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Curriculum Vitae



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Education:

B. Sc. (General) - First Class Honors in 1981, (Maths, Chemistry & Physics).

B. Sc. (Special) in Chemistry - Second Class Upper in 1982.

Ph. D. (Physical Organic Chemistry) in 1989

Present Position: **Senior Professor** in Chemistry (**Personal Chair**).

Profile:

I received my **Ph. D.** (with **Prof. James Grimshaw** on “Electroactive Polymer modified Electrodes” with poly(amino acids), polypyrroles, and polythiophenes) in 1989 from the **Queen's University of Belfast, UK**. From September 1989 to May 1995, I was a **Research Fellow** at the **University of Leeds** where I carried out research work in the areas of **Organometallic Chemistry, Catalysis** (with **Prof. Bernard L. Shaw, FRS** - *complexes of PO, PN, PP, PNP, PNN, PNS, PNO, PNC, NNC ligands, cyclometallation, agostic interaction, F coordination, CH and CX bond activation and Heck olefination*) and **Boron Chemistry** (with **Prof. John D. Kennedy** – *complexes of B₁₆H₂₀, B₁₈H₂₂, and B₂₀H₁₆ and thiaboranes*). Then, I joined **The Open University of Sri Lanka** as a Senior Lecturer in Chemistry (1995-2003), was appointed Head/Department of Chemistry (April 2002 to September 2004). I was promoted to Professor in Chemistry (2003-2011) and then to Senior Professor in Chemistry (November 2011 to date). I have authored about 20 Chemistry Books. I involved in **publishing over 75 Scientific Papers in International refereed Journals with over 1000 citations** and I have presented about 50 papers in Conferences. I am a recipient of many **Research Fellowships** from **University of Leeds** (1989-2002) and **Trinity College Dublin, Ireland** (2005 to 2018, with **Prof. Sylvia M. Draper** – *N- and S-doped*

graphenes, complexes of *N*-heterosuperbenzene, azafluoranthenes and pyridyl polyphenylenes, and inorganic polymers). I received many **Research Awards** including **CVCD Excellence Award** in 2012 for the Most Outstanding Senior Researcher in Physical Sciences. I was the **Editor-in-Chief** of the **OUSL Journal** of The Open University of Sri Lanka for 3 years (2014-2016).

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Citations **1099**; *h*-index **18**; RG Score **34.67**.

Google Scholar: Sarath D. Perera; Citations **1108**; *h*-index **17**.

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Scholarships/Prizes/Awards:

Annual Research Award - 2020 from the Open University of Sri Lanka

President's Award for Scientific Publication - 2014

Annual Research Award - 2014 from the Open University of Sri Lanka

CVCD Excellence Award - 2012 for the Most Outstanding Senior Researcher in Physical Sciences from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors (CVCD) of Sri Lanka

President's Award for Scientific Publication - 2011

Annual Research Award - 2010 from the Open University of Sri Lanka

Annual Research Award - 2009 from the Open University of Sri Lanka

President's Award for Scientific Publication - 2007

Presidential Award for Research - 2006

Presidential Award for Research - 2005

Presidential Award for Research - 2004

Presidential Award for Research - 2003

Award for Excellence in Research - 2003 from the Open University of Sri Lanka

Organic Chemistry Research Prize - 1986 from the Queen's University, Belfast, UK

ORS Award from the Queen's University, Belfast, UK (**1985-1989**)

Fellowships/Academic Distinctions/Training:

Research Fellow (April 2017 to June 2018) from the University of Dublin, Ireland

Research Fellow (Sept-Nov 2014) from the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland

Research Fellow (Sept-Nov 2013) from the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland

Research Fellow (May-July 2012) from the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland

Research Fellow (Mar-May 2011) from the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland

Research Fellow (July-Sept 2009) from the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland

Research Fellow (Aug-Oct 2008) from the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland

Research Fellow (April 2005 to March 2007) from the University of Dublin, Ireland

Participated the program on "Good practices in open and distance learning" conducted by

Open University Malaysia, Malaysia, 12-16th July, 2004
Participated the “Distance Education Training Program” conducted by
Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand, 17-25th July, 2004

Admitted to **Fellow** of Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon, 2002

Research Fellow (July to September 2002) from the University of Leeds

Visiting Scientist (June to August 2001) to the University of Leeds

Visiting Scientist (June to August 2000) to the University of Leeds

Royal Society Visiting Fellow (March to May 1999) to the University of Leeds

Senior Research Fellow (February to April 1998) from the University of Leeds

Senior Research Fellow (February to April 1997) from the University of Leeds

Research Fellow (September 1989 to May 1995) from the University of Leeds

Publications

I have been involved in publishing over **75 Scientific Papers in International Journals**.

About **50 Abstracts and Extended Abstracts** have been presented at Conferences/Seminars.

My publications have been cited over 1000 times. You may **download** research articles from ResearchGate.net https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Sarath_Perera2

Publications in Refereed Journals (Sarath D. Perera)

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