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Activities

(January to March 2000)

IVA Media Awards presented

The awards for the persons and organizations who made significant contributions to further the cause of Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare were presented at a glitter-



Hon'ble Minister E. Chandrasekharan Nair addressing at Journalism Award distribution ceremony.

ing ceremony on 17th January 2000 at the Veterinarians' Building, Thiruvananthapuram. Sri T N Gopakumar (Asianet) received the award from Sri E Chandrasekharan Nair Nair, Hon. Minister for Animal Husbandry. Dr N Ajayan, Assistant Director, Directorate of Animal Husbandry, was presented with the N Mohanan Award for his consistent and significant contributions for the past twenty five years. This award was instituted by IVA Kerala in memory of its great friend and noted litterateur late Sri N Mohanan. Dr K Udayavarman presided over the function. Dr L Ravikumar welcomed the gathering.

New Office bearers sworn in

Dr K P Jacob, the noted organizational activist installed the new State President Dr P Balachandran and General secretary Dr N Mohanan at a simple function held at Veterinarians' Building, Thiruvananthapuram on 17 January 2000. the function was well

attended by the members of the Central Council, District and Taluk Units. the new office bearers lauded the exemplary work of the outgoing office bearers and thanked them on behalf of the organization.

Leadership Development Programme

The first seminar under 'Project ID' was held on Sunday the 30th of January 2000 at the Senate Hall of Casino Hotel, Thrissur. the renowned international HRD Trainer Jc M A S Menon steered the session. Thirty five of-



Sri. M.A.S. Menon, International HRD Trainer receiving memento from District President Dr. Job during the Leadership Development Seminar under Project ID.

fice bearers of the organization attended the function.

President addressed the Dharna of Veterinary graduates

The state President addressed a group of veterinary graduates who staged a Dharna before the Kerala State Veterinary Council to bring the issue of non Keralites obtaining bogus residential certificates for gaining employment. the President informed the group on the efforts of IVA in the past years towards this cause and offered all support in the days to come. had the group sought the help or even informed the organization a little earlier, this Dharna could have been made into a grand form of agitation and drawn the attention of the media and authorities.

IVA Technical Cell submits Report on F&M Disease

The Technical cell of IVA after many interactive sessions and studies finally submitted its report on F & M Disease in Kerala on 20th February. This comprehensive report will be reviewed by the State President and

the opinion of the Presidents of AHOAK and KVSSA will be taken into consideration before finalizing the report. It will be presented to the Government to draft the action plan to curb the incidence of F&M disease outbreak in the State.

Women's Wing of IVA inaugurated

A long cherished dream of the Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala was fulfilled when the noted litterateur Smt P Valsala lit



Smt. P. Valsala presenting memento to Dr. Sosamma Iype, Abilya Mata Jeev Daya Mandal Trust Award winner in connection with the inauguration of Womens Wing. Dr. Salahudbeen, Dr. P. Balachandran and Dr. Aysba Gubaraj are also seen

the traditional Nilavilakku at a gala function held at Calicut Towers on 8th March 2000. Dr Aysha Guharaj, Retired Director of Medical Education and guest of honour



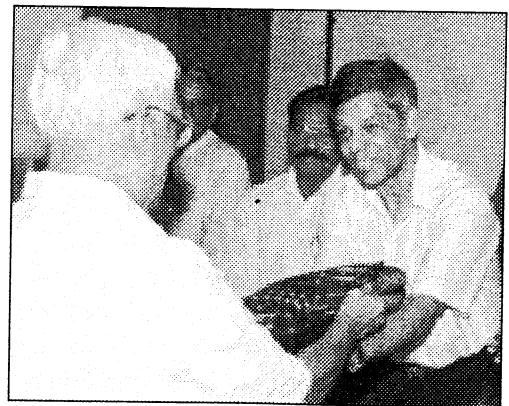
The audience

addressed the gathering and wished the new outfit of IVA every success. Dr Sosamma Iype in her key note address relived her experiences as a woman scientist.

