



From the General Secretary's desk

The Annual General Body meeting held at Malappuram in the venue of Nilafest 2002 on 27th December 2002 elected the office bearers of the Silver Jubilee Year of IVA, Kerala.

The year 2003 was a period of daunting Challenges due to the turbulent political environment, a serpent at the heart of political leadership, administrative leadership crisis and bureaucratic terrorism which reached its worst in the first half of the year. In a political atmosphere vilified by naked attempts to attain power by all means, the voice raised by us for justice did not always yield result. We passed through many unhappy, unfortunate and painful events. Nevertheless by intrepid reasoning and explicit responses we could brave the odds and tide over most of the problems. We could open the eyes of the those who pretended to sleep and unseat those who mocked at our self-esteem. But the problems that lingered us over the years continue to persist with some turning out for the worse. New problems, threats and crisis continue to erupt testing the tenacity of the association and the sector as a whole. The last months of 2003 unveiled the greatest threat to Veterinary fraternity by way of the downsizing policy implemented by the government to appease the economic colonial powers.

Looking back at the Calender of activities approved by the Ist Executive Committee meeting in the Silver Jubilee Year and reviewing the achievements, it goes without saying that it is necessary for us to break the slumber and the inertia that seems to have crept in within us. Reality does bite and the truth though enduring does hurt. The past cannot be forgotten as there are many lessons to be learnt. Inspite of all odds the torch bearers of the association in the Silver Jubilee Year could materialise many activities adding pomp & gaiety to the year long celebrations. We are confident that we did our best to uphold the Silver Jubilee Slogan 'Oneness among Veterinarians', in all our words and deeds. Memories some sweet, some sore will linger on for years and so will our attempts to make small but meaningful contributions for our association, the well being of its members & the good of our profession. Whatever we could do and achieve was because of the teamwork and the unstinted support we received from the office bearers of KVSSA, AHOAK and the district units.

It is to be borne in mind that every one of you now or later will have to bear the torch and so the need of the hour is to put in sustained efforts individually and collectively to uphold the glory of our association and the honour and dignity of our profession. The task ahead is challenging especially when the whole world is moving towards making fast money and seeking hedonistic

pleasures. The road ahead is difficult but certainly can be tread. What we need is not to get deterred, but to keep our commitment to the Association & Profession. May our past experiences provide the strength to tread the most difficult paths.



The past 25 years is not such a vast period to be forgotten in a human life span but as years passed the history of our Association and the sufferings by our predecessors has been forgotten and practically vanished from the minds of all. Improper documentation & record keeping has made the task to retrieve and record them difficult.

This issue of JIVA, the last issue in the Silver Jubilee Year, is brought out as a Silver Jubilee special issue. We have tried our best to collect as much information as possible about our 25 years history and incorporate the same in this issue. Initially it was planned to come out with a Silver Jubilee Souvenir. But those entrusted with the responsibility brooded over it for one year without any action. As such what we dreamt could not be materialised. However a comprehensive history has been prepared to the best of our ability. We understand that this history is very brief, incomplete and superficial. But we believe that something is better than nothing to be passed on to the future generation.

The Indian Veterinary Science Congress marks the culmination of the year long festivities held in connection with the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of IVA, Kerala. There is a time for all of us when we must say goodbye. Now it is time for the Office bearers for the year 2003 and the various committee members appointed by them to bid adieu. We are aware that our words & deeds may have wounded some, but these were acts done in the good interest of our association and our profession. Errors and shortfalls that occurred may be forgiven & forsaken. We thank each and every one for all the support and co-operation rendered to us in discharging our duties.

We call upon each and every member to discharge their responsibility judiciously in electing an efficient, sincere and dedicated team of office bearers at the district and state level to lead us through the year 2004 and extend to them whole hearted support and cooperation.

I on behalf of the State office bearers for the year 2003 and on my personal behalf extend our sincere regards to all of you and our best wishes for the years to come.

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