

FARM JOURNALISM AWARD CEREMONY, WORKSHOP ON ANIMAL NUTRITION & JIVA RELEASE HELD

Farm Journalism Award Ceremony, Workshop on Formulation of Recommendation for Future Strategies in Animal Nutrition and JIVA release was held on 27th February at Public Library Auditorium, Palayam, Trivandrum. On the same day Dr. Kuruvila Varghese



Memorial Lecture was also organized by Kerala Veterinary Surgeons Service Association as part of the workshop. The Animal Husbandry Department and Kerala Livestock Development Board associated with the conduct of the workshop. The Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry inaugurated the workshop and distributed the Farm Journalism Awards. The Journal of Indian Veterinary Association (JIVA) was released by Dr. B. Ashok, IAS, Director of Animal Husbandry and he also delivered the keynote address. Dr. Ani S. Das, Managing Director, K.L.D. Board, Dr. Theodore John, President, K.V.S.S.A., Dr. Simon Daniel, President, AHOAK, Dr. K. G. Suma, President, K.S.V.C., Dr. C. B. Manomohan, representative of V.F.T.A. offered felicitations. The function was presided by Dr. Robin D. Culas, President, IVA, Kerala and Dr. D. Sanjay, General Secretary, IVA, Kerala welcomed the gathering. This was followed by reply to toast by the Farm Journalism Award Winners. Dr. Zacaria, Secretary K.V.S.S.A., Trivandrum unit proposed vote of thanks.

General Secretary IVA requested the media not to create panic situation while reporting on Avian Influenza. IVA President requested the Government to consider starting a veterinary public health unit under the department. He also reminded the gathering that the veterinarians even certify agricultural products in European countries. Minister for agriculture in her address said that animal husbandry sector is giving more importance to breeds and breeding than nutrition

she reminded that feeding is also important. In the reply to the presidential address the Minister informed that starting a veterinary public health unit under the department can be considered Director of Animal Husbandry in his key note address informed that a feed mission / feed policy has to be formulated.

The inaugural function was followed by Introductory note on Dr. Kuruvila Varghese Memorial Lecture by Dr. Fiji Ferdinand Francis T., General Secretary of KVSSA. Dr. George Mathan, Nutrition Consultant, K.S.E. Ltd. delivered Dr. Kuruvila Varghese Memorial

Lecture. Dr. Jose James, General Manager, KLDB, presented the second concept paper on Animal Nutrition. This was followed by discussion and subsequent conclusion by the moderator, Dr. K. G. Suma, Addl. Director, A.H.D. Dr. P. Selvakumar, Secretary, I.V.A. Trivandrum unit proposed Vote of Thanks. The outcome of the workshop based on the discussion and the paper presented is being processed to formulate recommendations, which will be submitted to Government for favourable action. The full text of the papers presented is available on jivaonline.com for your suggestions and will be actively considered while formulating recommendations. Please email your suggestions to ivakerala2006@yahoo.co.in.

WINNERS OF FARM JOURNALISM AWARDS 2005

Best article published in the daily, which was written by a journalist Sri. Gracious Benjamin got the first prize for the article published in Madhyamom dated 3rd September 2005 titled "Kada Kattiya Karunyam", the success story of Sri. Haridas, Rohini Bhavan, Pappanamcode, Trivandrum.

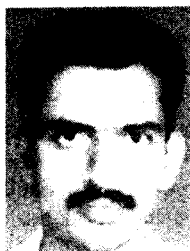


Best programme in visual media telecasted

The video documentary produced, directed, edited by Sri. B.L. Bijulal, Co-ordinator (Media) and Chief Editor, KISSAN media division, IITMK, Technopark (Vasanth Varam Munnari yuppullaathe)

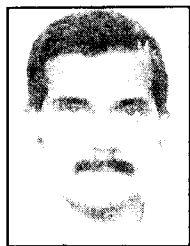


The video documentary by Sri. Sreejith Naripatta, Producer Indiavision narrates the success story of a dairy farmer in Kozhijampara, Palakkad in a catchy manner is awarded a Special Jury Award.



Best photo feature published

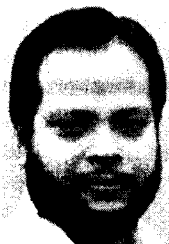
Sri. Rajan M. Thomas, Senior Photographer, Malayala Manorama, Palakkad has been adjudged as the best for the feature published with the title "Mada kayathra Mazhayethum umbe."



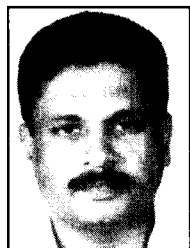
The photo feature sent by Sri. P. Manoj, Senior Photographer of Mathrubhumi, Palakkad received the Second Prize for the photo feature published under "Irathedi Irayayi."

Best article of a veterinarian published

First Prize given to Dr. Shine Kumar, Public Relations Officer, Department of Animal Husbandry for his comprehensive contribution to AH sector.