Dr P Balachandran, State President chaired the function. Dr N Mohanan, General Secretary welcomed the gathering. Dr K G Suma, Dr Suresh T Oranadi, Dr Sheela, Dr P K Muhsn, Dr M Gangadharan Nair, Dr B Aravind, Dr John Kattakkayam, Dr A C Mohandas, and Dr Salahudeen, felicitated the function. Dr Girish Kumar and Dr Mary K Abraham presented mementoes to the guests. Dr Jancy Sreekumar, Coordinator, Women's Wing of IVA proposed the vote of thanks. Around one hundred vets, mostly women attended the function.

Felicititation to Dr P N R Nair

Dr P N R Nair an oral pathologist turned vet of Kerala who was accorded an honorary doctorate by the University of Umea, Sweden was given a warm reception by IVA, Kerala on 6th March at Hotel Highland, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr P Balachandran



Dr. P.N.R. Nair receiving memento from Dr. G. Neelakanta Pillai

presided over the meeting. Dr Madhavan Nair, Dr P P Vava, Dr G Sudevan, Dr N R Unnithan, Dr Valiathan, Dr N Mohanan, Dr K Udaya varman Dr V A Anil Kumar, Dr N O Varghese, President, Indian Dental Association, Kerala felicitated Dr P N R Nair. Dr G Neelakanta Pillai, Retired Director of Animal Husbandry presented Dr Nair with a memento as a token of love and

affection of the vets of Kerala.

News Letter for IVA Kerala

Indian Veterinary Association Kerala launched its Monthly News Letter. It was formally released by Sri Radhakrishnan

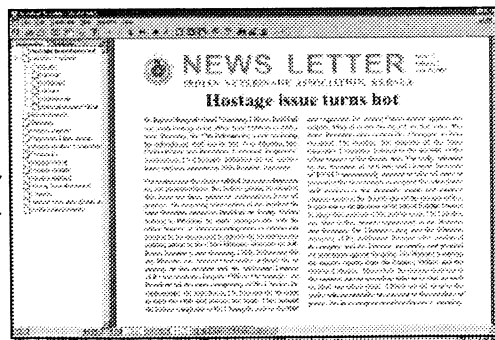


Sri. Radhakrishnan Narippatta, Chief Sub Editor, Mathrubhoomi releasing the IVA News Letter

Narippatta of Mathrubhoomi at Kozhikkode. He accepted the first copy of the News Letter from Dr P K Muhsin, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Kozhikkode.

Internet Edition of IVA News Letter

Keralite Veterinarian having access to Internet started receiving the electronic version of our News Letter. Responses from the recipients of the first issue were encoura-



ging. Taking the cue, we have re designed the electronic version with professional help of Feroze Babu of Alfa Channel, Kochi. We have included the graphics too in the second issue. The viewers can scroll through the index before reading the news and reports. Probably, we will be the only professional group in Kerala to launch an Internet News Letter.

Service Zone

We submitted the following memorandums to the Government

1. To grant permission to Local Bodies to purchase veterinary medicines for their institutions. (At present, this is prevented by the Director of Animal Husbandry vide Circular No.D5.15457/98 dated 26.10.98)
2. To depute veterinarians for post graduate courses and to take steps to earmark seats in Veterinary Colleges in Kerala for those in Government service.
3. To initiate the process of election to the State Veterinary Council (The term of the present Council expired in December 1999)

District Activities

Palakkad

The first meeting of the Palakkad district unit was held on 7th January at Hotel Govardhan, Malampuzha. A grand family get-together was also organized. Competitions for the family members were conducted. Dr U Chandraprakash and Dr Narayanan Kutty who retired from Government service were honoured at this function. Dr Rajan Chungath, the recipient of the Dr K V Ashokan Award for the Best Veterinarian was felicitated. The State President attended this function.

Wayanad

The activities of the wayanad district unit were formally launched on 19th January.



Sri. P.T. Gopalakurup (Chairman, KCMMF) inaugurating the Wynad District activities

Sri P T Gopalakurup, Chairman, MRCMPU inaugurated the function at Harthagiri Auditorium, Kalpetta. Dr N Mohanan, General Secretary, IVA Kerala also attended the meeting.

