



SASVEPM Lifetime Achievement Award Policy

1. Purpose

1.1. The SASVEPM Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to recognise individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to veterinary science and/or veterinary epidemiology and disease control in a specific geographic jurisdiction, which is the SASVEPM Congress host province when in South Africa or the Southern African country when hosted outside South Africa. In addition, this award celebrates a lifetime of dedication, innovation, and impact in the field of veterinary epidemiology and preventive medicine.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1. To be considered for the award, nominees must meet the following criteria:

2.1.1. Age Status: The nominee must have been at least 60 years old or be turning 60 years old in the calendar year of the congress.

2.1.2. Geographical Relevance: The nominee's contributions must have had a significant impact in the southern African region. The ExCo will take into consideration nominees from the host province/country.

2.1.3. Professional Background: Eligible individuals include veterinary and para-veterinary professionals, scientists, and researchers.

2.1.4. Field of Contribution: The nominee must have demonstrated a career-long commitment to advancing veterinary epidemiology and preventive medicine.

2.1.5. Impact: The nominee must have made outstanding and sustained contributions to the Southern African veterinary epidemiology and preventive medicine, demonstrating influence at national, regional, and/or international levels. Additionally, their work should also reflect significant efforts in regional capacity building in the field of veterinary epidemiology and/or preventive medicine.

3. Nomination Process

3.1. Nominations must be submitted by a SASVEPM member in good standing.

3.2. Each nomination must include:

3.2.1. A motivation letter outlining the nominee's career achievements and impact.



3.2.2. A CV with a list of achievements/publications/awards.

3.3. Nominations must be submitted by the deadline set annually by the SASVEPM Executive Committee.

4. Selection Process

4.1. The SASVEPM Executive Committee will review all nominations and make a recommendation based on merit and alignment with the award criteria.

5. Award Presentation

5.1. The award will be presented during the annual SASVEPM Congress awards ceremony.

5.2. The recipient will receive a commemorative plaque, certificate and a reasonable (judged by the Executive Committee) monetary award if funding allows and may be invited to deliver a speech at the award ceremony.

5.3. To support the recipient's participation, SASVEPM will cover the cost of travel, one night of accommodation, and a ticket to the ceremony where the award will be formally presented.

6. Frequency

6.1. The award is presented annually but may be withheld in any year if no suitable candidate is identified.

7. Policy review

7.1. This policy will be reviewed every three years, and amendments require 51% AGM vote.