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Sangamom 2001 celebrated

The Annual Veterinarian's Convention "Sangamom 2001" was organized under the aegis of Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala Veterinary Surgeons' Service Association and Animal Husbandry Officers' Association, Kerala at 'Residency Tower' Thiruvananthapuram from 28th to 30th December 2001. The convention was inaugurated by Dr. G. Sudevan, Director of Animal Husbandry in a function presided over by Dr. Rebekka Thomas, President, IVA. A souvenir highlighting the significance of Prevention of cruelty to animals was released by Dr. B. Sasikumar, Managing Director, Kerala Livestock Development Board. Dr. K.G. Suma, President, K SVC, Dr. M. Sureshkumar, Managing Director, KSPDC and Dr. K.V. Sukumaran, President, AHOAK felicitated the function. Dr. A.K. Rafeek welcomed the delegates and Dr. S. Giridhar proposed the vote of thanks.

On the inaugural day of the convention, a seminar



"Role of veterinarians in animal welfare & implications of PCA act" was held, which was inaugurated by Dr. P.P. Balakrishnan,

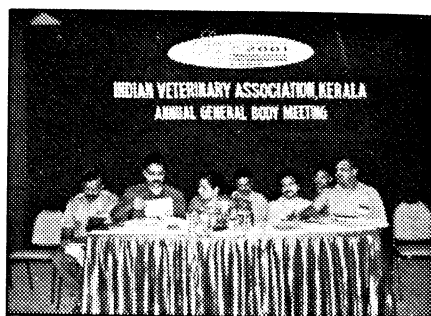
Dean i/c, COVAS, Mannuthy. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose IAS and Dr. Qadri, Consultant Animal Welfare Board was the main speaker of the seminar. Besides, various aspects relating to the cruelty to elephants in captivity was dealt in detail by Dr. K.C. Panicker and Mr. M.N. Prasad, Ex-Chairman, Railway Board and former President of SPCA moderated the session.

The kudumbasangamom was one of the main attractions. The quiz competition for the children and spouses anchored by Dr. N. Ajayan was noteworthy. Various literary and arts competitions were also held at separate venues.

The second day started with the annual general body meetings of KVSSA and AHOAK at different venues followed by the annual general body of the IVA at post-lunch session. Meanwhile, pleasure trips were arranged for the family members to some of the places of tourist interest.

The cultural evening was inaugurated by Sri. Palode Ravi Ex-MLA. Senior members of the profession were honored with a ponnada embroidered with the insignia of Sangamom 2001 by Sri. Mohan Kumar MLA and eminent veterinarians were also awarded for their meritorious contributions. Sri. P. T. Gopala Kurup, Chairman, KCMMF and Sri. Ayira Surendran, Chairman, TRCMPU felicitated the function. Dr. John Joseph, Deputy Commissioner of Customs & Central Excise distributed the prizes for





the winners of the various competitions. The Samskarika Sayahnam led by renowned poet, Prof. V. Madhusudhanan Nair distributed the prizes for the

members and units excelling in their activities.

On the concluding day, seminar "Epidemiology of Zoonotic Diseases" was organized in which Dr. Rajasekhar, Project Co-ordinator, ADMAS, Bangalore and Dr. A.S.N. Prasad made deliberations on the topic. Dr. C.R. Soman, Chairman, Health Action by People was the moderator of the session.

The valedictory session was inaugurated by Sri. G. Karthikeyan, Honorable minister for Food and Cultural Affairs. The veterinarians' diary for the year 2002 was released by Sri. B. Vijayakumar MLA. Dr. P.M. Prasad, General Secretary, AHOAK proposed the vote of thanks. Around 400 delegates working in AHD, KLDB, KAU and Milma along with more than 250 family members participated in the three day convention.

State Level workshop on swot Analysis in animal husbandry sector

One day State level workshop on SWOT Analysis in AH sector was organised by IVA, Kerala on 27th April, 2002 at Govt: Guest House, Trivandrum.

