

Professor Pearlyn Pereira Memorial Oration Gold Medal Award

Calling for papers

To Members of the Institute of Chemistry

Dear Members,

It is with much pleasure that I announce to you the decision of the Council of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, to provide an opportunity to our members to honour and remember the late Professor Pearlyn Pererira whose contribution to the field of Chemical Sciences and Education has been significant. The Pearlyn Pererira Gold Medal Award oration will be held on **26th May 2010**. It will be yet another opportunity for one of our members to carry away a valuable Gold Medal and earn fame.



Late Professor Pearlyn Pereira served the Department of Chemistry, University of Colombo (successor to the University of Ceylon) for 32 years with distinction until her untimely demise in 1989. She was the first Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Colombo and played the leading role in directing the teaching of Physical Chemistry at the Department of Chemistry. She also served as the Head of the Department of Chemistry for many years. Her generosity is well known among the university community during her period of service. She took a keen interest in the welfare of the students and extended her generosity to help the needy students. Improving the standards of teaching and research in Physical Chemistry at the University was her lifelong ambition, in pursuit of which she made a tremendous sacrifice. Her commitment to this task was amply demonstrated by her decision to set aside a large sum of money, by a provision of her last will, for the establishment of a trust for research in Physical Chemistry at the University of Colombo. Magnanimous in her desire to help needy students, she donated Rs. 50,000 to establish a scholarship at the University of Colombo in memory of her mother.

Late Professor Pearlyn Pereira was an active member of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon and was the President of the Institute in 1985/86. She established a scholarship at the Institute of Chemistry in memory of her father by donating Rs. 50,000 for the benefit of the Graduateship students. Professor Pereira participated at the Physical Chemistry teaching programmes conducted by the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon. During 1980s she drafted the course contents of chemical kinetics for GIC Part I & II.

Professor Pereira was also an active member of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS). She served as Secretary, General Research Committee, Secretary for Foreign relations and in 1985 as the President of the Chemical Sciences Section of the SLAAS.

Considering her tremendous contribution to science education in Sri Lanka it is befitting to honour late Professor Pearlyn Pereira by awarding of a Gold Medal in her memory for the best piece of research in Chemistry.

The members of the Institute of Chemistry are invited to submit their research work to reach the President of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon on or before 19th of March 2010. The Gold Medal Presentation will be held on 26th May 2010 at 4 pm. at the PPGL Siriwardene auditorium, Adamantane House, Rajagiriya.

Professor S.P Deraniyagala
President/Institute of Chemistry

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Selection Procedure

Members of the Institute in any category are eligible to apply for consideration to be selected as the orator. Applicants are required to forward the full paper of their oration to the President of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, and a one page CV on or before the closing date. Applications for the Pearlyn Pereira Memorial Oration will close on Friday the 19th March 2010.

Applicants are required to submit the full paper electronically to the President's e-mail address <s.p.deraniyagala@gmail.com> and in addition a single hard copy under sealed cover shall be addressed to the President and delivered to the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, 341/22 Kotte Road, Welikada, Rajagiriya.

The Council of the Institute will appoint a panel of three or more experts and in addition the President will serve ex officio as chair of the panel. The panel will evaluate the papers and select the orator. The decision of the Council made on the recommendation of the panel shall be final. The successful applicant will be informed of the decision with minimum delay and shall have the right to upgrade the oration whilst preserving the substance of the paper originally submitted for evaluation.

Guidelines for selection the orator

The oration shall be an erudite presentation made with the aid of a suitable computer application such as Power Point. The quality of the oration must reach a high standard, and the presentation skills of the applicant, to the extent that they are known, will be taken into consideration.

The oration, which is expected to be about 60 minutes in duration, may cover any field of chemical sciences of interest to the applicant.

THE ORATION

The oration will be held at the PPGL Siriwardene Auditorium of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, at 5.00 pm on 26th May 2010 and will be preceded by a reception.