

Activities of District Units

Palakkad

On 6th February '99, a National seminar was conducted on "Problems and Prospects for control of Foot and Mouth Disease in Kerala" at Hotel Rajadhani, Palakkad. Experts from NDDB Ooty, IVRI Bangalore, Indian Immunologicals Hyderabad, Veterinary College Thrissur presented papers. 103 Veterinarians from different districts participated. A compendium on the scientific papers was printed and distributed.

Dr. K. M. Ramachandran, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, Veterinary College, Thrissur conducted a class on "Vetero-legal autopsy" on 2nd March 1999 for the veterinarians of the district at Hotel Indraprastha. There was a participation of 83 veterinarians at the class. A booklet on vetero legal autopsy procedure was printed and distributed.

A seminar on examination for fitness, selection, general principles of treatment of elephants and statutory obligations in the issue of health certificates was held on 6th April '99 at Hotel Indraprastha. Experts in the field of elephant management and therapy took classes. A booklet on 'Notes on management of elephants' was printed and distributed among the members.

A survey on "Sterility problems in Cattle" is going on at present in twenty panchayats of Palakkad Districts. Veterinarians are collecting details very systematically, and the survey is expected to be completed by September '99. A national seminar is planned during October '99 as part of this programme.

The District Unit wished a safe passage to Dr. George Varghese, former President of IVA on the eve of his journey to United State. Dr. M. C. Kuruvilla, Joint Director (RP) was felicitated at a farewell party attended by all the veterinarians of the District.

Dr. K. Vinod Kumar, Secretary

ERNAKULAM

Dr. Aravinda Ghosh, Professor, Dept. of Ob. & Gynaecology, Veterinary College, Thrissur presented a paper on 'Management

of Infertility in Domestic animals" at the CME session of the District Unit on 2nd March.

The District Unit arranged farewell parties in honour of Dr. P. G. Sarada (Addl. Director), Dr. M. V. Sebastian (Sr. Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Poly Clinic, Aluva), Dr. Alex M. Chacko (Dy. Director), and Dr. K. P. Subhash (Project Officer, ICDP, Aluva) on their retirement from service of the Department of Animal Husbandry.

Members of the district felicitated Dr. W. J. Cherian, Dr. E. I. Issac, Dr. George Mathew and Dr. M. S. Nair on their promotion to the cadre of Deputy Directors. Dr. P. V. Mathew, Sr. Veterinary Surgeon, Kottappady took over as the President of the District Unit since Dr. E. I. Issac, President left the district on official transfer.

Dr. Paul T. Kunnath, Secretary

KASARAGOD

The District Unit, in association with the District Panchayat and Department of Animal Husbandry launched a unique programme of immunizing all the field officers against rabies. Three doses of the vaccine 'Rabipur' have already been given to the officers and the booster dose is scheduled to be administered after one year. This scheme was formally inaugurated by the District Panchayat on 17th May 1999.

Dr. V. Sreenivasan, President

IDUKKI

The activities of the District Unit for the



Inauguration of Association activities for the year 1999 by Dr. P. K. Chandrasekhara Pillai, retd. Additional Director of AHD standing from left to right are Dr. Biju J. Chemparathy Secretary IVA Idukki, Dr. G. S. Madhu, Dr. P. V. Mathew President IVA Idukki, Dr. Joseph E. Mathew and Dr. P. Biju

current year was formally inaugurated by Dr P K Chandrasekhara Pillai, Rtd.Addl.Director, Dept.of Animal Husbandry on 2nd February 1999. A class on management of office,official correspondence,and record keeping was arranged to the advantage of the field officers. Mr. A V Joseph handled the session.

The inauguration of the District Veterinary Centre on 11th May was made a glittering ceremony with the active participation of the members of the District Unit. Dr N K Jayasooran, Deputy Director was accorded a grand farewell on 5th June on the occasion of his transfer to Thiruvananthapuram on promotion.

On 27th June,the District Unit arranged a scientific session as part of the CVE. Dr V C Alex, Head,Department of Clinical Medicine,Veterinary College, Thrissur presented "Latest trends in the treatment of production diseases and fluid therapy" and Dr Aravinda Ghosh, Professor, Dept. of Obg. and Gynaecology took a class on "Female infertility, hormonal therapy and common infertility problems".

Mr.M A S Menon, International trainer, Indian Junior Chamber, presented a class on "Personal relations and Communication skills". This session was well attended and the District Unit decided to conduct more classes on related areas of self development. A class on "Recent advances in Veterinary Parasitology and Entomology" was conducted on 3rd August. Dr K Rajamohanam ,former Head, Department of Parasitology, Veterinary College, Thrissur handled the session.

Dr Biju J Chemparathy, Secretary

KOZHIKKODE

Public speaking, non verbal communication, body language etc. were the thrust areas of the session conducted by Sri. George, National Trainer of Indian Junior Chamber. This three hour long class was held on 3rd February to the advantage of the members of the district unit.