The Workshop was inaugurated by Sri. V. Ramachandran, Vice Chairman, Planning board, Kerala State. Dr. M.M. Chacko, President IVA, Kerala presided. Felicitations were delivered by the State Presidents of KVSSA and AHOAK. Dr. Theodore John, Gen. Sec. delivered the welcome address and Dr. D. Sanjay Sec, IVA Tvm unit proposed vote of thanks.

In the workshop attended by 150 delegates from different parts of Kerala and different organisations involved in AH Sector, the key note address was delivered by Sri. S. Subbiah, Secretary to Government (AH). The heads of AHD, KLDB, KCMF, KSPDC, MPI, Dean, COVAS Mannuthy and President Kerala Veterinary council presented papers. Dr. P.S. George, honorary fellow, CDS moderated the workshop.

Farm Journalism Award ceremony

The farm Journalism awards for

2001 instituted by IVA, Kerala was presented in a colourful function held on the 27th of April 2002 at Govt: guest house, Thycaud, Trivandrum. The function was presided over by Dr. M.M. Chacko, President IVA, Kerala.

Dr. Babu Paul IAS former Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt of Kerala inaugurated the function and gave away the awards. The guest of honour for the function Sri. C.P. John, Member, Planning board, Kerala state said that even though AH sector is comparatively a small one, if given due recognition can reap greater achievements. IVA farm Journalism award winners for the year 2001, Mr. Radhakrishnan Naripatta (Chief Sub Editor, Mathrubhoomi, Kozhikkode), Mr. Manoj Thekkedath (Sub Editor, Manorama, Palakkad), Mr. K.K. Najeeb (Staff photographer, The Hindu, Trichur Bureau), Mr. K. Sasi (Staff Photographer, Chandrika, Kannur), Dr. N. Ajayan (Publication Officer, FIB) and Mr. R. Rajendran (Doordarshan Kendra, Tvm) received the awards from Dr. Babu Paul.

The prize winners in the District level essay competition on Animal Welfare conducted by IVA Trivandrum Unit, Miss. Devu. P.B. and Miss. Reshmi R.S received the awards from Sri. C.P. John in the same function. Dr. G. Sudevan, DAH, Dr. Padmakumar, President, AHOAK and Dr. B. Suresh Kumar, President KVSSA felicitated the winners. Dr. T.P. Sethu Madhavan, Convener, Award committee delivered the welcome address and Dr. Theodore John, Gen. Sec, proposed vote of thanks.

District Activities

TRIVANDRUM: A meeting of the Farm Study Group and Crisis Management Group was held on 15/3/2002 to discuss the present crisis in the AHD sector. A seminar on "Current trends in the management of Production diseases" was lead by Dr. R. Vijayan, Associate Professor, KAU was conducted on 23/3/2002.

A get together was arranged on 2-4-2002 to honour Dr. N.Sukesan who retired from active service on 31-03-2002. Dr. Theodore John, Gen. Sec, participated in the function and felicitated. As part of CVE, a talk on "Biotechnology- Veterinary Perspective" was conducted on 21/04/2002. Dr. E. Sreekumar, Phd Scholar, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology handled the session. A talk on 'Environmental Law' was conducted by Senior Vets forum on 23/4/02 at





Veterinarians building. The session was handled by Dr. J.C Stephenson.

An Interactive session was conducted with Dr. Gajaraja Singh, Head of the Division, Department of Surgery. I. V. R. I. Izatnagar and Dr. M.C Sharma, National fellow (ICAR), Department of Medicine. I.V.R.I. Izatnagar. They shared their vast experience in the field as well as the national scenario and ICAR policies. Registrar, Kerala State Veterinary Council participated Dr. Balakrishnan, retired professor of Medicine, COVAS. Trissur and Dr. George Varghese, Former Director of Animal Husbandry gave mementos to the guest.

KOLLAM : An Inaguration ceremony for the activities of the year 2002 was conducted at Hotel Sudarsan on 5th of January. The Honourable Minister for Electricity Sri: Kadavoor Sivadasan inaugurated the activities. A study report made by the Indian Veterinary Association Kollam, on resturcturing the meat sector of Kollam was handed over to the Minister by Dr. S. Chandrankutty, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Kollam. Dr. B. Aravind, President, IVA Kollam Unit presided over the function.

