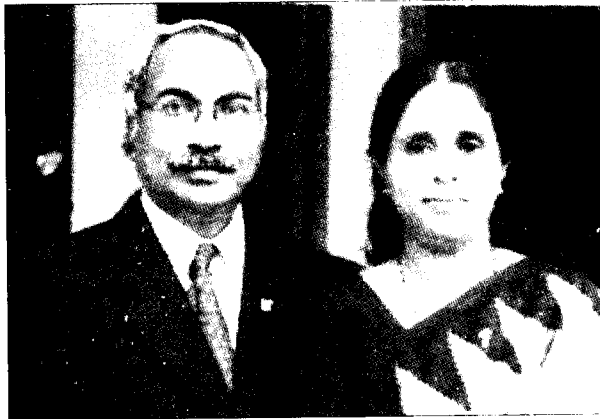


ACHIEVEMENTS & SIGN POST

A VET BECOMES THE FIRST LADY



Lions International 9324 G1) has bestowed the honour of District Governor upon Ln. Adv. G. Surendran and the status of first lady to Ln. Dr. Pushpalatha Surendran, Assistant Director, Department of Animal Husbandry presently working in Kollam district. Both Ln. Adv. G. Surendran and wife Ln. Dr. Pushpalatha Surendran, are known social activist besides being successful professionals in their respective fields. *Congrats to the couple*

Dr. E.K. Easwaran, Forest Veterinary Officer, Forest and Wildlife Department, Konni, Pathanamthitta visited Hagenbek Tierpark (Zoo) at Hamburg, Germany to deliver a speech on captive elephant management systems in India in the first European elephant management school in November. The school is the 3rd batch since it started in 2003. It is for training elephant keepers, managers (curators), vets and all those concerned with captive elephant management in Zoos. Experts from USA, Europe, South Africa, India and Srilanka Covering daily management techniques, feeding and nutrition, breeding, enclosure design, environment enrichment, ecology & life in the wild, global conservation issues and history handled this highly regarded course among Zoos in the west. Dr. E.K. Easwaran had also visited Berlin Tierpark, Berlin Zoo and Alain Zo in UAE. Last year he had visited 16 prominent Zoos and captive elephant



sanctuaries with special reference to captive elephant management across Oakland in California, North Carolina, Tennessee and Tulsa in USA, The Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany in Europe.

Dr. K.G. Suma, Additional Director (Planning), Directorate of Animal Husbandry has been elected as the National Vice President of Indian Association of Lady Veterinarians in the 2nd annual general body conducted on 4th January 2006 at College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Mannuthy. She is the Project Coordinator ADCP Kerala and president Kerala State Veterinary Council. She has already served as District Animal Husbandry Officer Wyanad, Thrissur.



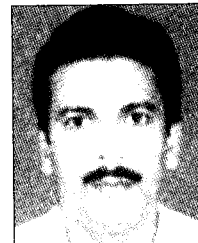
Dr. K.G. Suma

Dr. Jancy Sreekumar, Assistant Project Officer, RAIC Kozhikkode has been elected as the Treasurer of Indian Association of Lady Veterinarians in the 2nd annual general body conducted on 4th January 2006 at College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Mannuthy. She was state president of AHOAK, Kerala.

RIGHT WORK-RIGHT RECOGNITION

Government of Kerala honoured **Dr. S. Sindhu**, SVS, VH, Vathikulam, Mavelikkara, and Dr. Thomas Mathew, VS, VD Chunakkara, Alappuzha for their meritorious service by conferring Good Service Entry for the year 2003-2004.

Dr. Thomas Mathew, first rank holder of 1990 Batch, was earlier hounoured as one of the best Veterinarian in connection with World Veterinarians Day in the year 2004 by KVSSA.



Dr. Thomas Mathew



Dr. S. Sindhu

The concerned DAHOs really deserves appreciation for critical evaluation and reco mmendation.

CONGRATS Dr. S. Sindhu and Dr. Thomas Mathew.

Dr. R. Praseeda, Veterinary Surgeon, RAIC, Cherpu, Thrissur, secured the "Best Thesis Award - 2005" instituted by Association of Food Scientists' and Technologists, Kerala chapter for her thesis on "Microbial Quality Assurance of Curd during production and storage". She did her master's degree in Veterinary Public Health under the guidance of Dr. E. Nanu, Dean, College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Mannuthy. Congrats Dr. Praseeda.



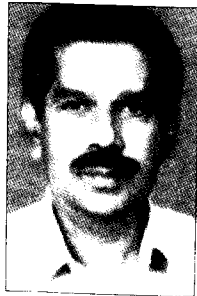
RETIREMENTS

Dr. K.S. Jayaram retired from AHD on 31.12.05. A very active face at association gatherings, he is the privileged friend of vets across the state. He graduated in 1976 from COVAS, Mannuthy. Thereafter, he had his official stints in Thrissur, Kozhikode, Wayanad and Kasargod districts. He was the CVO, DVC, Wayanad at the time of retirement. Born to a noted freedom fighter, his noblest quality was the respect he commanded in the district from various sectors. He is at present the President, IVA, Wayanad. His family comprises of wife, Dr. Radhama Pillai, Assoc. Prof and Head, KVK, Ambalavayal, daughters Niranjana and Anupama and son-in-law Arun. His presence is an asset to the association activities in Wayanad. All staff of the dept joined at Kalpetta on 31.12.05 to offer him a befitting Adieu. **Sri. P.T. Gopalakuruppu**, Chairman, MRCMPU, was the chief guest of the function, presided over by Dr. S. Prabhasuthan, DAHO, Wayanad.



