

Message from the President



The year 2010 has been another year of many successful events for the Computer Society of Sri Lanka. The CSSL involved in many activities at National level gaining more recognition as a professional body for ICT. The executive council with a clear vision of the CSSL's future was committed to carry out its duties and responsibilities to both its members and the ICT community in Sri Lanka.

Incorporation of CSSL under an Act of Parliament in support of gaining due recognition to ICT professionals in Sri Lanka is important. The establishment of Chartered Status for ICT professionals in Sri Lanka has been included in the Incorporation Act.

As a professional organization in ICT the CSSL has a responsibility to contribute to the initiatives taken by the Government to improve the ICT literacy rate in Sri Lanka. We continued with our program of conducting workshops under the project '*ICT for Rural Areas*'.

This year too the National Schools Software Competition was conducted on regional basis in 8 provinces in two age categories, providing opportunities for more students to participate. We had a record number of participants for this competition this year. The Sri Lanka Team A became Second defeating three countries in the International Schools Software Competition held in India.

The 28th National IT Conference (NITC 2010) was a tremendous success with a distinguish panel of foreign and local speakers.

In addition to the current Special Interest Groups (SIG) we formed three more Groups in 2010, providing more opportunities to exchange ideas and new concepts among ICT professionals. CSSL has always focused on promoting professionalism among those engaged in the field of ICT. We have successfully conducted a few workshops and Public lectures facilitating peer-to-peer coaching and sharing of best practices among our CSSL members.

As you browse through this report, I am sure that you will agree that the year gone by was a very productive year for CSSL and will be able to share in the excitement and the expectation of significant progress of the CSSL in the future. The success we achieved during 2010 would not have been possible if not for the efforts of the dynamic members of Executive Council and other members who served in various committees. I take this opportunity to thank them for their support and cooperation.

I look forward to your overall support for the future success of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka. I am confident that the future is bright and CSSL will achieve greater heights in the year to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Silva'.

Chrisantha Silva
President CSSL

10th December 2010

THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA (INCORPORATED)

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka was formally inaugurated in 1976 by a small group of dedicated professionals with the support and the encouragement of well wishers including the then leading computer firms. It has been playing a major role in promoting Information Technology and professionalism among those engaged in the field of IT in the country for the past 33 years. The rapid growth of CSSL in the recent years indicates a greater interest among the IT professionals in the affairs of the society.

OUR VISION

To be the most esteemed Professional body in Sri Lanka.

OUR MISSION

To maintain the highest professional standards among the Information Systems (IS) fraternity

To get actively involved in the formulation of National IS strategies

To promote the advancement of Knowledge

To facilitate career development

To contribute to the development of the IS industry whilst safeguarding the interest of society.

- (a) to maintain the highest professional standards among the Information System (IS) fraternity;
- b) to contribute to the development of the IS industry whilst safeguarding the interests of the members of the Society;
- (c) to get actively involved in the formulation of National Strategies relating to IS; and
- (d) to promote the advancement of knowledge in those engaged in the field of IT

OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

The primary objectives of the society are:

1. To promote and develop the science of Information Technology and foster and maintain investigations and research into the best means and methods of developing and applying such science and to encourage, increase, disseminate and promote knowledge, education and training and the exchange of information and ideas in respect of all questions relating thereto or connected therewith:
2. To provide an Organization for professionals in Information Technology and by means of examinations and other methods of assessment to test the skills and knowledge of persons desiring to enter the profession

THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA COUNCIL



Seated left to right:

Mr. D L M Dissanayake Bandara Asst Secretary, Mr. Mahesh Perera Vice President, Mr J M Chrisantha I Silva President, Mr. Asitha Peiris Secretary, Mr. M M Luxaman Perera Treasurer

Standing from left to Right

Dr K L Jayaratne Publication Secretary, Mr. Ajith Salgado Council Member, Dr Dayan Rajapakse Student Consellor, Mr. Damitha Jayawardana Council Member, Mr Thushara Suraweera Asst Treasurer, Mr. Chandra Pathberiya Council Member

Absent

Mr. M I Deen Council Member

COUNCIL OF THE COMPUTER SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

The council for 2010, elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 11th December 2009.