Idukki

Sri Francis George M P inaugurated the activities of the district unit at Rotary Hall, Idukki on 11th February. Sri Rajeev



Sri. Francis George M.P. inaugurating the district activities.

Pushpangadan, Chairman, Thodupuzha Municipal Council, made the Key-Note address. Dr P Balachandran, State President, IVA installed the new office bearers. Dr N Mohanan, General Secretary released the Master Plan of AH activities prepared by the District Unit. Dr Joseph Scariah, State President, AHOAK felicitated the function. Dr P V Mathew presided over the function. Representatives of IMA, IDA, Lions' Club, Junior Chamber, and Rotary Club also attended this gala function. A seminar on Cattle Insurance schemes was conducted on 21st of February for the benefit of the farmers. 64 farmers attended the session. Leaflets were prepared and distributed among the participants.

Dr Joseph E Mathew was elected new President in the place of Dr D Shinekumar who was transferred to Kollam District. On 2nd March, Dr Mathew Abraham MD, DM the well known cardiologist took a very



Idukki Vets attending Internet workshop

informative class on heart diseases and preventive measures. A training programme was arranged on 3rd March on "Laboratory aid in the diagnosis of diseases" at Clinical Laboratory, Thodupuzha. Dr K T Punnoose, Head of the Department of Microbiology, Veterinary College, Thrissur handled the session. As a prelude to the forthcoming IT programmes, the members were given an exposure to 'Internet Technology' at Aptech Computers, Thodupuzha. The General Body decided to purchase and furnish the Conference Hall of the District Animal Husbandry Office with moulded chairs, dias and lectern at an estimated cost of Rs.30000.00.

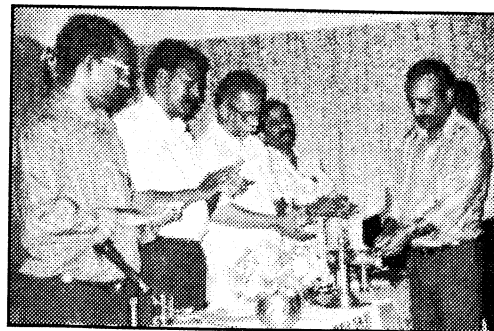
Kannur: The District Unit associated with the Lions Club in the Artificial Limb donation programme. A pet show was organized by



District Collector Sri. Jyothilal I.A.S. inaugurating the Pet show

the district unit on 4th March. This show was inaugurated by the District Collector Sri Jyothilal. There were sixty entries and a Gold Medal was awarded to the Champion of the Show.

Kottayam: The activities of the District Unit was formally inaugurated by Dr P A



Dr. P.A. Thankachan inaugurating the district activities.

Thankachan on 2 February at Vembanad Lake Resorts, Kottayam. Dr P George Thomas presided over the meeting. Dr P Balachandran (State President, IVA), Dr Joseph Scariah (State President, AHOAK), and Dr Abraham K Kurien (President, Senior Veterinarians' Forum) felicitated the function. Dr Baby Syriac, Dr Jose E Philip, Dr Gokulanathan Nair, Dr Kurien K Jacob and Dr John Kuruvilla addressed the gathering. Dr. Nandakumar, Chief Disease Investigation Office, Thiruvananthapuram took a class on 'Postmortem Techniques' on 2 February 2000.

Dr K N Gokulanathan Nair, District Animal Husbandry Officer released the quarterly "Kottayam Vets' Bulletin" by presenting a



Dr. K.C. Panicker handling the session

arians attended this programme. Dr Mohanraj, Deputy Director who retired from Government service was given a warm send off by the members on 2nd March 2000.

Thrissur : Dr. K Anil Kumar and Dr. V B Ajithan were elected as the new President and Secretary of the District Unit. The first GB was held on 4th February at Hotel Elite. A reception was arranged to honour Dr B Ashok IAS, Assistant Collector, Thrissur. Dr. K Anil Kumar presided over the meeting. Dr. Sanil G Cheeran, Dr. Muraleedharan, Dr. Lilly Job Chungath, Dr. Tony Thoppil felicitated Dr. Ashok. Dr. Gangadevi proposed the vote thanks.

