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Shaping the Future of Nutrition Science: From Precision Discovery to Public Health Impact

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS
PROFESSOR C. C. DE SILVA MEMORIAL LECTURE 2027

The **Prof. C. C. de Silva Memorial Lecture** is delivered biennially at the **Annual Scientific Sessions of the Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka**.

Applications are invited from eligible applicants to deliver the 2027 Memorial Lecture. The lecture manuscript should be based on original research conducted and published in the fields of **human nutrition and health, food and nutrition, or agriculture and nutrition**.

The Memorial Lecturer will be selected based on the scientific merit and content of the submitted manuscript, together with the applicant's curriculum vitae.

Important Note

Applications are open to both members and non-members of the **Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka**.

Please refer to the attached **Guidelines for the Preparation and Submission of Applications** for detailed instructions on preparing and submitting your application.

For Further Information

- **Conference Chair:** Dr. Sashie Weerasinghe | +94 77 331 4277
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GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROFESSOR C. C. DE SILVA MEMORIAL LECTURE

1. Introduction

The **Prof. C. C. de Silva Memorial Lecture** is intended to be a significant, cohesive scholarly presentation on a specific topic based on a body of original research or clinical observations conducted by an expert in the field. The lecture should be centred on one or more key messages, with the applicant selecting and integrating the findings, results, and conclusions of relevant studies in a logical manner to support these messages.

The manuscript should be written as a single, cohesive document with a continuous flow from beginning to end, rather than as a compilation of individual studies or separate sections linked together. It should demonstrate sound scientific rigour, ensuring that the key messages are supported by clear scientific evidence.

2. Preparation of the Manuscript

The manuscript must be a stand-alone document. If selected, the Memorial Lecture presented at the Annual Scientific Sessions should closely follow the submitted manuscript.

Applicants are encouraged to organise the manuscript under the following sections:

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

A. General Introduction

The introduction should provide sufficient background information to enable the reviewers to understand the study area, the significance of the problem (clinical, epidemiological, social, or public health relevance), and the existing gaps in knowledge. Lengthy historical descriptions should be avoided unless they are essential for understanding the topic.

B. Studies/Observations: Methods, Results and Discussion

This section forms the main body of the manuscript. Present the methods, findings, results, and interpretations arising from the studies or clinical observations in a logical sequence so that the overall conclusions can be clearly established.

Compare and contrast your findings with those reported in previous studies and discuss possible reasons for any similarities or differences. Describe the major methodological steps, study instruments, and variables measured to facilitate understanding and demonstrate scientific rigour. A brief description of the study participants may also be included where appropriate. Conclusions from individual studies may be presented at the end of each study.

The studies should be arranged logically to build the overall discussion and support the key message(s). This may be achieved by presenting the studies in chronological order or progressing from the simplest to the most complex investigations.

C. Conclusions

The conclusions should synthesise the findings from all studies and clearly highlight the key message(s). The scientific significance and practical or clinical implications of the findings should be emphasised. Recommendations for future research should also be included.

D. Acknowledgements

This section should acknowledge all sources of support, including funding agencies, institutions, collaborators, research assistants, data collectors, and any other individuals or organisations that contributed to the work.

E. References

All references cited in the manuscript should be presented according to the **Vancouver referencing style**.

General Guidelines

- **Word limit:** Approximately **4,000 words**.
- The manuscript should be submitted as a complete document. The **IMRAD** (Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion) structure is recommended where appropriate; however, applicants may adopt an alternative structure if it better suits the nature of the work.
- For research involving human participants or animals, the **Methods** section must clearly state how ethical approval was obtained and how informed consent (where applicable) was secured.
- The manuscript should be prepared using **Times New Roman, 12-point font**, with **double line spacing**.
- **Number of publications:** There is no minimum number of publications required. However, applicants should provide sufficient published work to demonstrate sustained contributions to the selected field over a considerable period.

- While case reports, case histories, letters to the editor, conference abstracts, and technical reports may be included, the Memorial Lecture should not be based solely on these types of publications.
- A **Declaration of Financial and Other Conflicts of Interest** must be included.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to proofread the manuscript carefully before submission.

How to Submit the Application

Applicants should submit the following:

- A cover letter addressed to the **President, Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka**.
- An electronic copy (Microsoft Word format) of the manuscript together with a **short curriculum vitae (CV)**.
- The application should be emailed to nssl.sessions.2027@gmail.com.
- All application documents must be submitted **on or before 1 October 2026**.
- Applicants will receive an acknowledgement of receipt via email. The final decision, following the review process, will be communicated **by 30 November 2026**.

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