President	Mr. J M Chrisantha I Silva
Vice President	Mr. Mahesh Perera
Secretary	Mr. Asitha Peiris
Assistant Secretary	Mr D L M Dissanayake Bandara
Treasurer	Mr. Laxaman Perera
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. D Thushara F Suraweera
Student Counsellor	Dr. Dayan Rajapakse
Publication Secretary	Dr. K L Jayaratne

Council Members

Mr. Chandra Pathberiya
Mr. Ajith Salgado
Mr. Damitha Jayawardena
Mr. M I Deen

The Council met almost every fortnight and had 24 meetings during the year. In addition strategic planning sessions were also conducted during the year 2010 both outside and within CSSL.

CSSL WORKSHOP – 2010

CSSL annual workshop was held at Coral Gardens Hotel Hikkaduwa on 16th and 17th of January 2010 with a view to scheduling the activities for 2010. Prior to the workshop, project managers were appointed to spearhead a number of activities to make the year 2010 a success. The project managers presented their cases in detail with tentative time schedules

All the CSSL executive council members participated in the workshop that was very informative and fruitful.

MEMBERSHIP

In the year 2010, the new membership stands at 75 bringing the total member to 502. Associate members increased by 8 bringing the Associate membership to 321 the student membership increased by 26 bringing the total student membership to 15,242. Affiliate members increased by 1 bringing the Affiliate membership to 47.

Honorary Fellow	5
Members	502
Associate Members	321
Student Members	15,242
Affiliate Members	47

The membership committee was assisted by Mr Niranjan De Silva, Dr Prasanna Lokuge and Mr Chandana Weerasinghe.

Annual Subscription Payments Electronically

Your membership fee could also be paid electronically through the website www.cssl.lk using Sampath Bank's Secure Internet Payment Gateway. We encourage you to use this facility for prompt settlement of your membership dues.

In addition to the cash payment, Account Payee cheques drawn in favour of the "Computer Society of Sri Lanka" could also be used as a method of payment and could be posted or handed over to the Computer Society of Sri Lanka. Please indicate your name and membership number on the reverse of the cheque.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Offer from IDM

IDM Computer Studies has agreed to offer a 10% discount on course fees to all CSSL Members (Associate & Full). This discount will be applicable for all the programmes conducted at their centres and will be subjected to a maximum limit of Rs. 20,000 for the full programme that one selects.

Discount on Books Purchased from CG Associates

CG Associates will offer a 10% discount on all the books purchased at their ICT Bookshop at ICT Building, University of Colombo for all the CSSL members.

Offers from Hotels

- Aitken Spence Hotels Discounts of 10% on booked basis
- Amaya Reef Discount of 10% on booked basis
- Ceylon Hotel Corporation Discount of 10% on booked basis
- Jetwing Hotel Corporation Discount of 10% on booked basis
- Royal Lotus Hotels Discount of 10% on total bill.

Other Benefits

- Special Discount for National IT Conference
- Special Discounts for CSSL Workshops
- Special Discounts for CSSL Seminars
- Free Access to CSSL Library
- Making aware of workshops/Seminars conducted by other professional bodies
- Special Interest groups (SIG) to improve and share knowledge on specific subjects.
- CSSL membership night

(More information from our website www.cssl.lk)

INCORPORATION UNDER ACT OF PARLIAMENT

In 2009 the Council took a decision to appoint a committee to review and make relevant corrections to the CSSL Parliamentary Act before proceeding further. There is no doubt that the ICT professionals in Sri Lanka need the due recognition. The CSSL is the right professional body to take the lead role in establishment of Chartered Status for ICT in Sri Lanka. An essential component of chartered status in any professional is the national and international recognition. One major feature of the amended CSSL Parliamentary Act is the inclusion of Chartered Status for ICT professionals. Several planning sessions were conducted to prepare the final document. The lawyers Mrs Kumari Dassanayake and Mrs. Anusha Wijesinghe of PW Corporate secretarial Services (Pvt) Ltd. provided the consultations.