'REIKI' an alternative system of medicine in vogue, was presented to a forum of the vets of the district by Dr Geesha C Haven,



Sri Anisur Rehman, Minister for Animal Resources Development, Government of West Bengal, received by Dr. P.K. Muhsin and Dr. N. Mohanan at the Airport



Dr. K. Udayavarman, President, IVA Kerala speaking at the first Meeting of the National Executive Council of IVA at Kozhikkode. Seated from left to right are Dr. Sharma, President, IVA, Smt Premajam MP, Dr. Kashyap, Secretary General IVA, and Dr. N Mohanan

Professor, dept. of Community Medicine, Medical College, Kozhikkode on 5th April. He highlighted the need for a holistic approach towards treating human beings and animals, besides describing the nature and practice of REIKY.

Hosted the first meeting of the National Council of IVA. Smt Premajam inaugurated the session.

Mr. Anisur Rahman,Minister for Animal Resources Development, Government of West Bengal was accorded a warm welcome by the members of the district unit at Calicut Airport on 2nd July. The members had a long chat with the minister in the evening.

Dr. Anil Kumar Nair, Secretary

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

'Veterinarians' Internet and Computer Education (VICE)', a novel venture of vets of the district for networking professional brotherhood through dissemination of



Dr. TH Rasool, Senior Scientist, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio Technology, Thiruvananthapuram talking on the "Recent Trends in Animal Bio Technology at the CVE programme.

knowledge in Computers, was launched on 30th January. Dr Achut Sanker S Nair, Lecturer, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kerala was the Course Director. The members received hands on experience on operating systems, office suites, World Wide Web, and E-mail.

A good number of retired and senior veterinarians of the district met at the Veterinarians' Building on 11th February to form a "Senior Vets Forum". The ad hoc committee constituted under the chairmanship of Dr M P Nair, had already made the necessary groundwork to facilitate this important meet. The forum then elected Dr George Varghese as its President for 1999.

The district unit arranged get togethers and parties in honour of Dr P G Sarada (Addl. Director), Dr K John (Dy. Director), Dr K P Jacob (Dist. AH Officer), Dr S Yohannan (Dy. Director, SLBP) Dr T T Titus (Dy. Director), and Dr D P Jayanandan (Asst. Director) on their retirement from government service.

As part of Continuing Veterinary Education (CVE), a class on "Veterinary Bio Technology" was held on 7th August. Dr TH Rasool, Senior Scientist, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio Technology handled this session. Discussions were held on cloning, and prospects of bio technology in the diagnosis and prophylaxis of animal diseases.

Dr Manjunath, Secretary

THRISSUR

Dr K Girisan, received the '1998-Best Veterinarian' award at the annual meeting of the members of the district on 7th March. On behalf of the Veterinary Dispensary, Kottanellur, Dr V B Ajithan received the 'Best Veterinary Institution' award.

The meeting of the members of the district honoured the following members who retire

from service on super annuation.

Dr K Rajamohan, Director of Extension, Kerala Agricultural University

Dr K Prabhakaran Nair, Professor and Head, Dept. of Animal Reproduction, Veterinary College

Dr S Ravindran Nair, Professor, Dept. of Surgery, Veterinary College

Dr K Madhavan Pillai, Professor, Dept. of Parasitology, Veterinary College

Dr P S Pushkaran, Director of Extension, KAU

Dr K P Surendranathan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Physiology and Biochemistry

Dr A K K Unni, Director, Centre of Excellence in Poultry Science, KAU

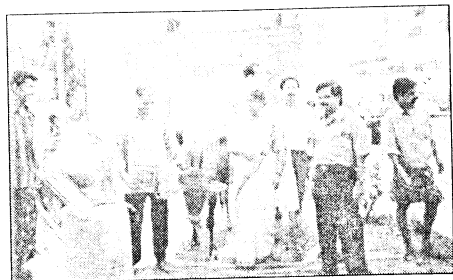
Dr T K Jose, Managing Director, Kerala Feeds, Kallettunkara

Dr A M C Menon, Veterinary Surgeon, Choondal

The Indian Veterinary Association, Thrissur Unit has purchased an office space of 620 sq.ft. at Kalliath Royal Square, a well decorated mansion, located on Palace Road. The inauguration of the proud possession is scheduled to be held shortly. Thanks to the members and well-wishers.

The District unit has hosted a state level workshop on "Control of Foot and Mouth disease" in association with the Kerala Agricultural University on 14th August at College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences. Dr Syamasundaran Nair, Vice Chancellor, K A U inaugurated the function. Dr S Sulochana, Dr M R Saseendranathan, Dr G Sudevan, Dr Rajkamal and Dr K T Punnoose led the various discussion groups. The outcome of the session will be brought out in print.

