

REGULATIONS – YAHYA COHEN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

In recognition of the outstanding contributions to the development of surgery in Singapore by Dr Yahya Cohen, the first Chairman of the Chapter of Surgeons and a past Master of the Academy, the 1994 Chapter of Surgeons has decided to establish the Yahya Cohen Lecture in his honour.

Frequency of Award

The Lectureship will be presented annually and the lecture shall take place at an event organised by the College of Surgeons, Singapore.

Eligibility for Selection

Only Fellows of the College of Surgeons, Singapore who is not in arrears with the Academy of Medicine, Singapore at the closing date shall be eligible for the Lectureship.

The award of the Lectureship shall be given for the academic excellence to the main author or the principal investigator, of the best scientific paper published in the 24 month period ending 31st December of the preceeding year, as judged by a panel appointed by the College. In exceptional circumstances, two papers may be judged worthy of the award and the award be given to the main authors or principal investigators of the papers so judged. The main author or principal investigator of the paper shall be the presenter and be recognized as the Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecturer.

Fellows of the College of Surgeons, Singapore will be given written notice of the Lectureship and be given a period of at least one month to submit their application/nomination for the Lectureship. The nomination for the Lectureship will be on prescribed form which should state clearly the title of the paper, the main author (or principal investigator) being nominated, the names of the co-authors and their consent for the main author (or principal investigator) to accept the Lectureship. The published paper must accompany the nomination form during submission. Only originals of the paper and the form will be accepted.

Selection Criteria

The criteria for judging the paper will be

1)	Originality of paper	30%
2)	Clinical/scientific importance	30%
3)	Methodology/design of study	20%
4)	Analysis of data	20%

Panel of Judges

A panel of judges will be responsible for the selection of the best paper. The panel will consist of at least three of the following groups of people: (1) President or his/her proxy; (2) Executive Council Members of the College of Surgeons, Singapore; (3) Editor of Annals, Academy of Medicine, Singapore; and (4) judges (including the Chapter Chairman) representing the sub-specialties of the papers nominated for this Lecture. However, this panel should not include any of the nominees and co-authors. The President of the College of Surgeons or his/her proxy will chair the panel.

Additional judges representing sub-specialties will be appointed if the submissions received justify more than the 3 stipulated judges to represent the sub-specialties in surgery.

Terms of Award

The Lecturer will be awarded a medal and a certificate.

Publication of Lecture

The College reserves the right to publish the Yahya Cohen Memorial Lecture in full in the Annals, Academy of Medicine, Singapore.