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'MELAM 2003'



The much-awaited family get-together, 'MELAM 2003' organized as part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of IVA, Kerala was held at Holiday Home, Kumily in Idukki district.

In the function chaired by Dr. Joseph Scaria, President, IVA, Kerala, Dr. N. N. Sasi, Director of Animal Husbandry Inaugurated 'MELAM 2003'. Dr. K. R. Arunkumar, President, KVSSA, Dr. Jose, Exe. Committee member, AHOAK and Dr. Sasi, DAHO, Idukki, extended felicitations. Dr. Prabhakara Pillai, President, Idukki district unit extended words of warm welcome and Dr. Theodore John, Gen. Secy., IVA, Kerala proposed vote of thanks.

International symposium on human-elephant relationships and conflicts

Nine Veterinarians from Kerala under the leadership of Dr. K. C. Panicker and Dr. Jacob V Cheeran attended and presented scientific papers in the international



symposium on 'Human - elephant relationships and conflicts' held at Colombo, Sri Lanka from 19 to 21st

September 2003. International elephant foundation and Biodiversity and Elephant conservation trust organized the symposium. Dr. K. C. Panicker presented a paper on 'Human elephant conflicts in the temple elephants' and Dr. Jacob V Cheeran on 'Human elephant conflicts in Wyanad district'. The other veterinarians who participated and presented papers are Dr. T. P. Sethumadhavan, Dr. G. Ajith Kumar, Dr. P. C. Saseendran, Dr. P. C. Alex, Dr. E. K. Easwaran, Dr. T. S. Rajeev and Dr. K. S. Anil. The team visited the elephant orphanage and the millennium elephant foundation in Sri Lanka. It is noteworthy that the Wild Life trust of India, New Delhi has sanctioned Mobile elephant squad, elephant orphanage and capture gun for the state.

Silver Dreams 2003- logo released

The logo Veterinarians' Convention 2003, to be held on the 26th, 27th & 28th December 2003 - 'Silver Dreams' was released on 16th October 2003 at Hotel Pearl Regency, Thrissur. Dr. K. G. Suma, President, KSVC officially released the logo of 'Silver Dreams'. The function was chaired by Dr. K. N. Muraleedharan Nayar, Chairman, 'Silver Dreams' and former Dean, COVAS, Mannuthy, Dr. Joseph Scaria, President, IVA, Kerala, Dr. Theodore John, Gen. Secretary, IVA, Kerala, Dr. C. Sreekumar, General Secretary, KVSSA and Dr. K. S. Thilaken, President, AHOAK, Thrissur Unit delivered notes of felicitation. Dr. K. R. Arun Kumar, General Convenor, 'Silver Dreams' and President, KVSSA





welcomed the gathering and Dr. T. S. Rajeev, Secretary, IVA, Kerala, Thrissur Unit proposed vote of thanks.

Indian Veterinary Science Congress 2003 Website launched

www.veterinarycongress2003.com

At a well attended function held on 14th November 2003 at the Seminar Hall of COVAS, Mannuthy, Sri. A. C. Jose, Hon: Member of Parliament formally launched the official website for the Indian Veterinary Science Congress which would be held on December 26th and 27th at COVAS, Mannuthy, Thrissur. The Science Congress marks the culmination of the yearlong festivities held in connection with the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the IVA, Kerala. Dr. Jacob. V. Cheeran, Chairman, Organizing Committee, Science Congress presided over the function. Dr. E. Nanu, Dean, COVAS, Dr. K. N. Muraleedharan Nair, Former Dean, COVAS, Dr. P. P. Balakrishnan, Associate Dean, Pookot Veterinary College, Dr. K. D. Paul, Dr. C. M. Aravindakshan and Dr. Prasad were among the distinguished dignitaries who addressed the gathering. Dr. P. C. Alex, Professor of Clinical Medicine proposed a vote of thanks. The address of the website launched for the conduct of the IVSC- 2003 is www.veterinarycongress2003.com.



District activities

TRIVANDRUM: District level silver jubilee family tour to Thenmala Ecotourist Centre held on the 11th of October 2003.

The district unit in association with Senior Vets forum conducted an "Interactive session & lecture on emerging diseases in large animals" led by Dr. Henry Staempli, Associate Professor, University of Guelph, Canada. The worshipful Mayor of Trivandrum Corporation Prof. J. Chandra inaugurated the programme.

KOLLAM: District unit as part of the CVE programme conducted a clinical conference. The session was handled by Dr. R. Vijayan, Associate Professor, Kerala Agricultural University. General body meeting followed the technical session.

PATHANAMTHITTA: District unit as part of the CVE programme conducted a talk on "Orthopaedic surgery in Veterinary practice" by Dr. Narendran. P. V. Veterinary Surgeon, DVC, Thodupuzha on 31/10/2003 at Hotel Elite International, Thiruvalla. Another CVE programme in association with AHOAK & IMA on "Recent molecular technique with diagnosis of Leptospirosis" was conducted at Hotel Elite International, Thiruvalla on 11/10/03. Dr. H. V. Batra, Joint Director, Defence Research Development establishment, Gwalior handled the session.