We thank Mr. Chandana Weerasinghe, Dr Prasanna Lokuge and Mr. Vimal Indrasoma for the assistance given.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on 28th October 2010 at the Park Premier Excel World to obtain the approval of the membership to move forward plan to incorporate CSSL by Act of Parliament. All 63 members present voted in favour of incorporating CSSL by Act of Parliament.

The next step is to present the Act to the Legal Department. Thereafter this will be presented to the Parliament for first reading.

WEBSITE

The CSSL Web site is a key part of our communication. With this in mind a special effort was made to keep the context current all the time. The Council discussed various new features that are required by the CSSL Web site. The Assistant Manager at CSSL Secretariat was appointed as the single point of contact with the with the service provider. The current CSSL web site is serviced and hosted by Speitra (Pvt) Ltd. We are planning to add more features to the web site in the near future.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The CSSL's Special Interest Groups provide a forum for professionals to improve and share knowledge on a specific subject area by organizing workshops, educational programs, publications and newsletters and other activities to boost the knowledge of the CSSL members. By end of 2009 CSSL had four special interest groups namely "e-Learning and Training" headed by Prof. Gihan Dias, "Computer Security and Forensic", headed by Dr. Kasun De Zoysa, "ICT Management" headed by Mr. Chandana Weerasinghe and "Software Quality Assurance" headed by Mr. Chintaka Indikadahena.

During 2010 three more Special Interest Groups were formed. Those are "Free and Open Software" headed by Mrs. Kanchana Welagedara, "Cloud Computing" headed by Dr. Tariq Marikar, and "Human Resource Development" headed by Mr Harin Gunawardane.

The details of the SIG sessions conducted in 2010 are as follows.

Software Quality Assurance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic Discussed</u>
30 th December 2009	Fundamentals /Theory of QA
2 nd February 2010	Software Performance Testing, the objectives, challenges and approach.
23 rd February 2010	Components of a mature Test Process - How to bring quality to your system
27 th April 2010	Automated Systems
9 th June 2010	How do we ensure quality of vendor developed software - Case study
25 th August 2010	Agile Testing - How to make it work

Free and Open Software

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic Discussed</u>
19 th May 2010	Kick start in FOSS
14 th July 2010	The art of FOSS
2 nd September 2010	Ubuntu : Desktop Application and Mini Install Fest..

Cloud Computing

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic Discussed</u>
25 th May 2010	Benefits and Operational analysis for Sri Lankan businesses

Human Resource Development

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic Discussed</u>
27 th July 2010	How to develop our current style of Management to deliver the expectations of our customers

These sessions were attended by both members and non-members.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

With the vision of promoting IT and professionalism among those engaged in the field of IT, CSSL has introduced Professional Development Program for the benefit of the professionals to develop their skills that are much needed in the industry and to get technical knowledge in their profession. One of the major activities under this program is conducting of workshops.

Workshop On “Best Practices in IT Project Management”

CSSL conducted a one day workshop under Professional Development Program on “Best Practices in IT Project Management” on 24 February 2010 at the Park Premier, Excel World. The main objective of the workshop was to enhance the project management competence in IT organizations by introducing the world’s best practices in project management.

The workshop was facilitated by an eminent Resource Person Dr. Madhu Fernando, Project Management Profession (PMP), Management Trainer & Consultant and Registered Education Provider in Sri Lanka for Project Management Institute of USA.

The workshop was designed in a unique and interactive manner specifically for IT professionals. It discussed how you can achieve continuous success in your projects, with proper planning and monitoring/controlling. The workshop discussed how the best Project Managers manage projects within the strict constraints, and limited resources. Further it highlighted how to manage both technical and human aspects of the project with well balanced skills, and deliver the projects according to the agreed requirements.

