



## 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 be 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.