

Ceylon College of Physicians (CCP)

Call for Orations 2020

The Ceylon College of Physicians invites you to submit your applications for following orations of the Ceylon College of Physicians for the year 2020. The CCP oration and 2 others will be delivered during the Annual Academic Sessions.

1. **The CCP Oration**
2. **Dr Cyril Fernando Memorial Oration**
3. **Prof PB Fernando Memorial Oration**
4. **Dr EV Peiris Memorial Oration**
5. **Prof K Rajasuriya Memorial Oration**

The **deadline** to submit orations is **31st August 2020, 12 midnight**, Sri Lankan Time.

Guidelines for submitting an application for an Oration

This document consists of the following:

1. An introduction of what is expected of it.
2. How to prepare the manuscript that is submitted at the time of application.
3. What to do if you are selected to deliver an Oration.
4. How to deliver the Oration.
5. How to submit your application.

1. Introduction

An Oration is considered as a significant, collective, cohesive essay on a particular subject based on a series of publications or clinical observations made by an individual.

It should evolve around one or more key messages, and the orator 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. Preparing the manuscript

The selection of the orator is based on the contents of the manuscript and the applicant's curriculum vitae. The manuscript must therefore be a stand-alone document, and if selected the oration finally delivered must be faithful to the manuscript.

For evaluation purposes, it is important to divide the manuscript into the following sections.

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

This is the main body of the Oration. Present methods, findings, and results emerging from the 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 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 Conclusions are the final conclusions based on all studies that will be included in the oration, 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. Acknowledgements

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. They should be written in the Vancouver style.

General Guidelines

- Word count: 4,000 words

- The manuscript of the oration should be written in full. The IMRAD format is suggested unless the content requires otherwise.
- For all research involving human subjects/participants or animals, state how ethical clearance was obtained in the Methods section. Clinical trials should have been registered in a WHO-recognized Clinical Trial Registry.
- The manuscript should be typed using Times New Roman, size 12, double line spacing.
- Number of publications: there is no minimum number of studies 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 time. Although case histories, letters to editors and meeting abstracts can be included, the oration should not be based only on these types of studies.

3. Preparing for the Oration

Since the Oration should start with a brief, appropriate celebration of the person in whose honor the Oration is held, it is important to prepare for this. The College will help the orator to find relevant information and photographs etc. The orator may also find these, but it is important to be sensitive in presenting such material, since the objective is to celebrate the person and not to critique him/her.

A manuscript of the Oration must be prepared and submitted before the deadline for exclusive publication in the *Journal of the Ceylon College of Physicians*. This must also be a faithful documentation of what is planned to be presented.

4. Delivering an Oration

The Oration shall start with a brief celebration of the person in whose honor the Oration is held.

As the audience will include non-medical individuals, it is important to make the presentation simple and understandable to them as well, as far as feasible. In order to achieve this, the orator has to pay more attention to conclusions and discuss their scientific and clinical applications. Clinical applications are more likely to be understood by the audience. A Sufficient amount of hard data, however, should be given to support conclusions.

The Oration delivered should faithfully adhere to the manuscript submitted.

The total duration of the Oration (including the brief celebration, the body of the Oration, and acknowledgements etc) is 40 minutes. Do not exceed this time limit.

Use Microsoft PowerPoint software to make the presentation. The same flow of the manuscript (introduction, methods, results and discussion; conclusions; and acknowledgements; references) should be maintained in the presentation. Graphics can be used to strengthen the conclusions or the messages. Whatever the graphics used, they should be complimentary to the presentation.

In addition, the orator should

- 1) Be responsible for the work presented.
- 2) Be the main investigator in most of the work included.
- 3) Be able to show evidence of permission, in writing, from the chief investigator if the orator is not the chief investigator in any of the studies presented.
- 4) Show eminence and authority in the subject area, having specialized in the relevant field and worked in that area for a significant length of time.

5. How to submit your application

- A covering letter should indicate the oration/orations for which the manuscript should be considered.
- Submit your applications with five (5) copies of the oration script and your curriculum vitae to the CCP office (Honorary Joint Secretary, Ceylon College of Physicians, 341/1, Kotte Road, Rajagiriya, Sri Lanka).
 - Of these, two (2) copies should be with the name of the author and three (3) copies should be without the name of the author.
- The manuscript should be accompanied by a separate document which indicates the following
 - The impact of the research in terms of advancing scientific knowledge, quality of clinical care and improvement of service delivery
 - The applicant should declare if all or part of the work included in the manuscript has already been presented as an oration
 - A declaration by the applicant that the other authors of the presented research have no objections to the submission of the oration
 - Declaration of financial and other conflicts of interests
- Closing date for the receipt of applications –**31st August 2020**
- Please contact the College Office for any clarifications.
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