The general body meeting was conducted on 4.02.2002. A family get together was organized on 10.02.2002 at Green channel backwater resorts. Vallakkadavu, Karunagappally. 20 families participated. A boat trip was also organized. The unit cooperated with SPCA in organizing pet show on 28.01.02, quiz competition on 27.01.01 and animal welfare seminar on 25.01.01 as a part of the animal welfare fortnight.

PATHANAMTHITTA: District unit meeting held on 1-02-02, 4-05-02. Discussions were held about various circulars from the Secretary to Government (AH & DD) and decisions communicated to central committee.

KOTTAYAM: The District Convention and Annual General Body Meeting was conducted on 2-1-2002 at Vembanadu Lake Resort, Kottayam. The Inaugural Meeting of IVA Dist Unit activities was held at Hotel Windsor Castle, Kottayam on 1-2-2002. Dr. Abraham Kurian inaugurated the activities for the year. Dr. V.C Alex, District President, presided. Dr. Joseph Scaria, IVA, Kerala Vice-President and Dr. Gigi Ninan Mathew IVA State Treasurer addressed the gathering.

ALAPPUZHA: The District convention and the annual General body meeting was held on 22.12.2002 at 'Hotel Royal Park' The function was inaugurated

by Kollam RDO, Dr. B. Ashok IAS. Dr. Aravind Ghosh, Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology. COVAS Mannuthy delivered a lecture on 'Current trends in Bovine infertility'. The new office bearers were elected during the function. Senior veterinarians Dr. George Joseph, Dr. P.A. Ummer, Dr. A. Simon, Dr. Narayana Pillai. and Dr. Vincent were honoured. Dr. Jayachandran Kamath was selected as the 'Best Vet' and Dr. D. Beena as the 'Best Lady vet'. Special appreciation awards were presented to Dr. Sureshkumar.B and Dr. M. Muhsin Koya.

ERNAKULAM : The new office bearers were sworn in at a function graced by Dr. K. Udayavarma, Registrar, KSVC and Dr. K.V. Sukumaran, President, AHOAK on 5/1/2002. Dr. Sivadas and Dr. Ramakrishnan, two senior veterinarians, who were unable to participate in the annual convention were honoured at their respective residencies in a beffiting manner by draping the ponnada commemorating Sangamon 2001.

The inauguration of the activities of the unit for the year 2002 was held on 2nd February 2002 Dr. P.O. Abraham, former IVA President inaugurated the function. In the function, a theme presentation was conducted on the subject "Role of Animal Husbandry sector in the changing Agricultural scenario". Dr. P. Balachandran and Dr. P.O. Abraham presented papers on the topic. Dr. Bhaskaran, Retired Additional Director was the moderator of the session. Dr. Paul T Kunnath, President IVA presided over the function. Dr. Theodore John, General Secretary, IVA graced the occasion.

During March, CVE programme on meat inspection handled by Dr. J.Abraham was held. On April 4th CVE Programme on the topic 'Leadership' handled by Mr. Giji Joseph, National trainer, Indian Junior Chamber, was held.

Conducted a one day family trip to Cherai Beach resort on 24-5-02 in which 30 families participated. District unit General body was held on 4-5-02.

THRISSUR: The first monthly general body meeting of I.V.A. Mukundapuram taluk unit for the year 2002 was held on 12.1.2002. Dr. U.S. Ramachandran and Dr. M.A. Manojkumar were elected as President and Secretary respectively. Dr. Shibu Simon, MVSc. handled a session on "Breeding Management and A.I. Techniques in Canines". The district unit organized a Dog show by the name "Anamala Pet show" at Chalakudy on 3.2.2002 in





association with C.L.C. Chalakudy and Veterinarians' Club Chalakudy. The second monthly general body meeting of I.V.A. Mukundapuram Taluk Unit was held on 9.2.2002. Dr. S. Ajithkumar Assistant Professor, Dept. of Clinical Medicine, COVAS, Mannuthy delivered a lecture on "Post Parturient Metabolic diseases in cattle & Hematology at Field level & Canine Therapeutics".

Arranged a sendoff party to Dr. K.C. Johnson, Deputy Director, Thrissur on 20-04-02 at Veterinarians Square, Thrissur who retired from service.

