



#### **PROFILE- NIRMALIE PALLEWATTA**

Nirmalie Pallewatta is Senior Lecturer at the Department of Zoology and Environment Science, Faculty of Science, University of Colombo and was its head of department from 2009-2015. She has a Ph.D from Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London, UK in Entomology and a Diploma of Imperial College. She followed a Zoology Special degree at the then Department of Zoology, University of Colombo and graduated with first class honors. Since 1987 she has been a teacher at this same institution to date. Her involvement with quality assurance commenced in 2003, when she was trained and was a member of the proposal writing team for the Faculty of Science to prepare proposals for competitive grant windows for Tier 1 universities. Since then she has attended many training workshops, seminars, and been a reviewer of about twenty proposals submitted to the Higher Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Project and its predecessor and also contributed to two successful competitive proposals that were awarded to the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo. She has also got much experience through site visits and end of grant evaluations of many state sector universities and other types of institutions, Dr. Pallewatta has been a member of the University of Colombo Quality Assurance Cell since 2007 and is currently the convenor of the Faculty of Science, QA committee. Her interests outside academia are in conservation of Sri Lanka's biological diversity and she is a member of national and sectoral committees that work towards this goal.