



The Vitreo-Retina Society of the Philippines

Romeo B. Espiritu Memorial Lecture Award

The Romeo B. Espiritu Memorial Lecture Award started in 2010, in honor of VRSP's founding president, Dr. Romeo B. Espiritu. Dr. Espiritu had the vision to bring the retina specialists together to share our knowledge and expertise, ultimately to benefit our patients, setting the standard on how to be the consummate student, clinician, and mentor.

The Romeo B. Espiritu Memorial Lecture Award is given every 2 years and the lecture is delivered during the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology Annual Congress. Qualifications for the award can be any of the following:

1. Awardee had an invaluable contribution to the advancement of the field of vitreo-retinal diseases and surgery in the Philippines, regionally, and internationally

or

2. Awardee had excellent academic achievements in clinical, technical, public health, epidemiologic, and/or basic research about vitreoretinal diseases. Ideally, speaker must have written and published work on the particular topic to be discussed.

or

3. Awardee had shown commitment to improving education in the Philippines, regionally and internationally

or

4. Awardee had invaluable contribution in preventing blindness caused by vitreo-retinal diseases in the Philippines, regionally and internationally

or

5. Awardee had shown exemplary leadership in the field of vitreoretinal diseases and subsequently made significant improvements in teaching and training in the Philippines, regionally, and internationally
- As this award recognizes outstanding contributions, it may not be awarded if there is no suitable candidate.

PROCESS:

1. Awardee must be nominated by a VRSP member in good standing.
2. Only one nomination is allowed per VRSP member in good standing.
3. Only **complete** nominations received on or before the set deadline will be processed.
4. Requirements (soft copy) to be submitted to the VRSP Board through email address *vrsp.org@gmail.com*:
 - a) Nomination letter from the nominator stating the accomplishments of the nominee
 - b) Curriculum vitae and documents supporting the accomplishments of the nominee
5. Nominees with complete requirements will then be forwarded to the Committee on RBE Memorial Lecture Award. The nominator may be contacted by the Committee if more information are needed for the selection process.
 - a) Composition of the Committee on RBE Memorial Lecture Award
 1. Immediate past president of the VRSP (Dr. Sherman Valero [2018-2019])
 2. Previous RBE Memorial Lecture awardees
 - i. Dr. Ildefonso Chan (2010)
 - ii. Dr. Pearl Tamesis-Villalon (2012)
 - iii. Dr. Antonio Say (2016)
 - iv. Dr. Milagros H. Arroyo (2018)
 - b) Final decision will be made by the Committee.