OBITUARY

DR. SATYASINGH, retired Additional Director, passed away on 22nd January 2005 at the age of 66 years. He was an active of Trivandrum. After graduating from college of Veterinary and Animal Science, Mannuthy, took his Master's Degree in Preventive Medicine from Madras Veterinary

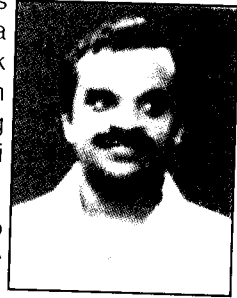


College in the year 1971. He is survived by wife Smt. Supriya s. Singh, retired Professor of S.N. College, Chempa zhanthy, daughter Vindhya, Lecturer at Kolkatta and son Vinjit, employed in LIC of India.

Dr. C.M. SUSEELA passed away on 12-11-05. She was working as assistant Project Officer, Disease Free Zone, Punalur, Kollam and belongs to 1977 batch of COVAS, Mannuthy. She is survived by her husband Dr. P.C. Prakash, SVS, VH, Punalur and only daughter Miss Asha Prakash.



Dr. G. ROSE CHANDRAN passed away on 08-11-05. He was 52. Funeral took place on 08-11-05 at Trivandrum. He is native of Kunnukuzhy, R.C. Junction, Trivandrum and was working as Assistant Director, Central Veterinary Store, in Kozhikode for the past several years. He is survived by wife Mrs. Sandhya Rani, Professor, Ferook College, Kozhikode and son Ravi Shankar, Engineering Student and daughter Shalini studying in 9th standard.



We pray the almighty to give the bereaved families the strength to bear the loss and may the departed souls rest in peace.

STATE NEWS

Dr. Robin D Culas, President (elect) and Dr. D. Sanjay General Secretary (elect) attended the meeting for finalization of Lab user charges for the services rendered at Dept of Animal Husbandry on 30th December 2005 at Directorate.

Press release given to print media to protest the move to close down Pig farm located at Kainur, Thrissur under KLDB on 2nd January 2005. Representation given to Hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister for Animal Husbandry to desist from any move to close down farms Kainur Pig farm in particular.

Press release was also given on 4th January to print media to appreciating the decision by the Government to start 23 new Veterinary Dispensaries (making the state unique in the

country having a institution rendering Veterinary Health care manned by a Registered Veterinary practitioner in all the Panchayats) . Letters were given to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Minister for Animal Husbandry, Finance Minister, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Secretary to Govt (AH & DD) appreciating the implementation of the decision to start 23 new Veterinary Dispensaries.

IVA President inaugurated the District Convention of Thrissur and addressed the gathering on 6th January.

On 7th January Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala, President and General Secretary attended the meeting convened by Secretary to Govt (AH & DD) on the steps taken by the Govt to tackle the threat of possible outbreak of Avian Influenza. The meeting was attended by Director of Health Services, Director of Medical Education, Additional Director (Planning), Chief Disease Investigation Officer, Chief Conservator of Forest, representatives of Local Self Body, revenue department etc.

Representation was given to Minister for AH on 18th January on the issue of staff shortage at Veterinary College, Mannuthy as per the resolution passed in the Annual General Body. IVA urged the Govt to immediately intervene in the problem of acute shortage of technical staff (Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant professors). It was suggested to appoint Post graduates working in the AHD on deputation basis as Assistant Professors to carry out the teaching aspect till permanent appointments to all vacant positions are made. (or even from professional employment exchange). It was also urged to order an enquiry in to the matters of the University specially on the neglect of the Veterinary College by KAU.

Representation was given to Minister for AH on 18th January & Director of AH on 16th January , as per the resolution passed in the Annual General Body urging the Government to include Veterinary Surgeon in committee for deciding the pensionary benefits.

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Representation was given to Minister for AH on 18th January as per the resolution passed in the Annual General Body, urging the Government to speed up the process of formation of the university. It was also requested to include IVA, Kerala in any discussions aimed at taking Policy decisions and professional interest in future.

Representation was given to Minister for Forest and Secretary to Government of Forest & Wild Life Dept on 18th January as per the resolution passed in the Annual General Body, urging the Government to on the issue of anomaly in the in statutes of the Wild Life Department (in the definition of Veterinary Doctor).

As per the decision of combined executive committee meeting of the three associations held on 14-01-06 combined representation of the three association was given to Minister for AH and Director of AH requesting the Government initiate urgent steps to fill up all vacant posts of veterinarians in the Department of Animal Husbandry and another combined representation of the three association was given to Director of AH requesting to modify the circular and granting permission for conducting CVE programmes on the same day of the monthly District Level Departmental Officers conference without causing inconvenience to the departmental meeting.

DISTRICT NEWS

WAYANAD DISTRICT CONVENTION AND FAMILY GET TOGETHER Was conducted on 10.01.2006 at COVAS . Pookot. The program was well attended

by faculty members, all retired officers and field vets. DR.P.P.Balakrishnan, Dean,COVAS, inaugurated the function, and Dr.K.G.Suma, Addl .Director was the chief guest. Dr.K.S.Jayaram was honoured on superannuation by Dr.S.Prabhasuthan, the DAHO,Wayanad. Dr.P.P.Krishna Iyer ,Retd Addl Director (AH)



graced the function by donating his personal collection of Indian Veterinary Journals to the college library. The function was presided over by Dr.Shibu Simon,President and the report was presented by Dr.Jayesh.V, Secretary. Election for the new office bearers followed. The get together was given a family touch by the variety entertainments.