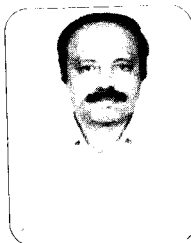


ACHIEVEMENTS & SIGN POST

Dr. M. M. Chacko attends tournament at Kazakhstan as Team Manager

Dr. M. M. Chacko, Retired Additional Director (AHD) and an elected member of executive committee of Basketball federation of India from Kerala has participated as Manager in the Qualifying Round of Middle Asia Zone in Kustanai, Kazakhstan from 16th to 18th April 2005 for the 16th FIBA – ASIA Basketball Champions Cup for Men under the auspicious of FIBA – ASIA. He was also the former Vice – President, Basketball Federation of India, former General Secretary of Kerala Basketball Association, General Secretary of IVA for the year 1985 & 1986 and State President of IVA for the year 2002. Congrats Dr. M. M. Chacko.



Dr. M. Gangadharan gets best President award of Lions club

Ln (Dr.) M. Gangadharan, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Vety Hospital, Koothuparamba, Kannur has been elected as the best club President of South India (Multiple district 324). Selection was made from among 5000 clubs. He was the President of Thalasserry Lions Club. Award would be given at a function to be held shortly in Hyderabad. He is also the recipient of "Good Service Award" from the State Government. He had been the office bearer of various associations of Veterinarians for the past 4 years.



KVSSA honors Prof (Dr.) V. Ramakumar with life time achievement award

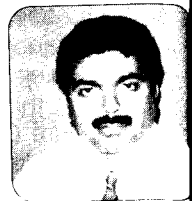
Prof (Dr) V. Ramakumar, Former Secretary, Veterinary Council of India and Retired Professor of Surgery was honored with "life time achievement award" instituted and awarded annually by KVSSA in the function held at Ernakulam to commemorate World Veterinary Day 2005. He is leading his retired life at Trivandrum, still putting in sincere and dedicated efforts for upliftment of the profession. He is also running a modern Veterinary surgery unit adjoining to his



home offering specialized service (surgical) to field vets without seeking any monetary benefits. He is also rearing various domestic animals (Cattle, Goats and Ducks) at his farm at Maranalloor in Trivandrum. We are proud of you.

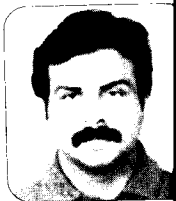
Dr. Jose James Promoted

Dr. Jose James Deputy General Manger has been promoted as General Manager of Kerala Livestock Development Board. A graduate from COVAS. Mannuthy he had also completed his PG in Animal Nutrition. Dr. Jose James had joined KLDB in 1988 as Assistant Manager and had served in various capacities in the organization before attaining this post. He had also undergone specialized training in Dairy Management in Netherlands. Congrats Dr. Jose James



Dr.C.S. Jayakumar, Veterinary

surgeon, Thiruvananthapuram Zoo, had participated in a course on Endangered species – Conservation and management held from the July 18th till August 5th at the International Training Center, Turrel Wildlife Conservation Trust, Jersey, United Kingdom. A graduate of the 1986 batch from COVAS, Mannuthy he had also completed his post graduation in Wild life management from Madras Veterinary college.



International Recognition for Dr. J. Abraham

The Marquis Who's Who Publishers of the USA has recently recognised the contributions made by Dr. J. Abraham, Director, Centre of Excellence in Meat Technology (Retd) by publishing his biography in the 8th Edition of "Who's who in Science & Engineering" - 2005. The publication includes the most current biographical data of internationally recognised scientist and engineering professionals. The selection of biographies for publication is based on the outstanding achievements and contributions made by the scientist. It offers a personal introduction to the lives and careers of leading scientists and technological achievers because of the reference value of their achievements in the relevant fields of expertise. Dr. J. Abraham had served as the Principal



International Training Centre on Meat Technology in the Republic Botswana. He made outstanding contributions in developing the Centre of Excellence in Meat Technology at the Kerala Agricultural University. Recognised as the National Resource Person for Meat Technology at the Kerala Agricultural University. Recognised as the National Resource Person for Meat Technology. He was also instrumental in developing the Meat Technology Unit, Carcass Utilisation Plant and in implementing World Bank assisted projects at the Kerala Agricultural University. Winner of the Gold Medal for academic brilliance at Ph.D level from the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, he has authored several text books, manuals, research articles, compendiums, and technical papers and have presented lead papers at National and International seminars. An FAO Fellow at the Royal Veterinary University, Copenhagen, Denmark, he has contributed substantially for the development of the Meat Sector in India and is serving now as the Patron of Indian Meat Science Association. Currently he is serving as Consultant to various projects of Government, Local self-governments like Corporations, Municipalities, Panchayath, Public and Private sector. Currently, he has designed and developed several equipments for the use of slaughter houses and meat processing plants.

Dr. Syam K. Venugopal, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Surgery & Radiology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy, won the best paper award and gold medal for the paper "Arthroscopic evaluation of stifle joints in dogs" presented in the recently concluded 28th Annual Congress and National Symposium of Indian Society for Veterinary Surgery, held at Jabalpur Veterinary College, Madhya Pradesh, during November, 2004. Dr. Syam K. Venugopal 1984 batch student of Veterinary College, Mannuthy and Postgraduated from the same college. Later, he joined as Asst. Professor in Veterinary Surgeon, in 1996. He took him Ph.D in Vet. Surgery from Madras Veterinary College, Chennai, in 2003.



Dr. Umashankar assumes the charge of Division of Vivarium

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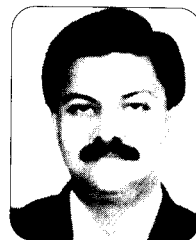
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Dr. K. J. John Graduates from JCI University, USA

Dr. K. J. John graduates as prime graduate from JCI university, USA. This is an international qualification for the trainers. His specialized topics on training are positive attitude, power of thinking, meetings and protocol, effective public speaking, blue print for success and women empowerment. He has conducted many adult and student leadership trainings. Also conducted more than 200 training in Animal Husbandry topics. He is at present Vice President of IVA, Kerala (NZ), working as Veterinary Surgeon, SLBP, Iritty, Kannur.



Dr. Rajesh K.U., 91 Batch, Covas, Mannuthy has won the prestigious Career Development Award' by Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) of United States for the year 2005. The award is meant for young scientists/orthopaedic surgeons in the field of Orthopaedic Research, to promote cross disciplinary collaborations in orthopaedic research and help to prepare them for future educator and leadership roles in the field. He is now doing his postdoctoral at Musculoskeletal Bioengineering

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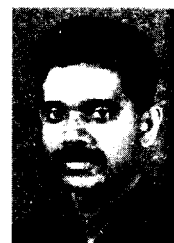
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