Mukundapuram Taluk Unit is functioning exceptionally excellent. It meets every second Saturday. The Taluk Unit organised a pet and dog show on 24th January in association with Lions Club, Chalakkudy. Another grand programme-"Anamala Pet Show" was organized by the Taluk Unit on 7th February 1999. A 'Mrigasamrakshana Mela' - 'Vetcare '99' was organised on 2nd May with the help of Chalakkudy Town Rotaract Club.



Prof. Savithri Lekshmanan MLA inaugurated the Cattle Show organized by Mukundapuram Taluk Unit

Smt. Savithri Lekshmanan, M L A distributed prizes. Dr P O George and Dr N M Aliyas led a discussion on "Acid Indigestion" on 10th May. The unit organised a clinical session on 'Clinical Conditions with CNS manifestations' on 12th June. Dr P K Naveen led the

discussions. On 17th July, a clinical session was arranged and the topic of discussion was 'Manifestations and Treatment of Mastitis' followed by another one on "Surgical conditions affecting mammary gland" on 14th

August. The Taluk Unit recently decided to promote a 'Veterinarians' Club' at Chalakkudy. The Mukundapuram Taluk Unit is providing strong support to the activities of the District Unit besides conducting regular programmes to the advantage of its

members. Hats off to the Taluk President Dr Mohan Joseph and Secretary Dr M A Mathews.

Dr K D John Martin, Secretary

WAYANAD

Dr K Udayavarman, State President inaugurated the activities of the district unit on 3rd February at P P S Auditorium. The members of the district unit actively associated with the conduct of the Cattle Show and 'Karshakasangamam' held on 8th February at Kavumadom. Our members met the Presidents of the various levels of Panchayats and presented the problems faced by the veterinarians and sought their support to the moves to get the grievances redressed.

The ill treatment of animals at Pookkod Dairy Farm was raised at the meeting of the district unit. A committee was formed to study the allegations against the Dairy Farm. The committee submitted its report on 20th May and the members decided to present the report to the District Collector and the

Managing Director of Pookkott Dairy Project. The District has started preparations to complete the last year's project of bringing out a 'Farmers' Guide'.

Dr V R Thara, Secretary

KOLLAM DISTRICT

Two Family Get-togethers were held under the auspices of the district unit, the first one at Guest House, Kollam on 13th February and the other at Rotary Hall on 16th May. A good number of veterinarians, their spouses and kids actively participated in the events.

A software was developed by the district unit for the fixation of pay in different revised scales following the Pay Revision orders and was utilized by almost all the vets. A class on Home/Personal computers, Electronic mail, World wide web, Internet, and Children's educational software was conducted by Dr P Balachandran on 20th February at RAIC Hall, Kottiyam. The members received hands on experience on computers and web browsing.

On 8th May, a seminar on 'Tranquillization of Wild Animals' was held at Rotary Hall, Thevally. This was followed by another session on 'Arms and Ammunition' handled by Mr. Reghunathan of Venus Armoury, Kollam. The district unit arranged farewell parties in honour of Dr John, Dr Thomas Philip and Dr K Sukumaran Nair who retired from service on superannuation. The members felicitated Dr Abdul Kahar Kunju and Dr Thomas Kurien who were recently promoted as Deputy Directors. All the members mourned the untimely death of Dr Ms. Molly and participated in the funeral rites. The district unit also condoled the demises of Dr Balakrishnan and Dr Rajasekharan Nair.

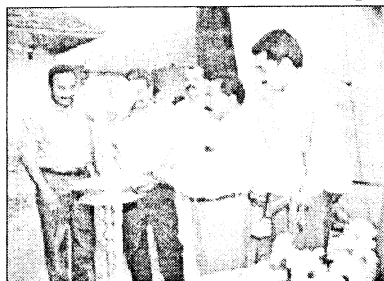
An organizing committee was constituted with Dr Brahmanandan, District Animal Husbandry Officer as Chairman and Dr P Balachandran as General Convenor for the successful conduct of "Veterinarians' Convention '99". All the members of the district unit are members of various sub committees.

Dr B Aravind, Secretary



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 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



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



Members in front of the newly inaugurated office.

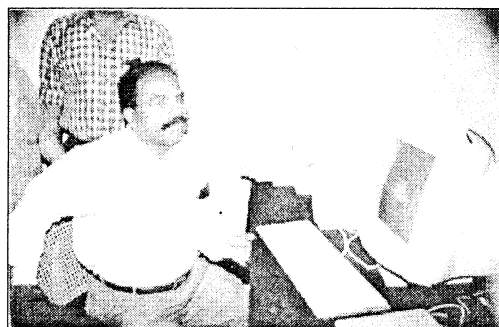


glittering ceremony at 3:00 p m on Tuesday, the 5th of October 1999. Dr. B Aravind (District Secretary, IVA) welcomed the gathering. Dr. Brahmanandan (Chairman, Organizing Committee) presided over the function. Dr. Jamaludeen (President, KVSSA), Dr. Ahmed



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.