The participants were able to learn project management principles, best practices in project management, tools and techniques to plan, monitor and control, while working on real life projects. The workshop also discussed several case studies. The participants commented that they benefitted tremendously from this workshop. The workshop was well attended by IT professionals from various institutions.

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Workshop On “Developing Experiences on Information System security Tools”

One day workshop on “Developing Experiences on Information System security Tools” was organized by CSSL was held on 13 October 2010 at the Park Premier, Excel World. The main objective of the workshop was to enhance the knowledge on various open source information system security tools in the areas of networking, web application and digital forensic. The presenter introduced and demonstrated these tools, illustrated how these tools can be used in various information system environments. Thus participants really understood how to protect their information systems by introducing such tools into their system environment.

The workshop was facilitated by an eminent Resource Person Dr Kasun De Zoysa, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Communication and Media Technologies, University of Colombo School of Computing. Dr. Kasun’s research interest includes secure multi-party electronic transactions and document protection, public key cryptography and certification infrastructures, hardware security tokens and devices, web security and privacy, security in wireless sensor networks, and digital forensic.

The workshop was designed in a unique and interactive manner specifically for IT professionals. It was focused to strengthen the awareness of the participants on the fundamentals of information system security and enhance their knowledge and skill of the usage of cutting edge security tools to secure their information systems. Further, it provided an opportunity for them to collectively discuss information system security related challenges with a view of assisting them to find suitable solutions. The participants commented that they benefitted tremendously from this workshop. The workshop was well attended by IT professionals from various institutions.

Public Lectures

The following Public Lectures were conducted during the year.

“Role of Integration in Service Oriented Architecture” by Mr. Susil Piyanandana on 26th July 2010, at OPA auditorium. Mr. Piyanandana is Lead Integration Engineer, Enterprise Integration Service, Global Solution Delivery, Australia

“Stress Management for IT Professionals” by Mrs. Ganga Nanayakkara on 18th November 2010, at OLAK Group premises. Mrs. Ganga Nanayakkara is a Professional Trainer and a Consultant on personal development, career guidance and leadership

CSSL LIBRARY

The CSSL Library which was in operation since May 2008 now has a collection over 360 ICT related books. A survey on the preferences on subject areas by the membership was carried out in 2009 and the collection has been expanded according to membership preferences. The books and Journals includes several latest titles on Management Information Systems, IT Project Management, Information Security, Software Quality Assurance, Software Engineering, Web Development, Computer Networking, Programming Languages, Artificial Intelligence, Database Management Systems, Systems Analysis and Design etc. CSSL is planning to include more books, journals and videos and provide access to more Digital Libraries.

The CSSL Library is another benefit provided to its members and the Council invites the membership to make use of this facility

CONSULTANCY SERVICES & JOB BANK

The CSSL continued to maintain the Job & Consultancy portals that were implemented in 2008. The overall objective of the project is to facilitate members of CSSL with better employment opportunities and to serve as IT Consultants to various projects within Sri Lanka and overseas.

The job portal helps those who are actively looking for ICT job opportunities and the organizations that are seeking competent ICT professionals. The purpose of this project, therefore, is two fold: member benefit and as a source of income for CSSL.

The consultancy portal was embarked on with the view to filling the vacuum that prevails in the professional consultancy services.

Both the above need improvements to include more features. These requirements have been identified and will be implemented with the other enhancements of the CSSL web site.

The Job portal could be accessed at www.cssl.lk/jobs while the Consultancy portal is accessible at www.cssl.lk/consultancy

ICT FOR RURAL AREAS

Introduction & purpose

Recent surveys conducted on ICT literacy rate in Sri Lanka shows a significant ‘divide’ between the urban and rural areas of Sri Lanka. The Government has launched various programs to increase the ICT literacy rate of the citizens of Sri Lanka and aims to reach 50% by end of 2010. As a professional organization in ICT the CSSL has a responsibility to contribute to these initiatives. Therefore, CSSL decided to conduct workshops targeting the rural areas of Sri Lanka with the view to creating awareness on Information and Communication Technology. Through these workshops, CSSL intended to supplement various efforts that are being taken at a national level at present to increase the ICT literacy rate in the country.

