

Veterinarians' Convention '99

'Quilon Vets' are hosting Veterinarians' Convention '99. This event is scheduled to be held on 30th and 31st of December '99 and 1st of January 2000 at Kollam. The Organizing Committee plans to have a scientific session and a national seminar on the first day, followed by business sessions of the three organizations, viz. Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala Veterinary Surgeons' Service Association, and Animal Husbandry Officers' Association on the second day, and valedictory function



Dr. P P Vava, Director of Animal Husbandry lighting the "Nilavilakku" As a mark of inauguration of the Office of the Organizing Committee. Also seen in the picture are (from Left) Dr Oommen P Raj Dr Brahmanadan (District Animal Husbandry Officer), Dr. K. Krishna Pillai and Dr. Jamaludeen (President, KVSSA)

on the third day. Arrangements are being made for various cultural events and sight seeing trips for the delegates. A souvenir is also planned to be brought out in connection with the event. The Souvenir Committee solicits the support of all the veterinarians of Kerala through collection of advertisements. To this enough Tariff Cards were already sent to each veterinarian. A lot of prizes including Multimedia Computer, CD Player and Walkman Stereosets are awaiting them.

Being the last Convention of this millennium and the first of the next millennium, the Organizing Committee expects a congregation of all the veterinarians of Kerala. They are visualizing this convention as a meeting place for the family members, an arena of entertainment, a shopping



Dr. P P Vava opening the new office. Also seen in the picture are (from Left) Dr. K G Unnithan, Dr. S Salim and Dr. Ahmed Kunju

mall, a platform to air out ideas and a leisure house.

The office of the Organizing Committee of the Convention at the District Veterinary Centre Campus was inaugurated by Dr. P P Vava, Director of Animal Husbandry at a



Members in front of the newly inaugurated office.

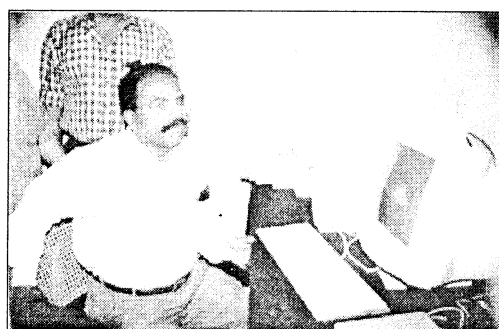


glittering ceremony at 3:00 p m on Tuesday, the 5th of October 1999. Dr. B Aravind (District Secretary, IVA) welcomed the gathering. Dr. Brahmanandan (Chairman, Organizing Committee) presided over the function. Dr. Jamaludeen (President, KVSSA), Dr. Ahmed



A View of the audience

Kunju (Retd. Asst. Director & Chairman, Food Committee) and Dr. K G Unnithan (Retd. Joint Director & Vice Patron) offered felicitations. Dr. S Salim (District President, AHOAK) and Dr. N Krishna Pillai (Retd. Asst. Director & Chairman, Finance Committee) were present

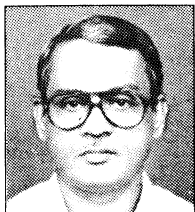


Fully computerized office of the Organizing Committee.

at the dais. Dr. George Varghese (District Secretary, KVSSA) proposed the vote of thanks.

The Organizing Committee cordially welcomes you with family to this great function. Please keep those days free.

Signposts



Dr. N R Unnithan

Dr N R Unnithan appointed as the Managing Director of K L D Board. He graduated from College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy. He had been trained overseas. Before assuming charge in the present post, he was the General Manager of KLD Board.

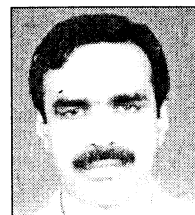
Dr K P Sreekumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology and Bio Chemistry, Veterinary College, Thrissur, left for Fiji on 30th June to join the South Pacific University as Lecturer.

Dr S Manumohan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pathology, Veterinary College, Thrissur enrolls University of Kentucky, USA for Ph.D. in Veterinary Pathology.



Dr. C T Chacko

Dr C T Chacko, Managing Director, KLD Board retired on 30th June 1999. A graduate (1962-66) of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy, Dr C T Chacko had his post graduation (1973-75) with first rank in Animal Nutrition and Dairy Technology from the same college. He took M Sc (1979-80) in Animal Breeding and Livestock Production from University of Edinburgh. He started his career as Veterinary Surgeon in the Department of Animal Husbandry and joined the Indo Swiss project later. He was concentrating on the cattle breeding and progeny testing programme of the KLD Board and later rose to the level of Managing Director. He acted as member of various committees of the Government of Kerala, Kerala Agricultural University, and Government of India, on Livestock Breeding, and Development. He was instrumental in formulating the present breeding policy of Kerala. He is a renowned consultant and trainer in the area of Breeding and Development of cattle and his services were utilized by Governments of Tamilnadu, Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, and Orissa. His contributions to the evolution and development of "Sunandini", starting of a pig breeding centre and modernization of the KLD Board with the MIS are well acknowledged.