Special Jury Award given to Dr. N. Sudhodhanan, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, VPC, Chittoor, Palakkad. The awards were decided by the Jury consisting of Dr. C.P. Muraleedharan



Nair, Retd. Joint Director, AHD (Chairman), Dr. M. C. Mohan and Dr. A.P.S. Nair, Assistant Directors of Department of Animal Husbandry. The winners were given cash prize, certificate and memento. The Award ceremony was held on 27th February 2006, 10.00 a.m. at Public Library Hall, Trivandrum and Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Coir, distributed the awards.

Wood Turtle

A rare and endangered species of turtle has been sighted in the Khuttimari forest in West Bengal. The eight year old 'wood turtle' was found under the logs by a timber merchant. The wood turtles, which can climb trees, are normally found in India-Myanmar border region and in United States.

THE INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS MEET IN LIVESTOCK SECTOR, KERALA 2006 HELD

The meet was organised and hosted by Department of Animal Husbandry, Kerala Agricultural University, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Project Management Consultants, Exporters Associations and Feed Manufacturers. Hands on Sessions in project formulation, financing, nutrition, processing, management, environmental management etc plus a plenary session with the experts was held at Symphony Hall, Hotel Mascot, Trivandrum on 27th and 28th

Europe Bans Antibiotics as Growth Promoters

The European Union imposed a total ban on the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in animal feed from Jan. 1st 2006. The EU has already banned antibiotics used in human medicine from being added to animal feed. The last four antibiotics-Monensin, Salinomycin, Avilamycin, Flavo phospholipol can no longer be used as feed additives to improve growth & feed efficiency of livestock & poultry.

REHMAN KAKKASSERY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

Harris B. Rehman Kakkassery Memorial Endowment for the top ranking IInd year B. V.Sc & AH student was distributed. In the validictory function of Golden Jubilee Finale Fest at COVAS, Mannuthy former Vice Chancellor of TANUVAS Dr. Saundara Sundaram distributed prizes to Bibi George (2000 Batch) Siju Susan Jacob (2001 Batch), Sumithra (2002 Batch) and Sooraj Sivaraman (2003 Batch). The meeting was inaugurated by Honourable Speaker Shri. Therambil Ramakrishnan and presided by worshipful Mayor of Trichur Corporation.

The endowment includes a certificate of merit, a memento and a cash award of rupees one thousand.

Vet Jobs on Website

A unique website www.vetjobsindia.com information exclusively for veterinarians was launched by Natural Remedies, Bangalore. The site is free for access. To become a member, register with the website and get regular information on jobs on your e-mail box.

AVIAN INFLUENZA IN CAT IN GERMANY

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has been informed that a cat infected with the H5N1 virus has been found in the island of Rugen in Germany according to an OIE reference laboratory for avian influenza. This is not the first time that felines have been naturally infected with the H5N1 virus. An episode occurred in 2004 in a zoo in Bangkok where more than 40 tigers died and many others were culled due to the infection. On that occasion, investigations showed that the tigers were fed entire carcasses of chickens most likely infected with H5N1. The tigers may have been infected by either inhalation of large amounts of virus that could have been present on the surface/feathers of the poultry carcasses (faecal contamination) or via ingestion of the entire carcasses, including intestines and faeces. Also other "natural" fatal cases of H5N1 have been reported in domestic cats in Asia. Cats are known to be susceptible to the H5N1 virus. Under experimental conditions cat-to-cat transmission of H5N1 virus has also been demonstrated.

Workshop on Ethno Veterinary Medicine, Organic farming & Release of special issue of JIVA

A two day workshop on these aspects is proposed to be conducted on 26th and 27th of May 2006 at College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookot, Wayanad.

A Special issue of Journal of Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala (JIVA) on medicinal plants (herbal medicine) and organic farming will be released during the function.

KAU NEWS

The following faculty members were selected and appointed as Professors and Associate Professors at the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookot on December 2005.

Dr. T. Sreekumaran, Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Pathology.

Dr. V. Jayaprakasan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Microbiology.

Dr. M. Mini, Associate Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Microbiology.

Dr. N. Gopakumar, Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Pharmacology.

Dr. P. T. Philomina, Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology.

Dr. Girish Varma, Associate Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Physiology.

Dr. T. V. Viswanathan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Animal Nutrition.

Dr. K. Ally, Associate Professor, Dept. of Animal Nutrition.

Dr. K. R. Harshan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Anatomy.

Dr. N. Ashok, Associate Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Anatomy.

Dr. H. Subramanian, Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Parasitology.

Dr. Lucy Sabu, Associate Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Parasitology.

Dr. K. Devada, Associate Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Parasitology.

Dr. Francis Xavier, Professor and Head, Dept. of Livestock Production and Management.

Dr. Metilda Joseph, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Animal Reproduction.

Dr. A. P. Usha, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Animal Genetics and Breeding.

Dr. K. Anil Kumar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Animal Genetics and Breeding.