Mukundapuram Taluk Unit: Mukundapuram Taluk Unit in association with CLC Chalakkudy, organized the 'Anamala Pet

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LIGHTING OF LAMP


The millennium witnessed the inauguration of I.V.A. Kottayam unit's activities at Vembanad Lake Resort. Dr. P.A. Thankachan the senior most active veterinarian of the district inaugurated the glorious event on 2nd February 2000. Dr. P. George Thomas president I.V.A. Kottayam presided over the function. Dr. P. Balachandran, president I.V.A. Kerala, Dr. Abraham K. Kurian, President Senior Veterinarians forum, Kottayam, Dr. Joseph Scaria, President A.H.O.A.K., Dr. K.N. Gokulanathan Nair District Animal Husbandry officer, Dr. Baby Cyriac District President A.H.O. A.K. Kottayam, Dr. Jose. E. Philip District Secretary K.V.S.S.A. Kottayam unit offered felicitations. Dr. Kurian K. Jacob, secretary, I.V.A. Kottayam welcomed the gathering. Dr. John Kuruvilla, Executive committee member proposed vote of thanks.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow vets,

I.V.A. aims at oneness among veterinarians and unity can be achieved only through tolerance, mutual respect and exchange of values. Let the get together at the beginning of the months cater to the need of the hour since at present disintegrating forces are strong in our midst. At the dawn of the millennium let us strengthen ourselves with a sense of tolerance and unity

Yours Sincerely
Sd/-
Dr. P. George Thomas



SCIENTIFIC SESSION

Dr. Nanda kumar M.V. Sc (path)
Presented a paper on 'Postmortem Techniques. On 2nd February 2000 at the inaugural meeting.

I.V.A. BUILDING, KOTTAYAM

The meeting on 2nd Feb 2000 discussed the need of a Veterinarians Building at Kottayam. The members agreed to contribute Rs 2000/- each. Senior Veterinarians Forum offered a sum of Rs 25,000/- as first instalment.

copy to Dr Suman P Issac on 6th March 2000 at Vembanad Lake Resort. Sri M P George, Drug Inspector has taken a class on Drugs and Cosmetics Act. He also led a discussion on the judicial use of both human and veterinary drugs.

Kollam: A work shop on 'Tranquilization of Elephants' was conducted at District veterinary Hospital, Kollam. Dr. K C Panicker handled the session. Around 50 veterin-



State President Dr. P. Balachandran giving away the Champions Trophy

Show' at Flowershow Grounds, Chalakkudy on 6th February. The show was a real crowd puller. 119 dogs of 24 varieties were presented. A number of other pets other than dogs were also exhibited. This show was inaugurated by the State President

Dr. P Balachandran, Dr. V R Mohanan, former District President distributed the prizes. Dr. V B Ajithan welcomed the gathering and Dr. Mohan Joseph proposed the vote of thanks. A class on 'Commercial Rabbitry for Rural People' was conducted by Dr. K Anil Kumar at the first GB meeting of the Taluk Unit.

Eranakulam: A class on 'Small animal orthopaedics' was conducted by Dr S Ravindran Nayar at Yamuna Hotel, Muvattupuzha. Major Dr K G R Nair, Remount and Veterinary Corps, Kerala Agricultural University shared his military and professional experiences with the members at Hotel Gaanam, Eranakulam.

Alappuzha: Conducted a seminar on "Livestock sector-problems and solutions" at Pattanakkad under the auspices of the district unit.

Malappuram: Dr K G Suma, State Vice President inaugurated the CVE programme on 2nd March. Dr K T Joseph, Retired Additional Director presented a paper on "Veterinarians and Public Relations". The General Body resolved to request the authorities to reschedule the distribution of the medicines to veterinary institutions based on the number of cases handled by them. A party was arranged on 21st March to honour Dr K V Lohithakshan, Deputy Director proceeding to Aluva as Project Officer.

