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WORKSHOP ON THE FUNDING MODALITIES IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

On 9th December, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJP) will launch its partnership with the European Graduate School of Neuroscience (EURON) through a workshop initiated by Prof. Ranil de Silva, Director, World Class University Project-2014 (USJP). The workshop will witness the coming together of Prof. Dr. Harry Steinbusch, Director, EURON and the experts from Curtin University in Australia, National University of Singapore and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in order to exchange ideas on various aspects of research funding, compliance and research integrity.

The EURON project has been financed by the European Union and is a prime example of how educational institutions can benefit from generous contributions EU makes in the field of research, innovation and higher education. The current amount earmarked by the EU in these fields is EUR 54 Billion (LKR 9500 Million) for a period of 7 years (2007-2013).

In the context of Sri Lanka, researchers have participated in 10 collaborative projects within the ongoing EU Programme. In addition, 12 researchers from Sri Lanka have received individual research grants to European institutions. Furthermore, approximately 170 Sri Lankan students, researchers and University staff have benefitted from scholarships and fellowships under the EU Erasmus Mundus programme for higher education.

The participation in these EU funded programme is by academic excellence. They are designed not only to assist individuals acquire skills that will increase their future employability, but are also structured in a manner through which contributions to society as a whole can be made.

Participants from Sri Lanka have included the Ministry of Health and Nutrition, the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities, the International Water Management Institutes and the Universities of Colombo, Peradenya, Moratuwa and Kelanyia.

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