Workshops areas

Awareness workshops were focused on the following areas:

- Information and Communication Technology Trends (National and International)
- Career Path options available for IT literate individuals
- Awareness on Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry and skill requirements

The targeted audience was school leavers, those who have completed Ordinary Level and Advanced Level exams, those who have competence in ICT but are not employed so far, parents, teachers, public officials etc.

Workshop in Halkandawila

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a one day workshop at Halkandawila Maha Vidyalaya, Payagala on 17th May, 2010. This was conducted by CSSL as a part of its project to create awareness in “ICT for Rural Areas” for 2010. The workshop was conducted for the students of years 9-11 and was attended by around 225 students. Among the topics discussed were Information and Communication Technology fundamentals and trends, the Internet and it’s impact & benefits, and career opportunities in ICT.



The special attraction of the workshop was the Bus with a Mobile Computer Lab provided by ESoft Computer Studies Ltd. The students were given an opportunity to have hands on experience on using the computers inside the bus. It was a great and novel experience for the students.

Workshop in Thambarawila

The second workshop under “ICT for Rural Areas” was conducted at Thambarawila Maha Vidyalaya, Thambarawila Waikkala on 9th November, 2010. This was attended by nearly 175 students from Thambarawila Maha Vidyalaya together with students from Siri Kumari Vidyalaya, Sindrathiya. The participants were also given an introduction on MS Office package.

CSSL would like to thank Dr. Dayan Rajapakse, Chairman ESoft Computer Studies Ltd., Mr Anton Perera of Presidential Secretariat, Mr. Sujeewa Pathiratne and Mr. Vikum Silva of Sri Lanka Ports Authority for the assistance given to conduct these workshops successfully.

21st NATIONAL SCHOOLS' SOFTWARE COMPETITION (NSSC) 2010

CSSL conducted the National Schools' Software Competition (NSSC) 2010 for the 21st consecutive year. This annual competition aims to bring out problem solving and programming talents in school students, with speed, accuracy and team co-ordination, in the competitive environment, at national and international levels.

The applications for the competition were called earlier in the year through media advertisements, posters and CSSL website.

Since 2009 CSSL has been conducting this competition in two stages. The stage one is a paper based exam and the finals is an online test. This year too with the assistance of the Ministry of Education, the Competition was conducted at regional level covering schools in all nine provinces in two age categories under 17, and under 19 providing opportunities for more students to participate.

The stage one was held at province level at 10 regional centers in 8 provinces on 4th July with the participation of 201 students representing 75 schools. The participation at each province was, Western province 55 students, North Western province 8 students, Sabaragamuwa province 10 students, Central province 31 students, Uva province 14 students, Eastern province 65 students, North province 9 students and Southern province 9 students. The top 52 students of provincial competition were selected to participate in the final round which was an on-line computer based exam.

The finals of the 21st National Schools Software Competition, was held on the 11th September 2010 at the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC). There were 44 students representing 26 schools at the finals.

The winners of the NSSC 2010 were as follows.

Under 17 Category

- 1st Place - S. C. P. Weerasinghe of Royal College, Colombo 07
- 2nd Place- P G M Pallewatte of Nalanda College, Colombo 10
- 3rd Place- D. M. S. Dissanayake of B/Andaulpotha National School, Mahiyanganaya

Under 19 Category

- 1st Place- U.G.R.K.W.S.Palitharathna of Kingswood College, Kandy
- 2nd Place- H G Udugahapattuwa of Royal College, Colombo 07
- 3rd Place- R.M.K.S.L.B.Dissanayake of KG/St Mary's College, Kegalle

The competition is of two hours duration, consisting of 4 problems to be solved using either, Pascal, C, C++ or Java languages. Both the teams and individual winners are selected on the basis of correct outputs and speed of submission of solution to problems. The students who performed well in the competition were selected and provided training during October 2010 at the University of Colombo School of Computing. We wish to thank Prof. Gihan Wickramanayake Director of University of Colombo School of Computing for making arrangements for the lab facilities for the competition and for the training.

