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One Health, One Nutrition: Ensuring Optimal Nutrition for People and the Planet

INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR Prof. T. W. Wickramanayake Oration

Prof. T. W. 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, and 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. T. W. Wickramanayake Oration

The oration/memorial script document consists of the following.

1.0 Introduction

An oration/memorial lecture is considered 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 logically and appropriately 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 rigour, so that the key messages would carry clear scientific validity.

2.0 Preparation of the Manuscript

The manuscript must be a stand-alone document, and if selected, the oration/memorial lecture finally delivered must adhere 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, 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 rigour. A brief introduction of the study subjects may also 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. Conclusion

The final conclusions are based on all studies in the form of 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, how ethical clearance and consent were obtained must be stated 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, meeting abstracts, and 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 interest.
- Proofreading should be done by the author before submission.

How to Submit Your Application

- The application should accompany a cover letter to the President/Joint Secretary of NSSL.
- All documents pertaining to the publication must be submitted on or before the **30th of September 2025**.
- Please email the electronic version/MS Word document of the manuscript **along with a short curriculum vitae** to nssl.annual.sessions.2026@gmail.com, with a copy to nishanthajeewakarathne@gmail.com (Conference Coordinator) and sashie@sjp.ac.lk (Conference Chair).
- The applicant will receive an acknowledgement via email, and the final decision following the review process will be conveyed by **November 2025**.
- **Please note that application submission is not limited to members of NSSL.**

For more information,

- Please visit the NSSL website: <https://nutritionandsocietyofsrilanka.org/>

OR

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