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**TRAINING WORKSHOP ON
"LEADERSHIP AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT"**

for women in Science, Technology and Research (STR)

23rd May 2017, 09.00am-4.30pm at Hilton Colombo Residences, Colombo

Programme

09.00am-4.30pm

0830-0900 Registration

0900-0930 Opening session

Opening remarks **Professor Nadira Karunaweera**, General Secretary, NASSL

Opening remarks **Professor Sirimalie Fernando**, Chairperson, NSF

Opening remarks **Dr Sidath Liyanage**, President, SLAYS

Introduction to the workshop **Professor Geri Richmond**, Presidential Chair in Science and Professor of Chemistry, University of Oregon, Founder and Director of COACH, USA

Session I

0930-1030 *The Power of Persuasion- Professor Geri Richmond* (short presentation followed by small group activities) -Honing communication skills to be more effective in interpersonal relationships in the workplace, in teaching situations and in scientific research presentations

1030-1100 Tea Break

Session II

1100-1200 *The Art of Effective Negotiation- Professor Geri Richmond* (short presentation followed by small group activities) -Necessary elements of a successful negotiation to advance research and career objectives

Session III

1200-1300 *Effective Leadership Skills- Professor Geri Richmond* (short presentation followed by small group discussions) -Basic concepts of leadership

1300-1330 Lunch break

Session III cont.

1330-1500 *Effective Leadership Skills- Professor Geri Richmond* (short presentation followed by small group discussions & experiential learning) -Effective leadership styles for women, techniques and strategies for career advancement into leadership roles, developing and maintaining strong leadership networks

Session IV

1500-1520 *Perceived Challenges to academic career advancement: An exploration of the Sri Lankan Academy- Dr Kanchana Bulumulle*, Open University of Sri Lanka

1520-1630 *Strategies for career advancement- Dr Kanchana Bulumulle & Professor Geri Richmond* (Small group discussion & experiential learning) -Identification of effective strategies to overcome the various challenges to being a leader

1630 Closing remarks by **Dr Tharanga Thoradeniya**, SLAYS & **Ms Thilina Kandanamulla**, NSF followed by Tea