

An AAUPOC's Member Brings Glory to the Association, Alma Mater and Sri Lankan-Canadians

Getting recognized in a competitive business, research and social sphere is a difficult task. Being honoured for significant contributions to a specific field is even harder. An award of appreciation, which could be identified as a life-time achievement, deserves admiration, recognition and applause. Therefore, AAUPOC joins with Sri Lankan-Canadians to congratulate Dr. Nimal Ratnayake, who is one of the founding members of AAUPOC, for the awards from **American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS)** and **Health Product and Food Branch Associate Deputy Minister**. They are briefly described below:

2014 AOCS Dutton Award: This award is being presented by the American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS) in recognition of Dr. Nimal Ratnayake's lifetime significant contribution to lipid analytical chemistry. This award will be presented on May 6, 2014 at the 2014 Annual Meeting of AOCS in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

2014 Health Products and Food Branch ADM (Associate Deputy Minister) Award of Excellence in Science: This award is being presented to Dr. Nimal Ratnayake in recognition of his outstanding quality of research investigating the safety, nutritional and health effects of dietary fats, oils and lipids. This award will be presented at the end of May 2014 in Ottawa.

Congratulations to the recipient of prestigious awards!!

Nimal Ratnayake is currently employed by Health Canada as a Principal Scientist and a Section Head, and is in charge of research related to health and nutrition of fats, oils and lipids. He is an eminent scientist in his field, and has won the prestigious **Queen's award** in 2003 and **Health Canada' Excellence in Science Award** in 2005 for his long standing and continuous contribution to maintain and improve the health of Canadians. His research and related activities has enhanced Health Canada's science base and its credibility.

Together we march forward

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