



# SRI LANKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## CALL FOR ORATIONS

Applications are called for the following Orations to be delivered at the 139<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Medical Congress 2026

### **SLMA Oration**

The SLMA Oration is the most prestigious Oration of the Association. Instituted in 1979, it recognizes outstanding achievement in research. It is delivered at the Inaugural Ceremony of the Annual Scientific Congress.

### **Dr S C Paul Oration**

The S C Paul Oration is the oldest Oration of the Association. Instituted in 1966, it is delivered in memory of Dr S C Paul, an outstanding surgeon. It is delivered on the second day of the Annual Scientific Congress.

### **Dr S Ramachandran Oration**

It is delivered during the Annual Scientific Congress of the SLMA.

### **Prof N W D Lionel Oration**

It is delivered during the Annual Scientific Congress of the SLMA.

### **Murugesar Sinnetamby Oration**

Instituted in 1968, this Oration is delivered in memory of Dr Murugesar Sinnetamby, an outstanding obstetrician and gynaecologist.

### **Sir Nicholas Attygalle Oration**

Instituted in 1975, this Oration is delivered in memory of Sir Nicholas Attygalle, an outstanding Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, the first Ceylonese Vice Chancellor of the University of Ceylon, and President of the Senate. It is delivered on the Second day of the Foundation Sessions of the Association.

### **Sir Marcus Fernando Oration**

Institute in 1969, this Oration is delivered in memory of Sri Marcus Fernando, an outstanding physician and the first Sinhala member of the Legislative Council.

### **Guidelines for Submission**

**The following documents should be submitted to the Sri Lanka Medical Association as hard copies**

1. The Oration should be written in full, and the script of the Oration should be submitted. The IMRAD format is suggested unless the content requires otherwise.
  - a) A substantial part of the Oration should be based on original research.
  - b) Orations based on work published in peer-reviewed journals will be given priority.
  - c) For all research involving human or animal subjects, provide details of 'Ethical Approval' in the methods section. Randomized Control Trials should have been registered in a WHO-recognized Clinical Trial Registry and the details of the same should be mentioned.
  - d) The Oration should be typed using Times New Roman, size 12, double line spacing. Harvard or Vancouver's system of referencing can be used.
  - e) ***Seven (07) copies of the script should be submitted. Of the seven (07) copies, one (01) copy should be with the name of the author and six (6) copies should be without the name of the author.***

- f) Each copy should be accompanied by a **brief resume of the salient points** on **one sheet of paper (A4 size)** indicating the contribution made to advances in knowledge on the subject. Further particulars may be obtained from the SLMA office.
2. The cover letter addressed to the Honorary Secretary, SLMA, should consist of
    - a) The name of the Oration/Orations for which the manuscript should be considered.
      - The Murugesar Sinnetamby Memorial Oration should preferably be on a topic on *Obstetrics & Gynaecology*.
    - b) An explanation of why the applicant believes that the work is of sufficient merit to deserve an Oration
  3. A separate sheet stating the list of the original papers/ publications on which the Oration is based (if applicable)
  4. Conference presentations (both oral and poster) of the applicant cited in the Oration (if applicable).
  5. A separate document with the following should accompany the submission.
    - a) The impact of the research in terms of advancing scientific knowledge, quality of clinical care and improvement of service delivery.
    - b) In the case of multi-author research and publications, the applicant should inform the other authors of their presentation and provide details of the contribution to the design, data collection, analysis and writing of the manuscript by the applicant.
    - c) A declaration by the applicant that the other authors of the presented research have no objections to the submission of the Oration.
    - d) The applicant should declare if all or part of the work included in the manuscript has already been presented as an Oration.
    - e) Declaration of financial and other conflicts of interests.

***Your submission should be directed to the SLMA office addressed to the Honorary Secretary, 'Wijerama House', No.6, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07.***

**All authors submitting orations should be LIFE MEMBERS OF THE SLMA (If you are not a member at present, please become a life member before forwarding your submission).**

**Closing date for the orations: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (The closing date will not be extended)**

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