Dr. N Mohanan

Dr. N Mohanan (Kozhikkode) was co-opted to the National Executive Council of Indian Veterinary Association as a member, at the

National Convention of Indian Veterinary Association held at Chennai. He was the General Convener of the Organizing Committee of the Veterinarians' Convention held at Kozhikkode in 1998. He is an active member of the Junior Chamber of India and held several positions in the movement.

Dr. P N Ramachandran Nair, Senior Scientist at University of Zurich, Switzerland has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the University of Umea, Sweden in October 1998 for his contributions to Oral Medicine.



Dr. P N Ramachandran Nair

Dr. Ramachandran Nair was a first rank and gold-medallist graduate from the Kerala Veterinary College & Research Institute, Mannuthy, Thrissur (1966), a recipient of a Doctorate Degree from the University of Zurich, Switzerland (1973) and a Post Doctoral Scholar from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada (1976-77). Dr. Ramachandran Nair authored over 65 publications. He has given over 80 lectures in 16 countries. He is the President of the Swiss Society of Endodontology. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Connecticut, USA and a Visiting Professor at the SDM Dental College, Dharwad, Kamataka.

DR. T SHIRAS KHAN

Dr. T Shiras Khan received the 1998 Kerala State Award for the best Television Critic. His article "TV Paramparayile Sthree- Bimbavum Prathyaya sasthanvum" that appeared in Mathrubhumi Weekly in December 1997 fetched him this award. Earlier he was awarded with "Nana Mini Screen Award" for the best Tele Documentary Film director, and "Film critics award" for the best Film Critic. Dr. Shiraz Khan is a graduate of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy, Thrissur.



Dr. T. Shiras Khan

Obituary



SRI N MOHANAN

Sri N Mohanan died in the night of October 2nd and we lost a great friend and a well-wisher. It was Dr. S Hareendran who paved the way for this unforgettable relationship between us and Sri.Mohanan. He acted in the roles of advisor, mentor, mediator and advocate for us.

He earned his reputation as a noted litterateur through a very small number of short stories. He started writing stories in the sixties and then suddenly disappeared for another two decades. Again in the nineties he came back with stories with the unique Mohanan touch. His stories as "Ninte Katha (Enteyum)", "Miss Mary Theresa Paul", "Kochu Thirumeni", "Poojakkedukthatha Pookkal" will be remembered reflected

forever for their humanist touch and they Mohanan's love for the mankind. He has only two novels to his credit-"Innalethe Mazha' and "Orikkal". Like his illustrious mother late Smt Lalithambika Antharjanam, Sri Mohanan too found a place in the world of Malayalam literature.

Sri Mohanan was the Director of Cultural Relations. His second spell of story writing started some ten years after his retirement.

His last public function was at Veli on 26th September. And that function was organized by IVA. In spite of his illness that led to his death,

he attended the function, presented his paper and acted as the Course Director of the two day workshop on "Development Communication". The last article written by him was for us. On many complex situations, Sri Mohanan came to our rescue. We can never forget this great personality, a reincarnation of love, humour, empathy and compassion. Our profession is greatly indebted to him. May his soul rest in peace.

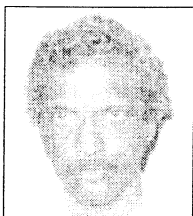


Dr. Jolly Bernard

Dr. Jolly Bernard (27) died of cardiac arrest on 24th July 1999 at Kavanad, Kollam. Dr. Jolly was a student of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy. She entered the Government Service on 21st June 1999 and was working as Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Hospital, South Chengalam, Kottayam District. Even before entering service, she was closely associating with the extension activities of the Department of Animal Husbandry implemented through the District Veterinary Centre, Kollam. A lovable and friendly kid, she was too young to die. May her soul rest in peace.

