IEEE WIE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2017
Sri Lanka
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7th & 8th October
Hotel Berjaya, Colombo

Themed on "Inspire|Empower|Lead the Change", IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit 2017 – Sri Lanka, **the first ever of its kind happening in Sri Lanka,** is going to be the biggest event in the WIE Sri Lanka Section calendar this year. Envisioning a future where synergy of knowledge, skills and attitudes of a vibrant community of men and women are used for the betterment of the humanity, IEEE WIE ILS 2017 Sri Lanka aims to inspire and empower women in the STEM fields for taking the initiative and leadership in achieving the change they wish to see in the world.

Spanning over two days featuring Tech Professionals across the globe, the Summit aspires to prepare grounds for all the delegates to ponder promising ideas on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Empowerment, Leadership and Emerging Technologies. Startup Pitching Sessions, Career Fairs, Car Clinics and many more interesting sessions full of excitement, entertainment and even surprises are also inline to make the experience a fruitful and a memorable one.

SPEAKERS DAY 1

Prof. Ramalatha Marimuthu
Chair - IEEE WIE Committee 2011-2012
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Noam Inbar
Head of Oracle Startup Ecosystem, Tel Aviv

Hemantha Jayawardena
Consultant, LSEG Sri Lanka

Prof. Suranga Nanayakkara
Assistant Professor, Singapore University of Technology and Design

Prof. Dr. Celia Shahanaz
2017 Communications Chair, IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee & 2016 R10 WIE Coordinator

Savindri Talgodapitiya
Co-Founder, The Fields Travel Company

Shehani Seneviratne
Chief Operating Officer, 99X Technology

Anas Akram
Growth Hacker

Dr. Nuwan Dayananda
Senior Lecturer, University of Moratuwa

Tanya Candia
President & CEO, Candia Communications LLC

Lakshmi Venkatakrishnan
Software Development Director, Oracle India

Bhanuka Harischandra
Founder & CEO, SurgeViral

Manuja Hettiarachchi
Senior Solutions Consultant, Oracle Sri Lanka

Dr. Upuli Jayatunga
Senior Lecturer, University of Moratuwa

SPEAKERS DAY 2

Nayeni Fernando
Former Head of IT, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala
'First Sri Lankan to summit Mount Everest'
Goodwill Ambassador for Women's Rights, Ministry of Women's Affairs

Heminda Jayaweera
IFS Endowed Senior Fellow in Innovation & Entrepreneurship, University of Moratuwa

Sandra De Zoysa
Group Chief Customer Officer, Dialog Axiata PLC

Bani Chandrasena
Head - Human Resources, LSEG Sri Lanka

Vidumini Ranasinghe
Project Director, MilleniumIT/LSEG Technology

Abilash Praveen
Head of Systems & Security, concise.digital, Australia

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IEEE R10 Regional Student Representative
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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

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** Technology Workshop - Introduction to Oracle Cloud : Manuja Hettiarachchi

	DAY 1	DAY 2
8.00 - 8.30 am	Registration	Introduction and Day's Review
8.30 – 9.00 am	Introduction and Day's Review	**Keynote 1 -** Leadership in Sri Lankan Technology Arena - Challenges and Opportunities : Nayeni Fernando
9.00 - 9.30 am	**Keynote 1 -** Angels or Demons : The Only Difference is in the Flying Technology!! : Prof. Ramalatha Marimuthu	**Keynote 2 -** Climbing Peaks, Breaking Barriers : Jayanthi Kuru-Utumpala
9.30 - 10.00 am	**Keynote 2 -** Future driven Innovations : Noam Inbar	**Group Activity - Building Leaders :** Heminda Jayaweera
10.00 - 10.30 am	**Keynote 3 -** Sri Lankan Startup to Global Startup : Hemantha Jayawardena	
10.30 – 11.00 am	Tea Break - Exhibition Booth Visit 1	Tea Break
Parallel Tracks	**Parallel Track 1 – Entrepreneurship [T1]** **Parallel Track 2 – Innovation [T2]**	**Parallel Track 1 – Leadership [T1]** **Parallel Track 2 – Empowerment [T2]**
11.00 - 11.30 am	[T1] Building a Start-up and Challenging Gender Stereotypes in the Corporate Tech Community : Savindri Talgodapitiya [T2] Making Environment for Innovation : Shehani Seneviratne	[T1] How Businesses Benefit from having Women in Leadership Positions : Sandra De Zoysa [T2] Empowering Female Employees to Excel in Career : Bani Chandrasena
11.30 - 12.00 pm	[T1] Top Ten Tips on Starting-up : Anas Akram [T2] Frontiers in Biomedical Technologies : Dr. Nuwan Dayananda	[T1] Leading Technology Globally : Vidumini Ranasinghe [T2] No One Can Help Your Psychiatric Self, but You : Abilash Praveen
12.00 - 12.30 pm	[T1] Entrepreneurship Opportunities beyond Borders : Tanya Candia [T2] Cloud Computing - a Real-world View of IaaS, PaaS, SaaS : Lakshmi Venkatakrishnan	[T1 Applying Your Emotional Intelligence (EI) to Leadership : Lakshmi Venkatakrishnan [T2] Disable to Possible : Understanding Special Needs through Technology : Prof. Ramalatha Marimuthu
12.30 - 1.00 pm	[T1] Digital Marketing for Startups and for Voluntary Initiatives : Bhanuka Harischandra [T2] Panel Discussion - Power and Energy sector : The Changing Landscape - Opportunities and Challenges	Preparation Time for Wie4W
1.00 - 2.00 pm	Lunch	Lunch
2.00 – 3.00 pm **	**Special Project 1 : Car Clinic - Automobile Association of Ceylon**	**Special Project 2 : Health and Fitness - Workout.lk**
3.00 - 4.00 pm **	**Pitch Fest -** Pitching Sessions of 3-4 Startups with Female Founders	WIE Panel Discussion
4.00 - 4.30 pm	**Keynote 4 -** Innovative Thinking for Technology Entrepreneurship : Prof. Suranga Nanayakkara	Wie4W Solution Presentation
4.30 - 5.00 pm	Tea Break and Exhibition Booth Visit 2	
5.00- 5.30 pm	IEEE HTC and SIGHT, IEEE Humanitarian Activities Introduction : Prof. Celia Shahanaz	
5.30 - 5.45 pm	What is Wie4W	Video and Feedback Session on WIE ILS Sri Lanka
5.45 - 6.15 pm	Wie4W Humanitarian Initiative - Introduction and Case Study Presentation	Presentation Ceremony / Closing Remarks / Vote of Thanks
6.15 - 7.00 pm	Interactive Session - Innovative Thinking for Solving Community : Prof. Suranga Nanayakkara	Evening Networking Tea and Photographs