



# TASME 2026 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Technological Advances in Science, Medicine and Engineering

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Amana Hall Event Centre, 2855 Markham Rd  
Suite#320, Scarborough, ON M1X 0C3



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| 8:30AM                                                                                                                    | REGISTRATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:00AM                                                                                                                    | MEET AND GREET                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:30AM                                                                                                                    | OPENING REMARKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                           | <p><b>Prof. Nades Palaniyar, Ph.D.</b><br/>TASME Co-Chair, University of Toronto, Canada</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of conference objectives</li><li>• Reflection on 30 years of organizational journey</li></ul> | <p><b>Prof. Bala Maheswaran, Ph.D. Co-Chair of TASME</b><br/>Northeastern University, Boston, USA</p>                                 |
|                                          | <p><b>Dr. Jeya Thayaparan, MD, FRCPC, Conference Co-Chair</b><br/>Director, Bridging Futures Canada Society,</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic Engagement and Mentorship Reflection</li></ul>                                                | <p><b>Prof. Nirusha Thavarajah, PhD, Conference Chair.</b><br/>University of Toronto Scarborough</p>                                 |
| 10:00AM                                                                                                                   | Guest Speaker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                         | <p><b>Dr. Sri Navaratnam, MD, FRCPC,</b><br/>Executive Healthcare Leader, Advancing Global Health and Health Equity Oncologist, Professor</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reflection of healthcare, mentorship and the future of Medicine with community engagement.</li></ul>   | <p><b>Dr. Shribavan Kanesamoorthy, MBBS, MBA, PhD Candidate at the University of Western Ontario</b><br/>Emerging TASME leader</p>  |
|                                                                                                                           | Special address and Honouring Excellence – TASME 2026 Award Recipients                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                         | <p><b>Chair: Councillor Neethan Shan</b><br/>- community leader, elected in 2016, and a Toronto City Councillor.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Honouring TASME Journey and leadership contributions</li></ul>                                         | <p><b>Dr. Nathan Yoganathan, PhD</b><br/>Founder of TASME in 1996 at the University of Guelph</p> <p>10 Mins</p>                    |
| 11:00AM                                                                                                                   | TASME 2026 AWARD RECIPIENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                           | TASME 30th Anniversary Award Recipients                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                           | <p>1. <b>Lifetime Achievement Award, Professor Nanda Ganesan</b>, Professor, Department of Information Systems, California State University, Los Angeles, USA</p> <p>2. <b>Distinguished Leadership Award, Emeritus Professor Nades Palaniyar</b>, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology</p> <p>3. <b>Distinguished Leadership Award, Professor Bala Maheswaran</b>, COE Distinguished Professor - Northeastern University - Lexington, Massachusetts, USA</p> <p>4. <b>Distinguished Service and Contributions Award, Professor Nirusha Thavarajah</b>, Professor, University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada</p> <p>5. <b>Founders Recognition Awards, Dr Nathan Yoganathan, PhD</b>, Founder of TASME in 1996</p> <p>6. <b>Founders Recognition Awards, Dr. Sam Thiagalingam, PhD</b>, Boston University</p> <p>7. <b>TASME 2026 Conference Distinguished Leadership and Visionary Award, Dr. Jeya Thayaparan, MD, FRCPC</b></p> <p>8. <b>TASME 2026 Emerging Leader Award, Dr. Shribavan Kanesamoorthy</b>, MBBS, MBA, PhD Candidate at the University of Western Ontario, Canada</p> <p>9. <b>TASME 2026 Outstanding Student Leadership Award – Eilya Parsa, MSc</b> ( Candidate) at McMaster University, Canada</p> |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:30AM                                                                                                                   | REFLECTION OF PRESENT TASME, AND VISION FOR THE FUTURE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                         | <p><b>Prof. Nanda Ganesan, Ph.D.</b><br/>California State University, Los Angeles, USA</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>Dr. Erin Moore, MD</b></p>                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                           | THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN BUILDING ECONOMIC RESILIENCE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                | <p>MC, TRAINEES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR NEXT ERA</p>                                                                                                                                    |
| 11:50AM                                                                                                                   | TASME ALUMNI REFLECTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experiences of mentorship, education, and community leadership</li><li>• TASME Legacy Foundation, TASME NEXT ERA Inauguration</li><li>• Volunteer and youth recognition</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Dr. Tharsan Kanagalingam, MD, Internal Medicine,</b><br/>University of Toronto, Emerging Leader TASME, NEXT ERA</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>Dr. Shano Thiagalingam, MD, FRCPC, MHM, FACP,</b><br/>Emerging Professional Geriatric Consultant</p>                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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## COMMUNITY LEADERS SPEAKER SESSION

1. Executive Director, Vasantham Wellness Centre - Dr. Parvathy Kanthasamy
2. President, JFMOA, Jaffna Medical Faculty Overseas Alumni - Dr. Thamilvanan
3. Past CTMA President, Canadian Tamil Medical Association, Dr. Radhika Natgunarajah
4. CTC Delegate, Canadian Tamil Congress, Dr. Vadivelu Santhakumar
5. YCTSA York Tamil Community Seniors Association president Mrs. Nanthini Tharmalingam
6. Peel Region Senior Association President, Mr. Moorthy Nadarajah
7. Jaffna University Alumni Association (JUAA) / Delegate Mr. S. Jeyaruban

**Participating Organizations & Leaders: TBC Panellist 2-3 Min each delegate**  
**Discussion Theme: Future Collaboration with TASME and research symposium as a hub for students' engagement and community service**

12:45PM

## APPRECIATION FOR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

**By TASME Leaderships**

1:00PM



**Dr. Thamotheampillai Umaharan,**  
MBBS, MSc, Academic Psychiatrist,  
Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna

## COMPLIMENTARY BOOK LAUNCH WITH LUNCHEON

LUNCH SPONSORED BY BRIDGING FUTURES CANADA SOCIETY (BFCS)

**Reframing Dementia Care; Person-Centred, Compassionate Care Beyond Prescription**  
**by Dr. Jeya Thayakaran, MD, FRCPC**

Dr. Sri Sala, Dr. Santhakumar, Mr. Nadarajah, Dr. Radhika, Dr. Thamilvanan,  
Dr. Geetha Jayarajah, Dr. Lambotharan, Dr. Shanthi, Dr. Gowry Sam



**Dr. Parvathy Kanthasamy, PhD,**  
Executive Director of Vasantham Wellness  
Centre, Mental Health service for over 25  
years for the Tamil community

2:30PM



**Dr. Logi Umaharan MBBS,**  
MSc University of Toronto  
Graduate

**Treasurer of TASME 2026**

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Dr. Kavitha Jayamaran, MD**



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