

## **PLENARY 3 (PL3): The Global Challenge of Snakebite: where are we in 2016?**

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### **SUMMARY**

Objective: To understand the ongoing challenges to improving outcomes following snakebite around the world

The existing state of our knowledge about the epidemiology and management of snakebite around the world will be reviewed, including identifying the major contributions made to the literature by Sri Lankan researchers. The future research agenda and the inherent challenges in achieving improved outcomes will be highlighted and discussed.

**Session chair: Prof Janaka de Silva**