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Biography

Krisantha Weerasuriya is a Sri Lankan Academic Clinical Pharmacologist with Regulatory, Policy and Essential Medicines experience from the mid-1980s. He is now an Emeritus Professor of Pharmacology in the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

In addition to the national experience, he has regional (South-East Asia, WHO) and international (Secretary, WHO Expert Committee on Essential Medicines, WHO, Geneva) experience along with working with other multilateral organizations.

Emphasizing and focusing on scientific principles in medicines use including the use of INN has been a continuous theme in his work. He has emphasized the advantage of using INN in many areas (especially in Low and Middle Income countries) including rational use, medication safety, formularies, medicines pricing and the education and training health care workers. He continues to work after retirement, in LMICs to improve health systems with the ultimate objective of universal health care.