3rd General body meeting of IVA Mukundapuram unit was held at Veterinarians Club, Chalakkudy on 9-03-02. As part of the CVE program Dr. T.P. Sethumadhavan, Veterinary Surgeon, Pudukad took a class on 'importance of extension activities of the field Veterinarians & the recent developments and approaches'.

As part of the 4th General body meeting and CVE program, Dr. K. Vijayakumar, Asst. Professor, Department of Preventive medicine, College of Veterinary and Animal sciences, Mannuthy took a class on 'Tuberculosis-the return of an old enemy'.

Arranged a CVE program on 'Veterolegal autopsy and routine autopsy procedures in animals', on 24-04-02 at Veterinarians club, Chalakkudy. Dr. N. Divakaran Nair, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, College of Veterinary and Animal sciences, Mannuthy lead the session. Celebrated 'World Veterinary Day' on 28-05-02 at Mala. A farmers meet was also arranged. Around 200 farmers and 30 Veterinarians participated. Smt. Sheela Jose, President, Block Panchayat, Mala inaugurated the farmers meet.

PALAKKAD: A Farewell party was arranged on 4-4-02 in honour of Dr. K.S. Sudhakaran, CVO, DVC, Palakkad and Dr. K. Balakrishna Pillai, SVS, VH, Kozhinjampara who retired from active service. Dr. M.M. Chacko, President, IVA, Kerala was the Chief guest.

MALAPPURAM: Installation Ceremony held on 4-2-2002 at Hotel Palace, Malappuram. Ceremony was inaugurated by Dr. K.E. Bhavadasan, DAHO, Malappuram. IVA Malappuram Unit in association with SPCA, conducted SPCA awareness camps from 26-3-02 to 31-3-02, to staff and councillors of all municipalities of the district. District Unit Meeting was held on 5-4-02 in which Dr. Udaya Varman, Registrar, Kerala Veterinary Council, participated.

KOZHIKODE : The district convention was conducted at Kadavu Resort, Ramanattukara on 20th Jan 2002. Dr. P.K. Muhsin, DAHO, inaugurated the function. The new office bearers for the year 2002 were sworn in by Dr. N. Mohanan, Vice President, Indian veterinary Association.

The combined inauguration of IVA, KVSSA & AHOAK was organized on 2nd February 2002 after the district conference. Shri. Akbar Kakkattil, the famous short story writer inaugurated the function. Dr. Sreekumar, V.J. unit President presided over the function.

In the district unit meet held on 8-2-2002 at Hotel Maharani, Kozhikode, a discussion on 'Doctors and consumer law' was conducted by Adv. Shyam Padman. In Association with Kozhikode Municipal Corporation, the unit arranged free PAR vaccination for Dogs in the corporation area and covered 1500 dogs; Mayor Sri. Thottathil Raveendran inaugurated the function. DAHO, Dr. P.K. Muhsin presented a paper on the subject.

KANNUR: The activities of IVA Kannur Unit for 2002 commenced with a FAMILY GET TOGETHER of the veterinarians of Kannur Unit on 26-1-02. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. V. Raveendranath, Deputy Editor, Mathrubhoomi Daily. Dr. V.K.P. Mohan kumar, Jt. Secretary IVA (North Zone) and Dr. Sukumaran, President, AHOAK attended the function. Cultural programmes were conducted for Vets and their family members. Magic show and orchestra were added attractions of the programme. A General body meeting of the district unit was convened on 5.2.2002. District level Crisis Management Group and Farm Study Group were constituted during the meeting. In association with the junior chamber and local authorities IVA, Kannur unit participated in the Rabies control programmes at Panoor.

Conducted a CVE programme on 5.4.2002. Dr. M.M. Chacko, the State President of IVA attended the meeting. Dr. P.O. George, Retd. Professor & Head, Department of Surgery, Veterinary college, Thrissur gave an excellent class on 'Recent Trends in Veterinary Practice'.

KASARAGOD

The District General body decided to organise more CVE programs. IVA district President Dr. Shaikoya presided over the meeting. Organised PAR and FMD vaccination programs.






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