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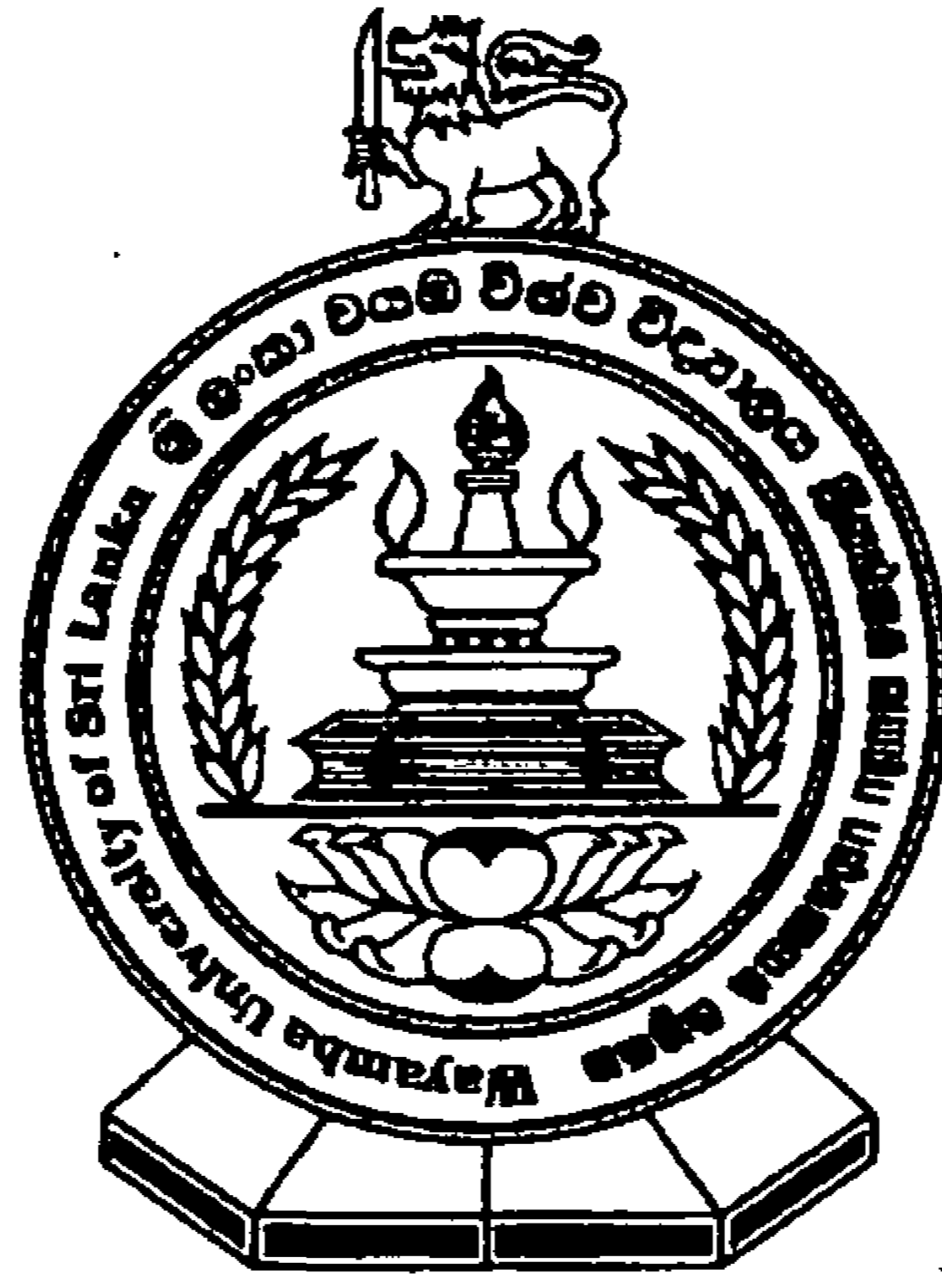
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FOREWORD

Recognizing the importance of agriculture to the economy of the country and its demands in the future, a research based agriculture education system at university level needs to be given high priority. Research is becoming more important and globalized. Students need to be trained and moulded to meet the challenges and needs of the future.

The 2nd Agricultural Research Symposium would provide a forum to students and staff of the Faculty of Agriculture and Plantation Management of Wayamba University of Sri Lanka to build and prove their research capabilities in more meaningful manner. Further, it would also analyze and evaluate some key issues in the agriculture sector of this country. This exercise would certainly help to develop the students' knowledge, skills and attitudes towards research.

This document consists of research papers presented by 37 final year students of this faculty. A wide range of subject areas have been covered. Results are convincing, and concrete recommendations have been made by some. We wish that this document would be useful to many who are actively involved in agricultural research.

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