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WORLD ZOONOSSES DAY CELEBRATED

Indian Veterinary Association with the co-operation of Animal Husbandry Department celebrated July 6th as World Zoonoses Day. State level inauguration and scientific seminar were held at Kanakakkunnu palace, Trivandrum on 6th July 2001. Hon. minister

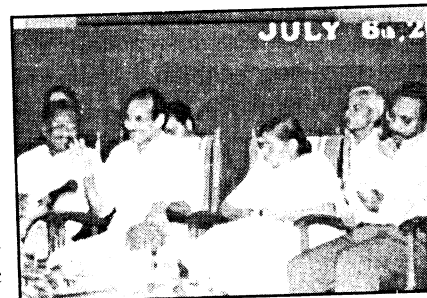


for Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Kerala Smt. K.R. Gouriamma inaugurated the function. Minister for Health Sri. P. Sankaran was the guest of hon-

our. Around 200 Veterinarians and 50 medical officers from various districts attended the function.

In the inaugural speech, minister for Animal Husbandry Smt. K. R. Gouriamma emphasised the need for controlling zoonotic diseases like leptospirosis and rabies in the state. A multi disciplinary approach with the co-operation of Departments of Animal Husbandry, Agriculture and Health services are needed in the control of epidemics. She congratulated the organisers for celebrating the World Zoonoses Day with the involvement of Health department.

In his address, minister for health, Sri. P. Sankaran assured all helps to Animal Husbandry Department in controlling the major epidemics



like leptospirosis. With the active involvement of both Departments effective research studies can be undertaken, he added. Indian Veterinary Association state president Dr. Rabekka Thomas presided over the function. She demanded urgent measures from the government to control major zoonotic diseases and added that action has to be taken against unscientific slaughterhouses in the state. Director of Health services Dr. V.K.Rajan released the JIVA special issue on



globalisation. Dr. U. B. S. Rana, Deputy Director, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, New Delhi received the first copy of



JIVA. Dr. Ramkumar (Secretary, Veterinary Council of India, New Delhi), Dr. K. V. Sukumaran (President, AHOAK) and Dr. Giridhar (Secretary KVSSA) offered felicitations. Director of Animal Husbandry Dr. G. Sudevan welcomed the gathering. In the welcome speech he explained the need for establishing a modern leptospiral diagnostic laboratory in the state. IVA General secretary Dr. A.K.Rafeek expressed vote of thanks.

A scientific seminar on Challenges in the control of leptospirosis was held. Dr. U.B.S.Rana, Deputy Director, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, New Delhi and Dr. C.K.Eapen, Chief Physician, Malankara Medical Mission Hospital, Kolanchery presented papers on leptospirosis. Dr. S. Sulochana, Retired Dean, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy was the moderator. An active discussion was held during the seminar. Indian Veterinary Association approved the suggestions made during the seminar and urged the authorities for speedy implementation.

BREEDING POLICY -

RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED

IVA State President Dr. Rabekka Thomas and General Secretary Dr. A.K. Rafeek met Govt. General Secretary Sri. Sajan Peter on 19th May 2001 and submitted the recommendations of IVA. He discussed the matter in detail and assured to incorporate the same in the forthcoming Breeding policy 2002.

FELICITATED THE VETERINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Indian veterinary association arranged a reception for the out going and newly elected members of Kerala

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level is maintained throughout the susceptible age.

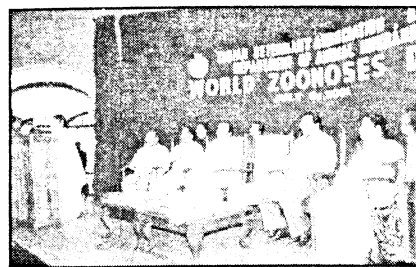
Recently, technology has been developed to deliver live vaccines into eggs during incubation i.e. at 18 days of incubation. The eggs go on to hatch and the vaccine virus is released when the chicks are about 7 days of age.

Antibody Profiling

Monitoring of antibody levels in chicks and breeder flocks can aid in determining the proper time of vaccination and to assess effectiveness of vaccination. However this do not appear to be the answer due to the prevailing farming conditions in India

Treatment

No therapeutic treatment has been found to be effective



State Veterinary Council at Veterinarians Building, Trivandrum on 12-09-01. IVA state president Dr. Rabekka Thomas presided over

the function.

KVSSA NORTH ZONE CONVENTION

Northern Regional Convention of KVSSA was held at Hotel Rajadhani auditorium, Palakkad on 16-8-2001. Hon. Speaker Govt. of Kerala Sri. Vakkom Purushothaman inaugurated the convention. Around 400 members participated.

A farmers seminar on Dairying was held on the same day. Director of Animal Husbandry Dept. Dr. G. Sudevan presented a paper on Kerala's Dairy situation. Additional Director Dr. Vijayakumar was the Moderator. KVSSA President Dr. Nazar, Gen. Secretary Dr. Giridhar, IVA President Dr. Rabekka Thomas, AHOAK President Dr. K.V. Sukumaran spoke on the occasion.

ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT TRIVANDRUM

Veterinarian's Annual Convention 2001 will be held at Trivandrum during December 2001. Organising committee office was inaugurated by Dr. Rabekka Thomas on 12-9-01 at Veterinarian's building, Trivandrum. Additional Director Dr. Udayavarman and Dr. Jayarus are the Chairman and Convenor of the organising Committee respectively.



in controlling IBDV infection and the only effect of treatment with antibiotics and vitamin supplements will be to assist the bird's resistance to secondary infection.

Conclusion

A universal control programme can not be offered because of the variability in maternal immunity, nature of virus and management conditions that exists. Some unfortunate 'breakdowns' in vaccinations do occur due to several factors discussed earlier. However, recent fundamental changes in poultry farming practices and newer trends in disease control measures give a reasonable hope that the disease will be effectively controlled.

