

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF PALLIATIVE CARE

IAPC ORATION AWARD PROCESS

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE: X

INTRODUCTION

1. The Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC) has completed about Three decades of its existence and has secured a proud place in the medical field of India. Therefore, it is time that we start recognizing the hard work and talents of individuals who have immensely helped the IAPC to become the National Forum in Palliative Care. This issue was discussed in the Online EC meeting on 12 Mar 2025 and it has been agreed upon to start IAPC Oration from IAPCON 2026, Hyderabad. **There will be only one such award every year.**

2. An “Oration Award” typically refers to an award presented to an individual for delivering a formal speech often on a special occasion like Annual Conference. This award is the recognition of significant contribution he has made in the field of Palliative Care. This award will be known as **“IAPC Oration Award”**.

PURPOSE

3. The Award serves to recognize and honour the speaker’s knowledge and services rendered to the cause of Palliative Care:

- a. **Recognition and Celebration:** To acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the individual that has demonstrated exceptional performance, contribution or innovation in the field of Palliative Care.
- b. **Motivation and Inspiration:** To motivate and inspire other individuals of IAPC to strive for excellence and innovation.
- c. **Promoting Best Practices:** To showcase and promote best practices and innovation approaches within the field of Palliative Care.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

4. Oration Award will have the following specific criteria that nominees must meet:

- a. He / She should be a pioneer/ leader in Palliative Care in India. He may be an Indian Palliative Care specialist settled abroad.

- b. He / She should have immense contribution in the development of IAPC or Palliative Care Services or various programmes related with Education, Advocacy and Awareness about Palliative Care in India.
- c. He / She should have sufficient number of research publications in the subjects relevant to Palliative Care.
- d. He / She should be a member of IAPC.
- e. He / She may be from other medical specialty but has worked for the cause of Palliative Care. In such a case he / she may not be the member of IAPC.

NOMINATION, SELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT

5. Nomination: Nomination will be done through the **Selection Committee** of total thirteen members consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and ten Regional Representatives of IAPC. The name of nominee (only one) along with Curriculum Vitae will be forwarded to the Secretary by all the members of Selection Committee.

- a. **Evaluation:** All the nominations such received will be initially screened by the President of IAPC. Thereafter Selection Committee will evaluate the nominations based on predetermined criteria.
- b. **Short listing:** Based on evaluation, a shortlist of two nominees will be created.
- c. The Selection Committee may withhold the awards for the year if, in their opinion, a certain standard is not reached.

6. Final Selection: The final selection will be made by the President of IAPC based on the shortlisted two nominees; if the selected awardee is unable to accept the invitation due to any reasons then the second nominee will be approached for the award.

7. Announcement: The name of the awardee will be announced by the Hon Secretary of IAPC during the Mid-term Meeting of the IAPC.

8. Initially for few years, this Award will be given to the pioneers who have contributed significantly in founding and growing Palliative Care services in India.

AWARD CEREMONY

9. The Award Ceremony is a formal event where the awardee is recognized and honoured for his/her achievements. It will be generally done during the Inauguration of Annual Conference of the IAPC.

- a. It will include speeches and multimedia presentations to engage attendees and highlight the achievements of the awardee.
- b. A memento, certificate and a scroll will be given during the delivery of the Oration. The memento should have the name of orator on it.

- c. It may include some form of entertainment activities either before or after the event.
- d. Award and Certificate can be given during Inauguration of the conference, which is usually planned in the evening of Day 1 of the conference

10. ORATION

- a. The subject of the Oration will be chosen by the awardee and should be relevant to Palliative Care. Alternatively, the subject may be of a philosophical nature, however, with a background of Palliative Care.
- b. It will be of 30 minutes duration during the first Plenary Session on Day 1 of the Annual Conference
- c. It will be Chaired by the President and Secretary, IAPC

ENTITLEMENTS OF THE AWARDEE

11. To support the awardee, the following will be ensured:

- a. The orator's travel expenses will be supported by IAPC. Travel by Air (economy class) or Train (IIAC) will be reimburse by the Secretary, IAPC
- b. The orator's conference registration will be complimentary.
- c. The Conference Organisers will support the accommodation (1 to 3 Days) and local transport for the orator

TIMELINE OF ORATION AWARD PROCESS

12. The following sequential timeline should be followed for timely nomination, selection, announcement and finally the presentation of the Oration Award to the awardee:

- a. **31 May:** The process of receiving nominations and short listing of nominees should be completed.
- b. **30 September:** The Selection Committee should finalise the name of Orator and announce it, preferably, during the Mid-term Meeting of the IAPC.
- c. The Oration Award should be presented to the awardee during the forthcoming Annual Conference of the IAPC.

REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

13. The SOP will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the IAPC every 3 years or earlier if so required, to ensure relevance and effectiveness; proposed changes may be initiated and amended by the Executive Committee of the IAPC.

CONCLUSION

14. Most of the medical associations in India have already instituted this award to felicitate the expertise and talent of the members of their associations. It is the turn of IAPC now; let us rise and give open recognition to the individuals who have helped the cause of Palliative Care in general and IAPC in particular. This will inspire our young members to devote more time and strengthen the field of Palliative Care through education, research and innovation.

**“There are two things people want
More than money
Recognition & Praise”**