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1st National Conference on Fortifications and Military Heritage

ICOFORT Sri Lanka

5th and 6th November 2022, PGIAR, Colombo

Day 1: 5th November 2022 (Saturday)

9.00 – 10.30: **Inauguration:**

Lighting the oil lamp, Welcome Speech by President of ICOMOS Sri Lanka, Objectives of the Conference by Chair, ICOFORT, Key Note Speech by Lt. Commander (Retired) Somasiri Devendra, Vote of Thanks by Secretary, ICOFORT.

10.30 – 11.00: Tea break

11.00 – 12.40: **Session 1: Chair – Prof. Anura Manatunga**

Theme: Archaeology and Research

- *Conflict Archaeology as a Field of Inquiry for Sri Lanka’s Military Heritage –* Mr. Chryshane Mendis, ICOFORT (SL)
- *පොළොන්නරුව, කදුරුවෙල පැරණි ආරක්ෂිත නගරයේ (විජිතපුර?) පුරාවිද්‍යා පර්යේෂණ (Archaeological Investigations at the Ancient Fortified City (Vijithapura?) at Kaduruvela, Polonnaruva)–* Mr. Priyantha Marasinghe, Central Cultural Fund
- *Locational Significance of Jaffna Fort during the Pre-colonial Period and its History during the Portuguese Period –* Prof. P. Pushparatnum, University of Jaffna
- *ත්‍රිකුණාමලය ෆෙඩ්‍රික් කොටුව ආරම්භයේ සිට යටත් විජිත යුගයේ අවසානය දක්වා සිදුවූ විකාසනය පිළිබඳ පුරාවිද්‍යාත්මක අධ්‍යයනයක් (An Archaeological Study of the Development of Trincomalee Fort Frederick from the Beginning to the End of the Colonial Period) –* Mr. T. D. C. Pushpakumara et al, Central Cultural Fund

12.40 – 13.30: Lunch break

13.30 – 15.15: Session 2: Chair - Prof. Gamini Ranasinghe

Theme: History and Intangible Heritage

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- *Portuguese Fortifications in Sri Lanka: Some facts and other eventual misinterpretations* – Dr. Joaquim Rodrigues dos Santos, University of Lisbon
- *මුලතිව් මඩ්දුසුඩාන් හි 1803 වසරේ පිහිටුවා ඇති බ්‍රිතාන්‍යය යුද සිහිවන පුවරුව: වන්නියාර්වරු හා ඔවුන්ගේ යුදමය ක්‍රියාකාරකම් (British War Commemorative Plaque of 1803 at Oddusudan, Mulaitivu: History of the Vanniars and their Military Activities)* – Ms. Vasana Premachandra et al, Department of Archaeology
- *ක්‍රිකුණාමලය සෝබර් දූපතේ ඇති යටත් විජිත සමයට සමකාලීන විදේශික කුරුඳු වැකකි (Colonial Military History as Reflected in the Graffiti at Sober Island in Trincomalee)* – Rev. Mandaramnuvara Chandananda Thero

15.15 – 15.45: Tea break

15.45 – 17.00: Session 3: Chair - Dr. B. D. Nandadeva

Theme: Battle Tactics and Strategies

- *Military Strategy of the Sinhalese and the Organization of the Sinhala Army During Colonial Period* – Maj. Gen. (Retired) Mano Perera
- *'High Ground' and the Defence of Kingdoms: Revisiting the Security Thought Process of the Island Nation* – Rear Admiral (Retired) Y. N. Jayarathna
- *ඉපැරණි ශ්‍රී ලාංකේය හමුදා ආහාර සැපයුම් ක්‍රියාවලිය (Ancient Sri Lankan military food supply process)* – Mr. Isuru Herath, University of Peradeniya

Day 2: 6th November 2022 (Sunday)

9.30 – 10.15: Session 4: Chair - Ms. Sanuja Kasthuriarachchi

Guest Presentation on *Provenance Research of Military Objects* by Dr. Alicia Schrikker, Senior Lecturer, Colonial and Global History, Leiden University, the Netherlands

10.15 - 10.45: Tea break

10.45 - 12.50: Session 5: Chair - Maj. Gen. (Retired) Mano Perera

Theme: Gunpowder Weapons and Projectiles

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- *Military Use of Rocket by the Sinhalese as a Gunpowder Projectile Weapon against the Dutch* - Mr. Anandalal Nanayakkara, Independent Researcher (Attorney-at-Law)
- *The Cannon of Levuke Dissava Currently Displayed at Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam* - Mr. Senarat Wickramasinghe, Department of National Museum
- *Avondster (1659) and HMS Diomedé (1795) Shipwrecks: The Comparison of Dutch and British Armament Technologies during 17th and 18th Centuries, as Revealed Through Maritime Archaeological Finds* - Mr. Wijamunige Chandraratne, Central Cultural Fund
- *The Lost Military Heritage: The Gun Battery at Galle Face, Colombo* - Mr. Chamikara Pilapitiya, Independent Researcher and Expert on the History of Firearms

12.50 - 13.50: Lunch break

13.50 - 14.40: Session 6: Chair - Archt. Hemantha Balachandra

Theme: Conservation, Sustainable Use, and Heritage Interpenetration

- *Malvana: Revealing and Conserving a Lost Inland Fort* - Archt. Jayatissa Herath, National Trust - Sri Lanka
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14.40 - 15.10: Tea break

15.10 - 16.25: Session 6 (Contd.): Chair - Archt. Hemantha Balachandra

Theme: Conservation, Sustainable Use, and Heritage Interpenetration

- *Conservation of the Island Fort of Hammenhiel Enabling Adaptive Re-use* - Rear Admiral Priyantha Perera, Sri Lanka Navy
- *Mannar Dutch Fort: Adaptive Re-use for Sustainable Development by Transforming the Historic Site as a Major Tourist Destination* - Ms. Pubudu Samantilaka, Department of Archaeology
- *Interpreting Military Heritage and Promoting Nocturnal Tourism: The Potential for Establishing Sound and Light Shows in Galle Fort* - Ms. Ravini Wimalasuriya, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

16.25 - 17.15: Closing Session: Chair - Prof. Gamini Adikari

(Review and closing remarks, handing over of the certificates to the participants etc.)

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