

## CUFSAA-NA Joins with PhotosynQ to Donate “MultispeQ Instruments to Plant Science Department

CUFSAA-NA’s 2018 year ended up with another success story, the donation of MultispeQ instruments to the Department of Plant Sciences of the University of Colombo for the benefit of the faculty and the students. Thanks to CUFSAA-NA members, Drs. Priyankara & Kumari Hennayake and Chandrasiri Jayakody, we were able to purchase one MultispeQ instrument. The CEO and Co-founder of the PhotosynQ, the company that manufactures MultispeQ instrument, Mr. Prabode Weebadde and Professor Cholani Weebadde of the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences of the Michigan State University also donated another unit at the handover ceremony held at the Deans Office of the University of Colombo on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.



*Professor Cholani Weebadde and Dr. Chandrasiri Jayakody handing over the MultispeQ instruments to Professor Chandrika Nanayakkara, Head of the Department of Plant Sciences of the University of Colombo*

The meeting was started with an introductory talks by the Dean, Science, Professor Ranjith Mahanama and CUFSAA-NA Founding President, Professor L.M.V. Tillekeratne.



It was attended by visiting CUFSAA-NA members, Dr. Chandrasiri Jayakody (Joint Secretary), Dr. Nalin Samarasinha (Executive Committee Member), Dr. Asoka Pinnaduwa (Executive Committee Member), Dr. Dushanthi Pinnaduwa and Dr. Lalith de Silva as well. The Head of the Department of Plant Sciences, Prof. Mrs. Chandrika Nanayakkara along with the Faculty Members and the students of the Department of Plant Science were also in attendance. Representing PhotosynQ, the CEO and Co-founder and CUFSAA-NA Alumni, Mr. Prabode Weebadde and Professor Cholani Weebadde attended the meeting.

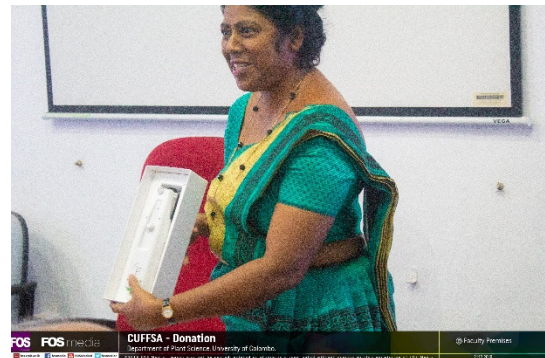


Mr. Prabode Weebadde and Prof. Cholani Weebadde gave a very informative presentation on the use of MultispeQ Instrument & it was well received by the audience of about 50 faculty members & students.





The MultispeQ measures fluorescence and absorbance based parameters and relative chlorophyll content. It can collect environmental parameters like temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure, leaf temperature, light intensity, cardinal direction and tilt. This instrument has become a popular tool among the researchers in the plant sciences and provides a platform for sharing data with researchers all over the world.



Meeting adjourned with the vote of thanks from Professor Chandrika Nanayakkara followed by a department tour.

CUFSAA-NA takes this opportunity to express sincere thanks to the members who contributed towards this project and to the Weebadda family for their invaluable support to make this project a success. Many thanks to Prof. Mahanama and Prof. Mrs. Nanayakkara and other faculty members for

organizing this event and to the FOS Media for covering the event.

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