

## **Application for new board members for 2014 - BNL Association of Students & Postdocs.**

**Applicant: Devi Ekanayake, Ph.D**

**Institution: Stony Brook University, Stony Brook NY.**



I am a postdoctoral research fellow from the Pharmacological Sciences, School of Medicine, Stony Brook University. I earned my B.S degree in Chemistry, from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. I received both M.S and Ph.D degrees in chemistry, from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. My present job role includes execution of several biomedical research projects, and one of them has collaborations with the biology department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton NY. Therefore, I hold a guest access to the site.

I am a pleasant and friendly person with a very outgoing personality. I take great pleasure in bringing people together, in terms of organizing events that are both educational and entertaining. I possess great leadership qualities, organizational skills and efficient and effective multitasking skills. In many occasions during last three years, I have participated events organized by BNL. I always look forward to engaging in a useful social activity, in terms of enhancing my social and professional network, as well as providing some means of joy by helping to organize variety of events to decorate the average day-to-day life of our fellow students and employees at work. Currently, I am an active member of the Postdoctoral Association at Stony Brook University, and also prior to that, I have actively participated in many events organized by various students organizations affiliated to the University of Oklahoma, Norman. I also take great pleasure in participating community events such as local health camps in order to raise the public awareness about variety of health related topics such as obesity, breast cancer and diabetes. Also I like participating in local charity events, because it's a great feeling giving back to the community, without any expectations.

As I am familiar with the BNL campus, events and people, I would be very much interested in holding a position of the students and Postdoctoral Association for the next academic year. Please consider my application for any suitable position. Thank you.