This year's NSSC award ceremony was held in collaboration with the of Ministry of Education under it's National ICT Champion Awards on 5th October 2010 at HNB Auditorium Colombo. The

Chief Guest for the event was Hon. Bandula Gunawardena Minister of Education. Valuable gifts and certificates were awarded to the winners of the two categories of NSSC. The teams selected for the International Schools Software Competition were also recognized at this ceremony. The NSSC 2010 was sponsored by Virtusa Corporation. By partnering with the Ministry of Education CSSL gained a wider recognition for conducting a national competition.

The organising committee for this year's competition consisted of Mr Asitha Peiris (Chaiman), Dr. Prasad Wimalaratne, Dr Lakshman Jayaratne, Mr. Luxaman Perera, Mr. Karu Jayatunge and Mr Chrisantha Silva.

SEARCC 2010 INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS' SOFTWARE COMPETITION (ISSC)

The International Schools' Software Competition (ISSC) 2010 organized and hosted by the Computer Society of India on behalf of South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC) was held in Chennai India 21st to 24th October 2010. The competition took place at R M K Engineering College Chennai. The Trial competition was held on 23rd October while the main competition was held on 24th October.

Seven teams representing the countries Australia, New Zealand, India (2 teams), Taiwan and Sri Lanka (2 teams) participated in this competition. The Sri Lanka team A became second beating 3 other countries. The winning team consisted of S C P Weerasinghe of Royal College Colombo, P G M Pallewatte of Nalanda College Colombo and H G Udugahapattuwa Royal College Colombo.

The Taiwan Team became first while New Zealand was placed third.

The Awards Ceremony was held on the evening of 24th October.



The Team B from Sri Lanka comprised D M S Dissanayake of B/Andaulpotha National School Mahiyangana, U. G. R. K. W. S. Palitharathna Kingswood College Kandy and N. R. Muhammad of STR/Muslim M M V Sammanthurai

Mr. Manjula Wickramasinghe accompanied the teams as the Chaperon while Mr. Luxaman Perera was the Team Manager.

We wish to thank Bank of Ceylon for their sponsorship to send these teams for this competition.

This competition gave an opportunity for competent under 18 students from the Asia Pacific Region to meet and receive valuable exposure and also helped them understand their roll in IT.

28TH NATIONAL IT CONFERENCE

CSSL conducted the 28th National Information Technology Conference under the theme “ICT 2.0: Empowering Sri Lanka to a New Social Order” on 11th & 12th of August 2010 at the Hotel Galadari. This annual event is an Industry focused ICT Conference which provides a forum to learn from industry visionaries and to network with peers.

Our appreciation is due to all the members who worked in these committees. We must also thank the CSSL Secretariat, all the other volunteers and specially the team which provided the follow up for the registrations.

The Platinum Sponsor for the 28th National IT conference was Novell, Silver Sponsor was Mobitel Pvt Ltd, while the ICT Agency of Sri Lanka came as the Strategic Partner. The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd provided print media supplement sponsorship and Rupahini Corporation was the electronic media sponsor. The CSSL wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all these organizations and their management for their sponsorship which contributed towards the success of this event.

The Ceremonial Inauguration was held on 10th evening at Galadari Hotel with Professor Tissa Vitarana Minister of Technology and Research as the Chief Guest and Mr. Lalith Weeratunga, Secretary to His Excellency the President as the Guest of Honour with a gathering of distinguished invitees. Both the Minister and the Secretary to HE commended the contribution made by CSSL for the development of ICT professionalism in Sri Lanka.

The conference was very well attended on both days and a total of 26 papers were presented by local and foreign speakers during the two-day conference addressing the issues most relevant to “ICT 2.0: Empowering Sri Lanka to a New Social Order”. A distinguished panel of keynote speakers and other speakers gave a diverse set of insights into the advancements on different ICT frontiers around the world.