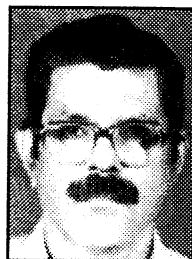
Vadakara Taluk: Conducted a Family Gettogether and a painting competition for children

Obituary



Dr Domini Scaria, Project Officer, ICDP, Kattappana (Thalachira House, Court Road, Muvattupuzha) died on 9th February 2000. Earlier he worked as the Assistant Director, District Poultry Farm, Kolany, Idukki District for four years. He was a very active member of IVA. He is survived by wife Smt Leena and children Justin and Jerrin. We

deeply mourn his death.

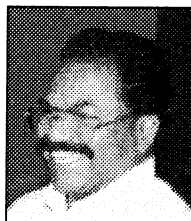


Dr T V Mathew, Assistant Director, Pig Breeding Farm, Kappadu, Kottayam (Thuruthel House, Pala) died on 20th January. He belonged to the 1968 batch of Veterinary College, Thrissur and was an active sports man during

those days. He worked in Germany also for a few years. He was also a planter and an active member of our organization. He is survived by wife Smt Sarophy Mathew and children Anu Veena Mathew, Anton Voice Mathew and Alpo Vani Mathew. We deeply mourn his death.

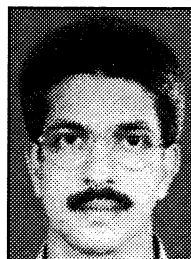
Signposts

Dr P P Vava retired



Dr P P Vava, Director of Animal Husbandry retired from service on 31st March 2000. A graduate of Veterinary College, Mannuthy, Dr P P Vava entered Government service on 27 July 1973 as Veterinary Surgeon. He worked as BDO during the period from 1985 to '90. He held the posts of District Animal Husbandry Officer of Kasargod and Thiruvananthapuram districts, Registrar of State Veterinary Council, Additional Director SLBP and Additional Director (AH) before joining as the Director of Animal Husbandry on 4th September 1995. We wish him all the best.

Dr. N Asok bags Young Scientist Award



Dr. N Asok, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anatomy, Veterinary College, Thrissur bagged the Young Scientist Award at the 12th Kerala Science Congress held at Kumily during 27th to 29th January 2000. He won this award for his paper 'Histological development and organization of adrenal cortex in crossbred

goat'. Dr. Asok graduated from COVAS, Mannuthy. He took his MVSc from Madras Veterinary College and his Ph.D from COVAS, Mannuthy. Congrats, Asok.



Dr Sosamma Iype honoured

Dr Sosamma Iype bagged the Ahilya Mata Jeev Daya Mandal Trust Award of the Indian Association for the advancement of Veterinary Research (IAAVR) in acknowledgement of outstanding research on conservation of germplasm of indigenous

(Vechur) cattle. She received the award from Sri Santhosh Gangwar, Central Minister for Science and Technology at the Indian Veterinary Congress held at Bareilly. The Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala has nominated her to this award.

She was also admitted as Fellow of the National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (India), New Delhi in recognition of her significant contributions to the veterinary sciences. Scrolls of Fellowship was presented by Hon. Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairying at the Convocation held at ITPO auditorium, Pragathi Maidan.

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a suspected diagnosis, if maximum value is to be derived from the diagnostic laboratory. The following information should be furnished.

1. Veterinarians name, address and telephone number
2. Disease suspected
3. Examination desired
4. Description of animal including species, age and sex
5. History of the case
6. Clinical signs exhibited
7. Number of animals showing clinical signs, including dates of first losses and subsequent losses
8. Mortality rate

9. Necropsy findings changes occurring during shipment may obliterate lesions

10. Type of preservative used

11. When report is urgent, request report by telephone/telegram

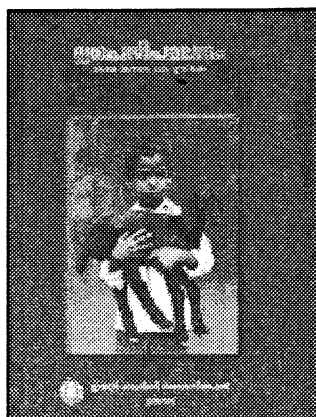
The descriptive letter should be attached to the package or included in the package, where it will not be damaged by the specimen. Address the package to the laboratory rather than to the individual to prevent unnecessary delay. Don't send fresh specimens that will arrive on a weekend or a holiday. A laboratory test is no better than the specimen and the specimen not better than the manner it was collected, preserved and transported to the laboratory.