KOTTAYAM: CVE programme on "Significance of Micronutrients in Animal Nutrition" was held on 3rd October 2003.

District unit as part of the CVE programme conducted a talk on "Economics of infertility" at Hotel Aida on November 3rd. The session was handled by Dr. G. Ajit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Kerala Agricultural University.

ALAPPUZHA: President, Dr. Joseph Scaria addressed the district unit general body meeting held on 6th Nov.

KOTTAYAM : The District unit general body held on 3rd October unanimously elected Dr Joby George as District Secretary in place of Dr. M. K. Binu.

ERNAKULAM: Monthly meeting was held on 2nd September in which a get-together was arranged in honour of Dr. A. K. Bose, native of Ernakulam, on his retirement from active service as DAHO Kottayam. The unit had initiated steps to document the blood groups of all the members to respond effectively at times of need.

Monthly General body meeting held on 3/10/03. Get together was arranged in Honour of Dr. N.N. Baby, Project officer, ICDP, Aluva on his super annuation.

THRISSUR: The unit is making praise worthy preparations to host the Veterinarians Annual Convention 2003 and the Indian Veterinary Science Congress. Convention Logo release and establishment of Silver Jubilee School poultry club were held during month of November 2003.

All set to conduct Indian Veterinary Science Congress & Veterinarians convention on December 26th, 27th & 28th 2003. Organisers of the Convention visited all





districts to request the cooperation & to brief about the conduct of the Science Congress & Veterinarians Convention.

PALAKKAD: Farmers Seminar held at Mannarkkad on 15th November. Sri. Kalathil Abdulla, MLA inaugurated the seminar and Smt. P. Jameela, Block Panchayat President. the exhibition Dr. K. P. Achuthankutty IVA, Unit President chaired the function in which Sri T. R. Sebastian, Panchayath President delivered felicitations. Dr. V. J. Samuel, D. D (AH) moderated the seminar, attended by about 250 farmers. Dr. P.V.Mohanan and Dr. Vinod Kumar presented papers on the occasion. On 16th Nov. another Farmers seminar was held at Pudukkottai, which was inaugurated by Sri. K. V. Ramakrishnan, District Panchayat President. Smt. K. J. Jayanthi, Panchayat President, inaugurated the photo exhibition. In the seminar attended by about 350 farmers Dr. G. Ajith Kumar and Dr. K. Vinod Kumar presented Papers.

MALAPPURAM: Dr. N. N. Sasi, DAH, addressed the units monthly general body meeting held on 2nd September. The unit discussed with the Director various issues relating to AH and among other things requested the director to upgrade the taluk level Veterinary Dispensaries to VH or VPC and to start an extension training center in Malappuram district.

KANNUR : District unit General body meeting was held on 15th November 2003.

IVA, KERALA, SILVER JUBILEE UNIT, UAE : Members of IVA Kerala, UAE unit met together for a dinner meeting on 13 October 2003, to felicitate Dr. Jalaludhin, and Dr. Leo Joseph (Centre of Excellence in Poultry, Veterinary Faculty, Kerala Agricultural University), who were on a short personal visit to Dubai, on their way back from Egypt, after the World Water Fowl Congress.

Dr. Anees. Veterinary Surgeon, Alleppey Dist, who is on a personal visit to UAE, was an invited guest. IVA members highly appreciated the visits from our faculty members and colleagues to this region and they look forward for more such visits. The meeting also felicitated

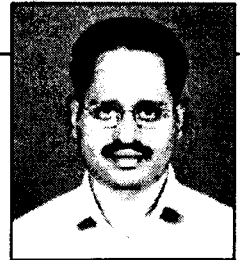
Dr. A.K.Rafeek on his appointment in Dubai Municipality, and Dr. Rashad for his placement in Dana Veterinary Clinic and Dr. E.V. Balagopal for his promotion to the post of Dairy Farm Manager.

Signpost

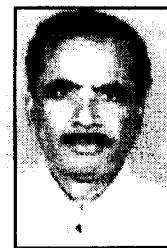
Dr. P. K. Muhsin

Dr. P. K. Muhsin, District Animal Husbandry Officer, Kozhikode, has been promoted as Additional Director of the State Animal Husbandry Department and has taken charge as Registrar, Kerala State Veterinary Council.

Dr. Muhsin, who has taken BVSc. from Kerala Veterinary College, Mannuthy during 1970 has been working in the Animal Husbandry Department for the last 30 years. He has published more than 350 scientific articles on Animal Husbandry and Poultry Science in leading dailies and journals and has done about 50 Radio talks through All India Radio, Kozhikode. Dr. Muhsin has bagged several awards including Dr. G. Nirmal Trust Award.



Elmer Crowe Award to Dr. Robin D Culas



Dr. Robin D Culas, District Governor, South West India region, District I (2002 – 2003) and former Deputy Director, AHD has been awarded the most prestigious International Honour conferred to District Governors annually by Y's Men International with its head quarters at Geneva.

Congratulations!



" A country rich in livestock
is never poor
and
a country poor in livestock is
never rich"

- Arabian proverb.

