgets are becoming subject to the revision based on the unavoidable circumstances occur in implementation of the scheduled programs. It is kindly informed that the necessary action would be taken to apply the budget in future as an effective control of management.

6. Systems and Controls

Relevant guidelines and instructions have been provided to carry out these matters in a proper way by introducing a good system of governance. Awareness programs for the officers also have been conducted.

Dr. S.D.G. Jayawardena
Chairman

Annex 1

Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy Summary Report of the Council

- Agricultural scientists were given awards in 2014 for their successful achievements in agriculture research sector in order to encourage the experts in agriculture.
- The first international agriculture symposium of the Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy was conducted during 11-12 of August 2014 at Sri Lanka Foundation.
- This Council has been able to recommend further 36 new projects under National Agriculture Research Plan including 31 projects which have already been implemented since year 2011.
- The workshops conducted:

In order to formulate policies, this Council had arranged a training program on the 15th of December 2014 with a view of improving the capacity of agricultural scientists.

The 7th symposium on national flower culture (NaSFLOr) was held. With this, all experts, growers and exporters were given opportunity for them to acquire new knowledge and share their experience for the improvement in their relevant sectors.

The actions taken to rectify the shortcomings which had been indicated in audit inquires and audit reports

- The staff has been instructed to act according to the provisions available in the Chapter XV of the Establishment Code when the officers are sent for foreign training programs.
- The cab provided to other government institution by this Council was taken back.
- Actions are being taken to fill the existing vacancies on the cadre.

The Mid-term Actions which have been proposed to take for improving the performance of the Council

Action was taken to formulate necessary national policies and to encourage experts in agriculture in order to implement the agriculture research sector and national agriculture research plan.