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Conversion of the Sri Lanka Association of Dermatologists to Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists

The idea of converting the Sri Lanka Association of Dermatologists to a College was brought up first by Dr. T. T. Kasturiratne during his tenure as president in 1999. However due to various reasons the members felt the time was not right at that time.

Then in 2004 Dr. Prasad Kumarasinghe brought up the idea and views were sought from the members. As many members felt the time was appropriate for this change a notice was published in the newsletter asking if any members objected to this idea.

Since there was none, a new constitution was drawn up after legal advice. Once this was done a formal application was submitted to the Registrar of Companies for registration of the "Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists" as a company.

Dr. Prasad Kumarasinghe, Dr. Manel Dissanayake, Dr. K. Satgurunathan, Dr. Chalukya Gunasekera, Dr. Satheeka Kamaladasa, Dr. Ganga Sirimanna, Dr. Jayamini Seneviratne, Dr. W. D. H. Perera and

Dr. D. N. Atukorala signed as subscribers to this change. We were officially converted to the Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists on 13th May 2005.

However the change of name on letterhead, banks etc was done over the next few months at which time Dr. Manel Dissanayake was the president.

Navy blue and gold were designated as the official colours and new cloaks were stitched for the council. The format of the logo remained unchanged was only a change in lettering from SLAD to SLCD. An intricately carved silver coloured mace was produced.

We did not organize a separate event to mark the change of the SLAD to SLCD. However the following annual session held in March 2006 was held with much pomp and pageantry at the Earl's Regency Hotel, Kandy to celebrate this change. For the first time a mace bearer carrying the new mace lead the ceremonial procession.