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Academic & Professional Qualifications:

BSc (Hons.) - Botany 1982 2nd Class (Upper Division), University of Kelaniya

MPhil - Plant Pathology 1987, University of Kelaniya

PhD - Plant Pathology/Tissue Culture 1993, University of Bath, United Kingdom.

Fellow and Chartered Member, Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka

I was first appointed as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Botany, University of Kelaniya in 1986 and was subsequently promoted to the post of Senior lecturer and in 2009, to the post of Professor. I have served as the Head of Department of Botany from 01.10.2006 upto 10.11.2009.

I have held numerous positions in the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science and hold the position of Assistant Editor of the Council of SLAAS at present. I have held numerous positions in the council of the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka as well and was the President of IOBSL in the year 2013/14.

I have carried out post-doctoral research at University of Calgary, Canada (1996) on decomposition of leaf litter and fungal succession, Warwick HRI, UK (2006) on the biological control of white rot disease of onion and at the University of West of England, UK (2014/15) on the effect Hydrogen sulphide on the pathogenicity islands of *Pseudomonas syringae*.

My main area of research is Plant Pathology with specific focus on biochemical and molecular effectors of pathogens and biological strategies of disease management.