



The College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka

Guidelines for the Submission of Orations

Closing Date for the Submission: 13th October 2026

1. Submissions are invited for Dr Noel Bartholomeusz Memorial Oration to be held on **20th November 2026** at the auditorium of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka.
2. The oration should be based on **original** and **personal** work related to the field of surgery and surgical sciences and should not have been previously presented in a similar context in a public / academic forum.
3. The Council of the CSSL and the Selection Committee has the right to request the authors to submit the data sheets / databases / original images / consent forms etc to confirm the authenticity of the scientific data submitted for the orations.
4. All submissions will be anonymized before evaluation, and each submission will be independently assessed by a panel of referees. Please do not have any indication that identifies the place / centre where the study was conducted in the main topic or the body of the submission.
5. The Council of the CSSL and the selection Committee requests authors to kindly abide by publication ethics especially in the context of avoiding falsification of data, plagiarism, improprieties of authorship, misappropriation of the ideas of others, violation of generally accepted research practices, material failure to comply with legislative and regulatory requirements affecting research.
6. Oration bibliography should be robust, structured and well-presented using standard reference notations. (e.g. Vancouver citing and referencing style)
7. The following five (05) documents must be emailed as PDF documents to collsurg@gmail.com after informing the college office before 16.00 hours on Monday, 20st October 2025. Late entries and entries through post / hand will not be accepted.
 - i. The entire oration not exceeding 7500 words (02 copies: one with the name & one without name)
 - ii. An abstract of the oration not exceeding 500 words (02 copies: one with the name & one without name)
 - iii. A brief curriculum vitae (not exceeding two pages) of the author including the contact details.

8. The responsibility of the submission reaching the College lies with the author. Authors are advised to submit ahead of the deadline and receive a confirmation from the office of its safe receipt. Should there be any clarification of the submission, do not hesitate to contact the Secretary, CSSL.
9. There should be no substantial alterations to the submitted text when the oration is delivered.
10. The duration of the oration including the introduction will be 30 minutes.
11. A selection committee appointed by the Council of the College will scrutinize the manuscripts and recommend the award of the oration to the most suitable candidate.
12. In the event of no suitable submissions being received, the particular oration/s may not be awarded for the particular year.