



Workshop on Captive Elephant Management October 25 - 28, 2002

Venue-Hotel Casino, Thrissur

The Captive Elephant Management workshop being organized by EWA at Thrissur is one of the most attended and unique workshop ever conducted in a range country. The participants are practically from every range country apart from US, Europe and elsewhere. Topics are mostly on management issues.

The Management practices vary between different countries or even in regions of the same country. All this traditional training and management aspects have their own good and bad aspects. The wide range of participation will help in mutual interaction among participants and to exchange ideas. This is all the more important in the present context wherein the Asian Elephant Specialist Group is trying to formulate a standard protocol on management practices. The workshop not only has theoretical sessions but also have demonstrations during which time participants can share their views and ideas.

Details are also available online and is under frequent updates: <http://www.vethealth.net/workshop> The EWA also propose to make the abstracts available on the Internet for the benefit of professionals who were unable to attend and to make information freely accessible.

The participation of over 40 delegates even from outside the host country is made possible only because of the liberal support by various NGO's in India and outside.

Signposts

Dr.K.P.Sreekumar



Harvard University has awarded this year's Ig Nobel Prize to Dr.K.P. Sreekumar, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, College of Veterinary and Animal sciences, Mannuthy, Kerala. This is for his research article published on elephants to find out its body weight, which was co-authored by late Dr.G. Nirmalan. Ig Nobel Prizes are awarded each year for scientific achievements that have a curious property. Each of the honored achievements first makes people laugh then make them think. Dr. Sreekumar is the second Indian and first Keralite to receive this award.

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Dr. Jayachandran

Dr. Jayachandran. Dy. General Manager, Thiruvananthapuram Dairy (Milma) was among the select group of Executives to visit the Netherlands. The programme 'Study tour of Dairy Co-operatives in The Netherlands' was conducted by IPC Plant Livestock Oenerk from 26th August-6th September 2002 and was sponsored by NDDDB. The program was to highlight new knowledge and attitudes on the issues at stake and to enable improvement in planning, monitoring, implementation and evaluation performance. He is a 1976 graduate of COVAS, Mannuthy.

Congratulations!

BOOK REVIEW



Jaivavaividya

Dr.M.P.Nair, Dr.P.Pushpangadan,
Dr.S.Rajasekharan,

Dr.K.Narayanan Nair & Mathew Dan

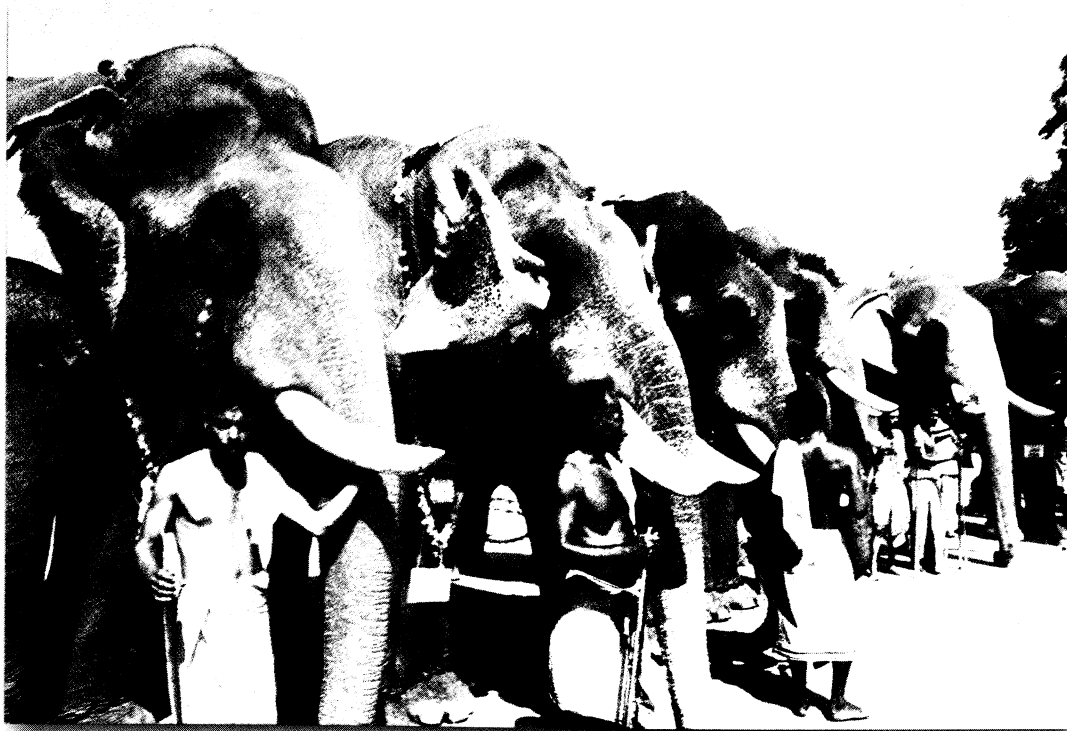
Dr.M.P.Nair, Dr.P.Pushpangadan, Dr.S. Rajasekharan, Dr.K.Narayanan Nair & Mathew Dan have attempted to present a detailed information about the biodiversity in the book titled 'Jaivavaividya' in Malayalam. This book explains the biodiversity in the areas of plants and animals. With the onset of globalization, conservation of our rich biodiversity acquires more significance. This book with 11 chapters explain theoretical definitions of biodiversity, development, scope, importance, biodiversity of medicinal plants, animals, importance of conservation, programs, issue of patent, conflicts and strategies for 21st century. Authors provided the information with a global perspective.

This book explains the biodiversity strategies needed for the 21st century. Authors have also summarized list of institutions working in the area of biodiversity, legal versions, explanations and abbreviations in the appendices 1-4. This book with 217 pages will be an eye opener to Policy makers, Researchers, Scientists and students. The book has been published by the State institute of languages, Nalanda, Trivandrum-3 and moderately priced at Rs 92.

Dr. T.P. Sethumadhavan



Dr. N. M. V. K. P.



Elephant show



"Anayoottu"- ceremonial feeding of elephants