CSSL MEMBERS NIGHT 2010

Computer Society of Sri Lanka hosted a Members Night, on 19th March 2010. This was held at the Green Garden, Kirullapone with the participation of more than 100 Members.

The night was full of games, music and food. The event glazed with joyful games such as Best Singer, Best Dancer, Beer Drinking and Musical Chairs etc. The Members who attended this event had a great opportunity to network with peer Members and to have a great time. We believe that these types of events would help CSSL members Keep-in-Touch with the society and its activities beyond the circulars and AGM.

This event was sponsored by Interblocks (Pvt) Ltd.

ICDL INTRODUCTION

The European Computer Driving Licence Foundation Limited (ECDL Foundation), based in Dublin, Ireland, is the worldwide governing body and licensing authority for the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) and the ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence), the global standard in end-user computer skills certification.

The ICDL Asia Pacific Limited (ICDLAP), based in Singapore, is a fully owned subsidiary of the ECDL Foundation, and is the regional governing body and licensing authority for the ICDL (International Computer Driving Licence).

ICDL Progress during the year

During the period under review, 29 new centres were accredited as Accredited Test Centres (ATCs) and 103 existing Accredited Test Centres (ATCs) were re-accredited.

AUSTRALIAN COMPUTER SOCIETY EXAMINATIONS

The Computer Society of Sri Lanka collaborates with the ACS to conduct these examinations in Sri Lanka. The ACS examination has over the years gained wide acceptance in Sri Lanka as a basic and affordable all round qualification in IT which is not affiliated to a particular training institute. In year 2010 CSSL has conducted three examinations. The first being in February 2010 where 26 students sat for 69 papers, in June, 24 students with 54 papers while in October 2010 we achieved 20 students who sat for 43 papers

CSSL REPRESENTATION AT OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Council appointed the following representatives

Organization of Professional Associations (OPA)

The CSSL has been a committed member of the OPA. During 2010 the following representations were made by CSSL at OPA committees.

OPA Exco – Mr. Chrisantha Silva

OPA Forum – Mr. Chrisantha Silva
Mr. Vimal Indrasoma
Mr. Dissanayake Bandara

Skills & Career Development Committee – Mr. Vimal Indrasoma

The CSSL also took part in OPA's Annual Sessions that was held in October 2010.

ICT Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA)

e-SDI Grants Board – Mr. Chrisantha Silva

Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE)

The CSSL serves as a member of the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) of their Higher National Diploma (HND) in IT program organized by SLIATE.

SOUTH EAST ASIA REGIONAL COMPUTER CONFEDERATION (SEARCC)

The CSSL is a member of the South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC) since 1986. SEARCC which is a non political and non-profit making body comprising National IT Professional Societies from Australia, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Thailand.

Two Executive Council meetings of the South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC) was held on 8th May and 21st September 2010 in Brisbane Australia. The CSSL President Chrisantha Silva joined both meetings via teleconference.

SEARCC has launched the following activities.

Item	Focus Area	Responsibility
1	Skill Development, Job Placement & Consulting – Finalise & Implement	MNCC & ACS
2	CPE & CPD Programmes Finalise & Implement	ACS & All Interested Members

SEARCC'2010 conference on the theme "ICT Leading Change Through Innovation" was hosted by the Australian Computer Society and was held from 21st to 23rd September 2010 in Brisbane, Queensland Australia. This was held in conjunction with the World Computer Congress in 2010 combined with a number of other conferences.

SEARCC'2011 conference will be hosted by Computer Society of India and will be held in September 2011.

CONCLUSION

The year 2010 was an eventful year for CSSL. The Exco adhered to the program of work, defined at the beginning of the year and contributed maximum to the progress of the society. I am proud of our accomplishments in the past year but recognise that there is still room for improvement. In conclusion I thank all members of the Society and the members of the Council who extended their cooperation and support during the period under review.