

PCCSL's 10th anniversary International Conference ends in optimism



The International Conference to mark the 10th anniversary of the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka was inaugurated on Monday, January 13, 2014 in partnership with UNESCO at the Lakshman Kadirgamar Centre, Colombo. From right: Ms. Iskra Panevska, Communication Specialist UNESCO, Prof. Savitri Goonesekere (key note speaker), Mr. Kumar Nadesan, Chairman PCCSL, Mr. Ian Beales, Secretary UK Code Committee listen to Sukumar Rockwood, CEO PCCSL introducing the members at the head table.



Session 1: Right to Information: India's success story
Chairperson: Ms. Iskra Panevska, Programme Specialist Communications, UNESCO (centre), Speaker: Ms. Nandini Sahai, Director, International Centre, Goa, India (right), Speaker: Mr. Gehan Gunatilleke, Head of Legal Research, Verité Research (left)



Session 2: Media Ethics and Good Governance
Chairperson: Mr. Lars Heiberg Bestle, Director of International Media Support Programs in Asia (centre), Speaker: Mr. Ian Beales, Secretary UK Code Committee (right), Speaker: Mr. Javid Yusuf, Member, Dispute Resolution Council (left)



Session 3: Country Reports - 01
Chairperson: Mr. Lakshman Gunasekera, Chairman, South Asia Free Media Association (Sri Lanka Chapter) (third from left), From left: Maldives: Ms. Mariyam Suhana (left), Pakistan: Mr. Kamal Siddiqi (second from left), Mr. Gunasekera, Nepal: Dr. Manju Mishra (right) and India: Mr. Sharvan Garg (not in the photograph).



Session 4: Journalists' Ethics: Promoting High Quality Journalism, Self Regulation and Media Practice
Chairperson: Prof. Arjuna Parakrama, Academic and activist (centre), Speaker: Ms. Nandini Sahai, Director, International Centre, Goa, India (right), Speaker: Mr. Manik de Silva, Member, Board of Directors PCCSL (left)



Session 5: Journalism, Ethics in the Age of Media Globalization,
Chairperson: Mr. Kamal Siddiqi, Editor, Express Tribune, Pakistan (left), Speaker: Ms. Shakuntala Rao, Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Studies, State University of New York, Plattsburgh (right speaking), Speaker: Mr. Wijeyananda Jayaweera, Consultant & Formerly Director of the IPDC at UNESCO (centre)



Session 6: Country Reports - 02
Chairperson: Dr. Ranga Kalansooriya, Regional Advisor for Asia International Media Support (second from left), Myanmar: Mr. Kyaw Min Swe (left), Dr. Kalansooriya, Denmark: Mr. Lars Bestle (third from left),

