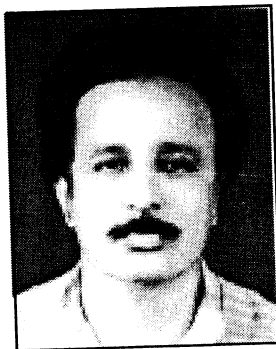


Dear Veterinarians,

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for electing me as the President of our great Association. May I use this opportunity to appeal each and everyone of you to use all your efforts to strengthen the Association. Ours is the only profession which has the unique privilege of serving the public and saving the dumb creatures as well.



With the ever increasing molestations by other Governmental, Quasi-Governmental, and non-Governmental agencies coupled with political interventions the importance of 'pure veterinary science', the foundation on which the towers of achievements are built is sidelined. Our achievements are great, yet we have to go a long way in the fields of diagnosis, treatment and control of diseases.

What we now witness, is the agencies constituted for milk marketing and related activities claiming the credit of

all our dedicated efforts in the last four decades. Para veterinarians, quacks, milk society people, and even milkmen claim themselves as veterinary practitioners. Now that, our long cherished dream of formation of Kerala State Veterinary Council is in the parturition stage (Is it not a case of dystocia?) we have to raise our voice, use all our might and influence to fight against this parasitic infestation, to keep our profession healthy.

I also appeal to all the members of the Veterinary Council elected or nominated to guard our right to practise veterinary medicine. Let no political pressure sabotage the very purpose to which the Council is constituted.

The farmers respect us for our professional expertise in saving the lives of their valued stock and not for our extension skills. So let us go ahead with our programmes to improve the quality of our profession.

Thanking you
with warm regards

Dr. G. Gopalakrishnan
President

Dear friends,

First of all I thank each and every one of you for the confidence conferred upon me by electing me as the General Secretary of this great organisation. I assure you that I will do my level best for fulfilling your confidence.

As far as the activities this year are concerned we have conducted two State level functions. The first one was that convened at Veterinarian's Building in connection with world zoonoses day on July 6th. Minister for Animal Husbandry, Sri. E. Chandrasekharan Nair inaugurated the meeting. He assured that top priority will be given to Animal Husbandry sector in all means. The second one was the state level seminar on "Rabies" conducted in connection with inauguration of "Operation Zero Rabies" project at Thaliparamba in Kannur. Veterinarians from almost all the districts attended these functions.

We met the Minister for Animal Husbandry and Minister for Finance along with the office bearers of our service associations. In these official discussions we mainly demanded for the development of our sector. Director of Animal Husbandry Dr. P. P. Vava invited the office bearers of the three associations officially three times this year. In these meetings he lent a keen ear to the suggestions of the associations. We are grateful to him.

We have started the work of "Veterinarians' Diary 97", and it will be circulated in the annual convention. The official organ of I.V.A will reach your hands within no time with changed face and improved quality. You can expect only one issue of the publication this year.

Rabies eradication programme started in 1990 was a programme which gave maximum public appreciation to the association. It is still going on in full swing.

A state level seminar on "Hygienic meat production and marketing" was held at Municipal Town Hall, Alappuzha, for veterinarians and heads of local bodies. Minister for Animal Husbandry, Sri. E. Chandrasekharan Nair inaugurated this function. We have planned to conduct the inau-

guration of "Continuing Veterinary Education" programme at Trichur this month. There will be a Seminar on "Creative Journalism" at Kozhikode in November.

The district conventions have to be conducted in the first and second weeks of November. Our State Convention is fixed at Trichur on 27th, 28th and 29th of December 1996. The different committees for the convention are already formed and started functioning.

Myself and the President have attended the district general body meetings of almost all southern and central districts. We wish to visit the rest of the districts next month.

I appeal to all the district office bearers to intensify the district level activities. Convene as much as functions which can fetch public relations to our Association. Also conduct functions like family get together which can make better individual relations between veterinarians and family members.

As far as the district level activities are concerned Idukki district has conducted a well arranged family get together at Mattupetty. Kannur district is active with their "Operation Zero Rabies" programme and also they are in forefront in the subscription collection also. Trichur district unit arranged a reception meeting to Sri. V.K. Rajan, Minister for Agriculture and Sri. Radhakrishnan, Minister for Scheduled castes and Scheduled tribes. Congratulations to those district office bearers for the good work done by them. I especially congratulate the Trichur district unit for taking the great task of annual convention with confidence.

We conducted 5 State executive committee meetings till now. The attendance in the executive committee meetings were quite satisfactory.

I request the co-operation of each and every veterinarians in the state for making our programmes successful.

Thanking you

Dr. P.G. Joy
(General Secretary)

