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Message from the President

Dear members of the profession,

The era of administration of the department by an able IAS Officer is over and now the department is back with a veterinarian or rather a technocrat. Dr. B. Ashok, IAS could project the activities of the department and the sector and he gave due importance to critical areas affecting the society like meat hygiene and public health apart from veterinary health care for which dept exist. The setting up of an Animal Husbandry information bureau under the AHD will to a large extent project the activities and services as well as giving practical and critical information to the farmers and public.



Starting of a new Veterinary public health unit is also highly essential in the wake of increasing Man Animal Diseases and IVA could convince Minister for AH the need for such a wing and she has agreed to consider the same.

All the veterinarians irrespective of the cadre stood solidly behind Dr. B. Ashok, IAS including the associations except in certain critical issues, which we could settle amicably. He gave due importance to Indian Veterinary Association and other two service organizations also, through which he could gain our confidence not to mention some result-oriented policies. Now let us stand united to make the department a force to reckon with through productive programmes. Now yet another financial year is going to begin. The department schemes should focus the unemployed youth and members of the weaker section of society apart from focusing on rabies eradication, leptospira and brucellosis control programmes. I wish the new Director of AH all the very best in his new venture.

I also wish to thank the members for the active participation in raising the voice against the 8th pay commission report and also request tone and all to given the association necessary support in the effort to convince the political and bureaucratic circle on the neglect and insult of the profession and the veterinarians in the pay package.

Sd/-
Dr. Robin D. Culas

WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2006

Message from Leon Russell, D.V.M., World Veterinary Association President

World Veterinary Day was founded in 2001. It was developed as a result of the hard work of WVA President Dr. Jim Edwards and the creative thinking of his wife Pam. The objective of the World Veterinary Day is not to glorify the WVA or its officers, but to highlight the great work of the veterinary profession around the World. Veterinary medicine is a highly respected and compassionate profession. However, its contributions are largely unappreciated because our colleagues have been too busy serving the public to publicize their contributions to animal and human health, animal welfare, food safety and food security. The World Veterinary Day is celebrated on the last Saturday in April when all veterinarians publicly display their broad knowledge, skills, and the many contributions their profession makes to society and the world at large. It is a day that private practitioners, corporate and public practitioners, educators and students can show the many contributions of their great profession. The theme for this year's World Veterinary Day is "Celebrate our Diversity". It can be celebrated in the way or ways that each veterinarian, veterinary clinic, veterinary organization or agency believes best demonstrates the contributions of the veterinary profession. Simultaneously, the media, legislators, public officials, and the general public must be bombarded with messages that veterinarians are key players in food safety, zoonotic diseases as well as animal health and welfare. World Veterinary Day should be similar a day to publicly display the Hope Diamond - we need to display the majestic array of our veterinary talents.



Have a good World Veterinary Day! WVA President.