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All members of SLVA should not be in arrears of membership fees including the current year subscription at the time of submitting the abstracts. All arrears, if any, should be paid by a cheque drawn in favour of the 'Sri Lanka Veterinary Association' or by bank deposit to the bank account of SLVA (**Bank of Ceylon, Super Grade Branch – Kandy, A/C No. 31597**) before the deadline for submission of abstracts.

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Veterinarians who are registered with their respective national or international veterinary licensing authorities are eligible to submit abstracts. All other conditions stipulated for Sri Lankan veterinarians regarding the submission of abstracts are equally applicable to international participants.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

✦ Abstracts along with a scanned copy of duly signed author declaration form (Abstracts submitted without author declaration form will not be considered) should be submitted through the Easychair conference management system.

✦ The link to submission is indicated in the conference website (https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=slva2026).

✦ If you do not have an EasyChair Account, please create an EasyChair account using a suitable username and password.

✦ Follow the instructions in EasyChair Instructions for authors document to create an EasyChair account.

✦ Please tick the corresponding author for each submission.

✦ Each submission will be sent a confirmation of submission notice.

FORMAT OF THE ABSTRACT

✦ All abstracts must be in English, prepared using MS-Word and font Times New Roman 12 (single line spaced).

✦ The word count of the regular abstract should be limited to a maximum of **350 words** excluding title of paper, names and affiliations of authors.

✦ Name of the corresponding author should be underlined. A telephone number and an e-mail address of the corresponding author should be provided.

✦ Abstracts must be based on original research or clinical information.

✦ The general structure for a research abstract shall include: (a) Introduction – a statement of the hypothesis or research question; (b) Methods - the study design and experimental methods used; (c) Results - a concise summary of the major findings, with sufficient data to permit evaluation by the reviewers; and (d) Conclusions - summary of the overall findings and the importance of the study.

✦ The format for clinical case reports could cover aspects of clinical and translational studies and shall have an Introduction, Clinical examination and laboratory and other diagnostic findings, Diagnosis, Treatment, Discussion and Conclusion. The Publication priority will be determined by factors such as novelty and its impact on clinical practice.

✦ Abstracts that present single clinical case of previously reported diseases/conditions in Sri Lanka, clinical cases where the outcome of the treatment procedures was negative, investigations of drugs/compounds that involve inadequate numbers of study subjects, or studies that lack quantitative data will not be accepted.

✦ No tables, graphs, figures or references are allowed in the abstract. Whenever possible, generic names for drugs and SI units should be used. Non-standard or uncommon abbreviations should be avoided, but if essential must be defined at the first mention.

✦ Source of funding may only be acknowledged in one sentence.

✦ Authors should declare any conflicts of interest.

✦ Abstracts submitted to the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association's Annual Scientific Sessions must be original and free from plagiarism. A plagiarism similarity threshold of 20% will be strictly enforced for the body of the abstract. Any submission exceeding this limit will be subject to review and may be rejected.

✦ Authors may use AI-assisted tools **solely for language or text improvement purposes** (e.g., grammar, spelling, or clarity). The scientific content, reasoning, and intellectual contribution must be entirely the authors' own work. The use of AI for text improvement must be clearly disclosed in the abstract and the submission form. Abstracts generated predominantly or entirely by AI, or where AI contributed to the scientific content, will not be accepted.

✦ The submission process consists of 2 stages:
    1. Abstract submission
    2. Revised Abstract submission

✦ Following a preliminary review of all abstracts by the SLVA Scientific Sessions Committee, those that meet the basic requirements will be forwarded to at least two independent reviewers. Notice of acceptance (with instructions for necessary improvements, if any) or rejection will be sent to the corresponding author within one month.

✦ Submission of the edited final version of accepted abstracts will be due in two weeks after receiving the reviewers' comments. The reviewers' decision on whether the abstract is accepted for oral or MINI-oral presentations will be notified to the corresponding author.

AWARDS OF SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

Each year the SLVA commemorates notable abstracts submitted for its Annual Scientific Sessions with awards and recognition. Following awards will be presented at the forthcoming Presidential Induction Ceremony of the SLVA.

✦ Dr. Hector C. Perera Memorial Award for The Most Outstanding Clinical Communication

✦ Dr. and Mrs. A.R. Mohamed Award for The Best Presentation in the Animal Health

✦ Air Commodore Dr. R.M.P.A. Dassanayake Award for The Best Presentation in Animal Production

✦ Dr. Keerthi Gunasekara Award for The Best Presentation in One Health/ Veterinary Public Health

✦ Dr. Erandika Gunawardane Award for The Best Presentation in Wildlife

✦ Dr. Arunasiri Iddamalgoda Award for The Best MINI-oral presentation (clinical)

✦ Dr. M.C.L de Alwis Memorial Award for The Best MINI-oral presentation (non-clinical)

SLVA reserves the right to determine the number of awards made and to cancel the eligibility of the submitted abstracts are deemed to be of inadequate quality or interest.

The procedure is simple, and we are happy to assist if you encounter any issues. If you need help, please contact the Conference Chair, Prof. Susiji Wickramsinghe (scientific_sessions@slva.org, or the Conference Secretary, Dr. Thilini Anupama (thilinianuapama@vet.pdn.ac.lk).