



# TASME 2026 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

Technological Advances in Science, Medicine and Engineering



**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, University of Toronto (at Scarborough), 1065 Military Trail, ON, Canada, M1C 1A4

8:30AM

## BREAKFAST AND MEET AND GREET

9:00AM

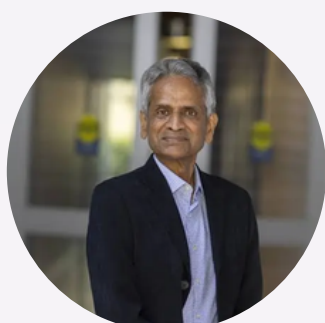
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By Youth Lead

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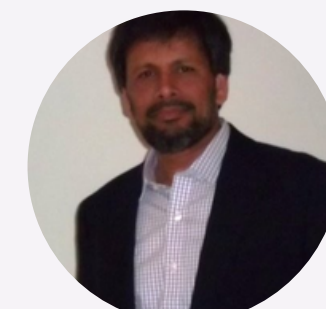
## OPENING ADDRESS

### Welcome by the Co-chairs of TASME, TASME past, present, and future



**Prof. Nanda Ganesan, Ph.D.**  
California State University, Los Angeles, USA - Welcome Speakers and Introduction

- Overview of conference objectives
- Reflection on 30 years of organizational journey
- Pre-launch of the 30th anniversary commemorative book with the faculty, and Pictures of attendees to be taken in the UTSC foyer
- Academic engagement and mentorship



**Prof. Bala Maheswaran, Ph.D.**  
Co-Chair Northeastern University, Boston, USA

9:15AM

## GUEST SPEAKERS



**Ms. Natasha Bacevan, MEd.**  
Co-Founder of Verdant Roots, Indigenous Patient Advocate, Roche Canada Board Chair, Odeiwon Foundation York University

**Dr. Parvathy Kanthasamy, PhD,**  
Director of Vasanatham Wellness Centre, over 25 years of experience



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## SPECIAL ADDRESS



**Dr. Senthuran Gunaratnam, MBBS, FRCPC,** Adult Psychiatry and Health Systems, University of Toronto

Birth of TASME and Collective Trauma: Reflections on 30 years of *Mental Health Perspective*

**Dr. Jeya Thayaparan, MD, FRCPC,** Conference Co-Chair Director, Bridging Futures Canada Society,



9:50AM

## CONFERENCE SESSION BRIEFING



**Prof. Nades Palaniyar, Ph.D.**  
TASME Co-Chair, University of Toronto, Canada

10:00AM

## CONFERENCE CHANNELS

- **Channel 1** – Medicine (All Day)

Room: **EV140**, Zoom Link: Meeting ID: 849 4905 2792 - Passcode: 501365

- **Channel 2** – Chemistry (Morning) / Technology (Afternoon)

Room: **EV502**, Zoom Link: TBA

- **Channel 3** – Environmental Science (All Day)

Room: **EV531**, Zoom Link: TBA

- **Channel 4** – Food Sustainability (Morning Sessions Only)

Location: **Catalyst Centre**, Zoom Link: TB