



Sri Lanka Medical Association

Call for Applications

Deshabandu Dr. C. G. Uragoda Oration on the History of Medicine 2026

This oration was established as a lecture in the year 2012, the 127th anniversary year of the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA), to commemorate establishment of the SLMA by a meeting attended by a group of doctors at the Colonial Medical Library in Colombo on 26 February 1887 to discuss the formation of the Ceylon Branch of the British Medical Association, which later became the Sri Lanka Medical Association.

The lecture was renamed the Dr. C. G. Uragoda Lecture on the History of Medicine in the year 2017 to honour the lasting contribution made by Dr. C. G. Uragoda to document, “The History of Medicine in Sri Lanka”. In 2020, on the demise of Dr. C. G. Uragoda, the Council of the SLMA decided to elevate the lecture to that of an Oration and also add his national titular honour Deshabandu to the title of the Oration.

This oration is delivered on the 26th February of each year.

Applications are called for the Deshabandu Dr. C. G. Uragoda Oration to be delivered on 26 February 2026. **Applicants should submit a short abstract of the proposed lecture (no more than 500 words, font size 12 in Times New Roman and margins set at 1 inch right round) and a brief curriculum vita (no more than 3 pages).**

The orator should have been considerably associated with and contributed to the field of medicine in his/her chosen topic. The SLMA will give presently to application in areas of medicine that have not been covered in previous orations. A list of past orations can be found on the SLMA website – <http://www.slma.lk>. Applicants should bear in mind that they must make themselves available to deliver the oration on 26 February 2026 at the SLMA Auditorium (if selected) as the oration is delivered to mark the founding of the SLMA.

Applications should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, SLMA, on or before 31st October 2025.