

SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

DR. B. J. C. PERERA RESEARCH PRIZE ORATION

Guidelines for submission

The Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians has commenced this oration in recognition of the contributions made to the College by Dr. B.J.C. Perera, the founder President of the College.

Generally scientific orations are awarded to manuscripts which include several research studies on a broad topic undertaken by the prospective orator. They are usually a conglomeration of quite a few research initiatives on a central theme, preferably published in peer-reviewed journals. They are usually not awarded to single studies UNLESS the study has ground-breaking new information that has implications on investigative or treatment strategies.

A Research Prize Oration is designed to provide an opportunity for a researcher to present outstanding work that includes the results of even a single research project which has value in epidemiological evaluation, investigation, or management of patients with a given disorder. However, several projects on a given subject too may be considered provided they are intimately related and are of high-quality scientific rigor.

The submitted manuscript is expected to use scientific data formulated into a presentable narrative and not strictly structured like a scientific original article published in a peer-reviewed journal. However, sub-headings could be used whenever appropriate, **bold** and *italic* print may be employed to stress certain statements, but underlining should be avoided. It is recommended that there be an Introduction or Background followed by the main body of the presentation which would include details of the study or studies, a discussion including implications of the findings, and ending up with conclusions, recommendations, and acknowledgements. Tables, figures, and photographs may be used to advantage to provide an attractive outlook. A list of references should be provided at the end and whenever data is used in the body of the manuscript, the relevant publication listed in the references needs to be cited at the appropriate point in the text. Vancouver style is the preferred format for the reference list. The entire presentation should be designed to simulate an attractive scientific story. The narrative is best assembled to last for 35 to 40 minutes when presented to an audience.

The submission manuscript should be assembled in Microsoft WORD, typed single sided in size 12 font in either Times New Roman or Arial with line spacing of 1.5 and margins of 0.8 inches (2.0 cm) right round. Consecutive page numbers should be inserted at the lower right-hand corner of each page. A total of five copies should be submitted out of which one copy should have the name and affiliations of the author and four copies should be without the name and affiliations of the author.

The main goal of the establishment of this enterprise is to appreciate, facilitate and promote good, well-conducted research, which would have key implications for child health care.

The oration would be advertised, and selection made on a competitive basis.

Evaluation

A Sub-Committee appointed by the Council of the College would undertake the evaluation of the submissions. Each member would perform the assessment individually.

The final decision would be reached at a meeting of the Sub-Committee where a consensus opinion would be established. The committee will then make recommendations to the Council regarding the selections.

Deadline

The manuscript should reach the Hony. Secretary, SLCP **on or before 4.00 pm, 15th of February 2022**. There will be no extensions of this deadline.