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JIVA Special Issue on Animal Health

The next issue of JIVA (Issue.2, Vol.V) will contain the scientific papers presented at the National Workshop on Animal Health held on 6th and 7th May 2000 at Kozhikkode. The topics covered are- Clinical diagnosis of diseases of pet animals, Therapeutic management of infectious diseases in canines, Advances in diagnosis and treatment of diseases in large animals, Recent concepts in the management of fertility in farm animals, Concepts in production diseases of cattle, Parasitic diseases and treatment in large and small diseases, Modern therapeutic agents in veterinary practice, Principles of pet nutrition, Commercial Vs Traditional food in canine health, Clinical nutrition in canines, Nutrition in diseases of pets, and Nutritional requirements of dogs and cats. This issue is nominally priced at Rs.30.00.

Book Review



MRIGA PARIPALANAM

A handbook for the farmers

Chief Editor: Dr K G Suma

Indian Veterinary Association

Wayanad

Rs.100.00

The Wayanad District unit of Indian Veteri-

nary Association, Kerala has done a commendable job in bringing out a hand book on Animal Husbandry. Though intended for the use of the farmers, this book gives an insight to the veterinarian on how best one can present topics in animal husbandry to the ordinary farmer.

The prologue is on man and animals with ample reproductions of the murals and paintings of the pre historic ages. This section gives an introduction to the efforts in the animal husbandry from the early ages to the present. The topics as rearing of cattle, buffalo, goats, pigs, rabbits, poultry, quails, ducks, turkey, goose, dog, cat etc. find place in this book. Each topic elaborately discusses the practical aspects of management. For example, the chapter on cattle, covers the selection of animals, housing, fodder, feeding schedule, artificial insemination, care during pregnancy, calf rearing, diseases, prophylactic measures, etc. Sections on embryo transfer, cloning, by pass protein, milking machines etc. give the farmer an over all perspective of the developments taking place in this sector and the avenues within his reach. It even disseminates information on poisonous plants with the help of colour photographs. This book seeks to answer such questions as symptoms and mode of transmission of diseases, scientific way of milking and hygienic production of milk. The chapters on Egger and Broiler poultry farming are quite enough to answer the common queries of the farmers. One can even find the sources of supply of the chicks, vaccination schedules, common

poultry diseases etc.

Bee keeping also is discussed in detail. The life pattern of bees, reproduction, collection of honey, diseases affecting bees, training in bee keeping, financing institutions etc. are covered in this chapter. The chapter on dog rearing narrates various common breeds with photographs. Selection, feeding, housing, and training of puppies are thoroughly discussed. It also covers breeding, diseases and prophylactic vaccinations. The chapter on cats is also very useful to the readers and describes the different breeds, management, diseases etc.

It stresses on the need for insurance of animals, various schemes, premia, and compensation. The farmers are provided with information on the Extension and Training centres of Kerala Agricultural University, Departments of Animal Husbandry and Rural Development, and other non governmental agencies functioning in the field of animal husbandry. The various financing and support schemes offered by the banks and local bodies are also discussed in this book for the benefit of the farmers.

This book combines narrative delights and visual effects. Perhaps, this may be the most comprehensive, simple, and user friendly farm guide ever brought out in Malayalam. Produced in rich art paper with ample colour photographs and drawings, this hard bound volume is really a visual treat as well. The cover photograph of a tribal boy with his play mate, an Attappadi Black kid is striking. The names of the people behind the cover design and lay out, Dr. Anil Zachariah and Dr. K K Shaji need special mention.

P.B.

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