

Guidelines for submitting an application for FMAS Oration 2024

FMAS oration is a peer reviewed oration and consists of formal presentation by an academic based on scholarly work including research or professional experience. The prospective orator should provide a narrative on a particular subject or clinical observations reflecting the authority of the individual.

Preparation of the manuscript

The manuscript should be written as a cohesive document. The IMRAD (Introduction, Methodology, Results and Discussion) format is recommended unless the content requires otherwise.

The introduction should contain information sufficient for the reviewer to appreciate the study area, highlighting the gaps in the existing knowledge or practices.

The body of the manuscript should present methods and results emerging from the studies or clinical expertise. It should be sufficient to support the scientific argument. Studies should be aligned rationally to build up the discussion and support the key message/s.

Overall conclusions highlighting the relevance, implications and future directions should be drawn at the end. Acknowledgements and funding sources can be included as required.

Manuscript should be formatted as per following requirement in general.

Word count: 4,000 words (including references and title)

Font: Times New Roman, size 12, line spacing 1.5, left aligned

Margin: 2.5 cm on all sides

References: Vancouver style

The manuscript must be properly proofread by the author before submission.

Submission of application

Applicants are requested to submit **3 copies of the oration manuscript** (one copy should have the name of the author and two anonymous copies), **curriculum vitae** and a **cover letter** addressed to the Co-Chairpersons, FMAS-2024.

Following separate documents should be attached to the copies of the oration manuscript;

- I. Impact of the research in terms of advancing the scientific knowledge, quality of clinical care and improvement of service delivery
- II. Declaration of financial and other conflicts of interests

Oration should be submitted to:

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Oration review process:

Once submitted, the Steering committee will appoint reviewers to evaluate the manuscripts. A double-blind review process will be used and all manuscripts will be sent to each reviewer to receive written comments.

The final decision would be reached by the Steering committee of FMAS 2024 according to the scores given by the reviewers for each manuscript.

Submission Deadline: **25th February 2024**

Please contact Co-Chairpersons or Secretary of FMAS –2024 for any clarifications.

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