



COLLEGE ORATION GUIDELINES

The College Oration was established in 1977 to give recognition to a veterinarian in Australia or New Zealand who has made a major contribution to veterinary science. The College Oration may be held every year. It will take the form of a short resume of the recipient's work, the presentation of a medallion to the recipient, followed by a suitable address by a guest speaker on a topic preferably related to the recipient's field of work.

Selection criteria

The selection panel will specifically consider:

- a) the nature and value of the contribution to the field of veterinary science globally
- b) the professionalism of the candidate in making the contribution
- c) that the candidate has not received the Award in the previous five (5) years.

Guidelines for assessment Criteria

a) The contribution

The field of activity is not as important as the overall impact and value to the field globally. In addition to traditional fields of veterinary science relevant activities could include training, technology transfer producing economic or social benefits, improving societal and governmental understanding of animal issues, establishment of mutually beneficial business and trade linkages etc.

The contribution must -

- Demonstrate a significant improvement or change in the field of endeavour that has taken the field forward to a new level in Australia and New Zealand
- Have been a sustainable change in the long term
- Be recognised as a major contribution by organisations outside the College, nationally and internationally.

b) Professionalism

The activities carried out should be considered over the entire time of the candidate's working life. Achievements should be measurable in a global sense so that activities should have been carried out in Australia or New Zealand but also have impact globally. The achievement should reflect well on the professionalism of the candidate.

The candidate should have contributed in an outstanding and practical way to the field of veterinary science or practice. Strong candidates for the College Oration will be those who have made continued effort, have cemented friendships and developed linkages of ongoing value within the profession and society over their lifetime. Commitment and compassion are considered to be an important part of professionalism. Self-interest should not be the motive for undertaking the work.

In assessing the professionalism of making the contribution the candidate should be shown to have -

- A high level of leadership in the field of endeavour and this should not be limited to Australia and New Zealand
- A high level of initiative and resourcefulness in carrying out the activities and in promoting the outcome
- A high level of objectivity in the science and analyses required to underpin the contribution
- Sustained and continued effort, preferably using teamwork, in working to achieve the outcome
- Commitment and compassion.

Procedure

1. Nominations should be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists online (email/form) or by post to Building 3/2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains, Queensland 4113. The sponsor should consider the above criteria in preparing the nomination. Nominations close **end of February each year**. No nominations will be accepted after this date, unless otherwise advised.
2. The sponsor should provide a curriculum vitae. Details of dates and periods actually spent in the execution of the work should be given.
3. The sponsor may arrange for statements from referees who have observed the candidate's activities at close quarters to support the nomination. The references should be sent direct and in confidence to the Chief Executive Officer of the ANZCVS. Referees should be provided with a copy of the criteria described above.
4. The submission should contain specific examples of the candidate's work in projects including information on the success of the project, training aspects of the project, difficulties overcome and the candidate's interaction with colleagues.

The Nominations should include –

- Address and contact details.
- Year and place of graduation.
- CV with emphasis on activities giving details of dates and periods actually spent in the execution of their work. Give specific examples of candidate's work in projects including success of project, training aspects, difficulties overcome.
- Statements from referees who have been provided with a copy of the criteria (College Oration guidelines) and who have observed the candidate's activities at close quarters. References to be sent in confidence to the ANZCVS CEO. These statements should be made against the selection criteria.
- Citation of no more than 400 words to be read at the College Awards Ceremony and published on the College website.
- The name(s) of individual(s) willing to deliver the oration.

Selection Panel

The President, Past President (or a sitting Member of Council) and Awards Committee Convener.

Guidelines for the Oration itself

1. The oration is to be of no longer than fifteen minutes duration.
2. It will focus on the person being honoured, with emphasis on highlighting responses to the assessment criteria listed above.

3. It is popular to include statements from colleagues or referees who have observed the candidate's activities at close quarters.
4. The presentation should be engaging and of general interest to members and guests.
5. It is useful to support the presentation with audiovisuals.