



**INVITE OF APPLICATIONS FOR  
PROFESSOR CC DE SILVA MEMORIAL LECTURE-2021**

**Annual Scientific Sessions – 2021**

**23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Mövenpick Hotel Colombo, No 24, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo

**The Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka**

*'Together We Build a Healthy Nation with Better Nutrition'*

Prof CC de Silva Memorial Lecture and Prof TW Wickramanayake Oration will be delivered at the Annual Scientific Sessions of The Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka biennially. The manuscript of the lecture/oration should be based on the original research conducted and published in the fields of human nutrition and health, food and nutrition, agriculture and nutrition.

The selection of the lecturer/orator is based on the content and the merit of the manuscript and the applicant's curriculum vitae.

**Guidelines for preparation and submission of applications for Prof CC de Silva Memorial Lecture/ Prof TW Wickramanayake Oration**

The oration/memorial script document consists of the following:

**1. Introduction**

An oration/memorial lecture is considered as a significant, collective, cohesive essay on a particular subject based on a series of publications or clinical observations made by an expert in the field. It should evolve around one or more key messages, and the orator/lecturer should select the findings, results and conclusions of the relevant studies in a logical and appropriate manner and present these to support the chosen message/s. It should be written as a cohesive document with an uninterrupted and continuous flow from the beginning to the end, rather than as a lineup of individual studies or as separate sections

joined together. It should demonstrate adequate scientific rigor, so that the key messages would carry clear scientific validity.

## **2. Preparation of the manuscript**

The manuscript must be a stand-alone document, and if selected the oration/ memorial lecture finally delivered must be adhered to the manuscript.

It is suggested that the manuscript be divided into the following sections;

- A. General introduction
- B. Studies/Observations: Methods, Results and Discussion
- C. Conclusions
- D. Acknowledgement
- E. References

### **A. General Introduction**

This should give sufficient details to inform the assessor about the study area, the gravity of the problem (clinically as well as epidemiologically, socially or in other collective ways), and limitations and gaps in the current knowledge. Avoid unnecessary and lengthy historical information.

### **B. Methods, Results and Discussion**

This is the main body of the oration. Present methods, findings, and results emerging from the study/studies or clinical observations, and so that logical and appropriate conclusions can be made. It is important to compare and contrast your findings with previous studies, and you may have to give reasons to explain any disparities. Describe briefly the major steps in study methods, instruments used and variables measured to facilitate understanding and demonstrate scientific rigor. A brief introduction of study subjects also may be included. Conclusions of individual studies can be shown under each study.

Studies should be lined up in a logical way to build up the discussion and support the key message/s. This may be from the simplest to the most complex studies or in chronological order.

### **C. Conclusions**

The final conclusions based on all studies in the form of the key message/s. The scientific value and clinical application of the conclusions should be highlighted. Suggestions for future studies should also be discussed.

## D. Acknowledgement

This section should be used to acknowledge the various sources of support, such as funding agencies, administration, collaborators, data collectors and others.

## E. References

References should be given for all cited work in the manuscript following the Vancouver style.

### General Guidelines

- Word count: 4,000 words
- The manuscript of the Oration/memorial lecture should be written in full. The IMRAD (Introduction, Methodology, Results and Discussion) format is suggested unless the content requires otherwise.
- For all research involving human subjects/participants or animals, need to state how ethical clearance and consent were obtained in the methods section. The manuscript should be typed using Times New Roman, size 12, double line spacing.
- Number of publications: there is no minimum number of publications that should be included in an Oration. The applicant should, however, give sufficient material to prove that he/she has been working in the particular field for a considerable period. Although case histories, letters to editors and meeting abstracts, reports can be included, the oration/memorial lecture should not be based only on these types of studies.
- Declaration of financial and other conflicts of interests.
- Proof reading should be done by the author before submission.

### How to submit your application

- Application should accompany a cover letter to the President/Joint Secretary- NSSL.

All documents pertaining to the publication must be **submitted on or before 12<sup>th</sup>**

**October 2020.**

- Please send the electronic version/word document of **the manuscript along with the short curriculum vitae** to the following email

[nsslsessions2021@gmail.com](mailto:nsslsessions2021@gmail.com) with a copy to [tmadhujith@gmail.com](mailto:tmadhujith@gmail.com)

- The applicant will receive an acknowledgement via email and the final decision following **the review process will be conveyed by 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**
- **Please note that application submission is not limited to the members of NSSL.**

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