

Dr. P. Sivasubramaniam Oration Guidelines

College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka

Applications are called for Dr. P. Sivasubramaniam oration for the year 2024. This oration was initiated in 2003 in memory of the most revered ophthalmologist who lived in Sri Lanka Dr. P. Sivasubramaniam. The oration will be delivered on the 27th of September 2025 at the annual scientific sessions of the College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka.

The closing date for submission **30th of July 2026**

The Guidelines for Submission

The oration should be preferably on a topic pertaining to Eye Health.

It should be based on original research, a series of publications in peer-reviewed journals, or clinical observations made by individuals.

Extensive reviews of available literature with very little or no research data from work done by the prospective orator would not be considered for selection.

It should evolve around one or more key messages and the orator should present the findings, results, and conclusions of the relevant studies in a logical and appropriate manner.

It should be written as an uninterrupted and continuous flow from beginning to end, rather than as a line-up of individual studies or as separate sections joined together, the key messages should be clear with scientific validity.

Preparing the Manuscript

The manuscript must be a stand-alone document and the oration finally delivered must respect the manuscript.

The manuscript should be formulated **EXACTLY** as it would be presented following selection after evaluation. It should be prepared in an attractive presentation style as a narrative of a composite presentation. The major component of the proposed presentation should consist of research work undertaken by the prospective orator, either alone or in collaboration with others.

It is important to divide the manuscript into the following sections

1. Introduction
2. Methods
3. Results
4. Discussion
5. References

The manuscript of the oration should be written in full. The IMRaD format is suggested unless the context requires otherwise.

The manuscript should indicate the following

The impact of the research in terms of advancing scientific knowledge, quality of clinical care, and improvement of service delivery.

The word count: 4,000 words

The manuscript should be typed using times new roman, size 12, with double line spacing. Harvard or Vancouver system of referencing can be used.

The applicant should declare if all or part of the work included in the manuscript has already been presented as an oration

Declaration of financial and other conflicts of interests

In the case of multi-author publications, the applicant should inform other authors by providing the details of the contribution to design, data collection and analysis, and writing of the manuscript. A declaration by the applicant that the other authors of the presented research have no objections should be submitted during the submission of the oration.

For all research involving human subjects / or animals state how the ethical clearance was obtained. Clinical trials should have been registered in a WHO – recognized clinical trial registry.

How to submit your application

- A covering letter should indicate the oration for which the manuscript should be considered.
- Submit your applications with two (2) copies of the oration script and your curriculum vitae to the COSL office addressed to Honorary Joint Secretary, College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka, New Administrative Building, National Eye Hospital, Colombo 10.

Only online submissions are accepted.

The application should be emailed to reach the Hon. Secretary COSL on or before **30th of July 2026**

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