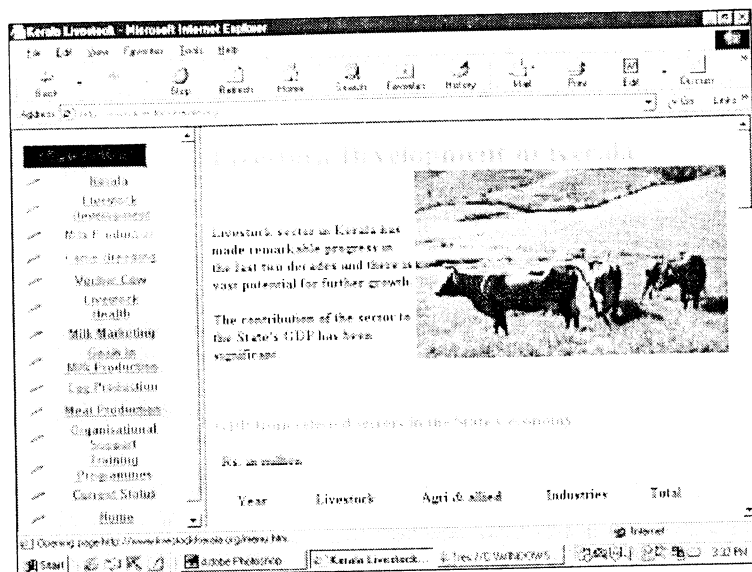
Dr R Rajasekharan Nair (53) died of cardiac arrest at Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram. He was a (1966-67 batch) graduate of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy. During his almost entire career with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dr Rajasekharan Nair worked in institutions as Jersey Farm Vithura, Livestock Farm Kodappanakkunnu, and Pig Farm Parassala. He was the man who nurtured the Parassala Pig Farm to this stature. He was working as Deputy Director (Veterinary) at the Directorate of Animal Husbandry at the time of hospitalization. He is survived by wife and four children. Dr Rajasekharan Nair was well known for his sincerity, dedication and commitment to the profession. We deeply mourn his untimely departure.

Dr. R Balakrishnan (49) died of heart ailments at Chengannur on 6th May 1999. A student (1967 batch) of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy, Dr. Balakrishnan started his professional career with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Kerala. He worked at various veterinary hospitals at Uduma, and Kaippattur, Biological Institute Palode, Avian Diseases Diagnostic Laboratory Thiruvalla, Central Hatchery Chengannur and ICD Project Kozhikkode. He is survived by wife, one son and one daughter. Dr. Balakrishnan was a great friend to many, a helping hand to others and will be fondly remembered by all. We mourn his sudden demise.



Dr. R. Balakrishnan

Web Watch



The Web Site (www.livestockkerala.org) promoted by KLD Board is informative. It is intended to give the viewers an overall perspective on the livestock sector in Kerala. There are eleven sections as Livestock Development, Livestock Health, Milk Production, Milk Marketing, Goals in Milk Production, Egg Production, Meat Production, Organizational Support, and Current Status.

The opening page on Kerala gives us details on the State of Kerala as area, population, per capita income, land holdings, and livestock census. The first session on Livestock Development shows the details on the GDP from selected sectors in the state's economy and throws light into the Management Information System developed by the Board. The situations hostile to the commercial dairying in Kerala and the growth in milk production are neatly described in the second chapter. Under the title Cattle Breeding, the programmes implemented since 1952 are described. This includes the details on Key Village Schemes, Indo Swiss Project (1963), and development of Sunandini (1978). History of Indo Swiss Project, its aims, production of frozen semen, percentage of cross bred cattle etc. were presented in detail.

It gives us some interesting facts as the decrease in adult male cattle population-Adult male cattle decreased to a bottom level in Kerala. At national level it dipped from 57

% (1966) to 53 % (1995) and in Kerala it is from 32% (1966) to 8% (1995). Similarly a page is set apart for Vechur cows and narrates the efforts to preserve this indigenous breed, and its specialities. Another interesting fact is the details on the cattle feed requirements of Kerala.

Kamadhenu Insurance scheme finds a place in the pages and even the minute details are described. Special Livestock Breeding Programme (SLBP) is also highlighted. Almost the full text of the cattle breeding policy of Kerala is available. Another fact worth mentioning is a graph showing the area and percentage of operation of the different agencies functioning in the animal husbandry sector.

Photographs and charts are used sparingly. And one photograph shown under the title Kerala is a scenic beauty of an exotic site. Many areas as piggery development, growth and development of the department of Animal Husbandry, functioning of other agencies, their contact addresses etc. are left out. Links could have been made use of for this.

But for these shortfalls, this site is extremely useful to those in search of the details on the animal husbandry activities of Kerala. The site was designed by Dr C N R Nair and is maintained by CDIT.

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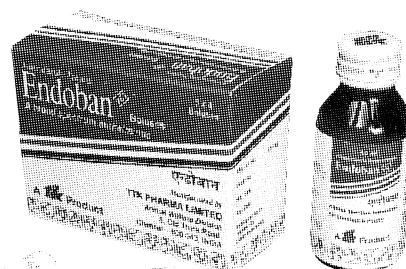
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