

NZGA Levy Oration

The Levy Oration of the New Zealand Grasslands Association was created in 2008 and inaugurated in 2012 to acknowledge and celebrate leadership in the grassland industry, including agribusiness, research and education (potentially including students, farmers, industry personnel and society in general). It is awarded to recognise excellence and an outstanding contribution to the understanding and practice of pastoral science.

Oration: The oration topic is chosen by the Orator to provide the opportunity to reflect on the presenters' passion, with relevance to the pastoral industry. It may, for example, be a summary of the insights from a career, or related to applying the Orators experiences to current situations. The Oration is to be 30 minutes long and presented at the annual NZGA conference, and published in the following years proceedings. Video recording of the Oration will also be done and made available to the public.

Value: Levy Medal (plus travel and accommodation expenses with partner to the NZGA conference)

Presentation: At conclusion of oration

Eligibility: Inclusive – everybody connected with grassland agriculture.

Criteria: The Orator may meet one or more of the following criteria

1. Excellence and leadership in an aspect of research and development and/or education related to pastoral agricultural science
2. Excellence in ability to transfer information to farmers as end-users
3. Acknowledged authority in pastoral agricultural science

Nomination: The Orator is nominated by the NZGA Executive committee and chosen by agreement. Suggestions from members are welcome, to be submitted through the President.