Dr. C. T. Sathian, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Livestock products Technology.

Dr. C. Latha, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Veterinary Public Health.

Dr. K.S. Anil, Associate Professor, Dept. of Livestock Production and Management.

STATE NEWS

Major Decisions of 2ND Executive held On 27th February 2006

- To conduct atleast one combined programme every month, in each district, with active co-operation & involvement of KVSSA and AHOAK.
- To distribute JIVA, news letters and other communication/programme invitations to all retired vets and vets of other organizations and to motivate them to become members of the organization.
- To take up the issue of conducting annual vets convention and Dr. C. M Singh Jayanthi celebrations and National Seminar in the combined general body meeting.
- To request the government, the need to start a Veterinary Public Health (VPH) institution under the department.
- To study and take up the issue of SLBP under vision 2010.
- **Vets Diary 2007**- The IVA district units were authorized to prepare telephone numbers and email IDs of members of the district and offices in the same format as last time in MS WORD and to make necessary corrections and modifications as and when it is brought to the notice of the district unit. The district office bearers shall submit the personal details of members, collected in the monthly conference to the Editorial board. The draft document must be circulated

for necessary corrections and verifications to the members after DTP before July and submitted to the editorial board by October 1st week as soft and hard copy.

Combined executive was held on 12th March 2006, at Thrissur, to discuss the pay commission issue and the conduct of Annual Vets convention 2006. It has been decided to go in for a series of protests and to explore legal option based on consultation. Apart from this, efforts will be taken to counter and convince the Government and other officials, all the substandard and irrelevant findings of the pay commission.

Representations were given to Minister for AH, Director of AH, Chief Secretary and Chief Minister to protest the defamatory statements made by the 8th pay commission and for denying the eligible parity as given by Justice Pandian Commission.

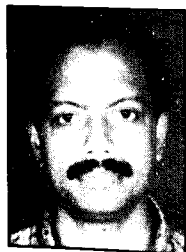
Representation was given to the Director of Animal Husbandry to postpone the proposed ADCP drop out vaccination from 2nd week of March to a later month.

Representation was given to the Chief Electoral Officer to exempt veterinarians working in veterinary hospitals and laboratories from election duty and desists from allotting veterinary hospitals as election booth. The Chief Electoral Officer gave assurance in this regard to exempt veterinarians except in the few districts where there is a shortage of staff. Fax messages were also sent to District Collectors regarding this.

The IVA President, and the former President of IVA participated in the meeting to discuss formation of Veterinary University at Hotel Mascot, Thiruvananthapuram on 17th March 2006.

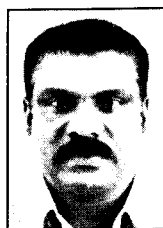
KSVC GOVERNMENT NOMINEES

The following are the list of Kerala State Veterinary Council Government nominees as per Kerala Gazette Volume 51, 23rd Feb. 2006.



Dr. V. A. Anilkumar was unanimously elected as the IVA nominee during the last Annual General Body meeting held on 29th December at Thiruvananthapuram. He was the office bearer of state veterinary associations for the past many years. During the last term he was an elected KSVC Member.

Government nominees are **Dr. R. Vijayakumar**, Director, I. AH & V.B, Palode, former Project Co-ordinator,



ADCP and former President of IVA, Kerala (for the year 2004),

Dr. Ani S. Das, Managing Director, KLDB, and **Dr. P. K. Jacob**, Senior

Veterinary Surgeon of DVC, Kollam, a very active member of KGOU and an Elephant expert.



ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY OFFICERS OF KLDB FORMED

The Veterinary Officers of KLDB formed an association "Livestock Development Board Veterinary Officers Association (LDBVOA) with a mandate to maintain and uphold the status and protect the rights of veterinarians working in the Board and to fight for common causes with a view to improve the performance of the organization. The association was formed with Dr. S. Sudheer (Manager, Training) as the President and Dr. T. Sajeew Kumar (Deputy Manager, AH) as the General Secretary. IVA extends its heartfelt wishes to the new association and all its members.

KSPDC

A Seminar on Avian Influenza vs food safety was held on 11th March 2006 at Trivandrum to create awareness among the public regarding food safety in the wake of Birdflu threat. Dr. Jalaludheen Associate Professor (Poultry) COVAS, Mannuthy handled the session, President IVA and Director AH addressed the gathering.

TIGER CENSUS

The census of tiger in the State was carried out from the 20th to 27th of Feb. 2006. Habitat for tigers include Parambikulam, Chimmony, Peechi-Vazhani, Neyyar, Peppara, Wayanad and the Aralam Wild life Sanctuaries, the Silent Valley & Eravikulam National Parks and the Periyar Tiger Reserves. Census is based on both direct sightings and indirect signs. Indirect signs include pugmarks, faecal pellets, scratch marks, urine scents and tiger calls. Dr. Easwaran, Forest Veterinary Officer, is of the view that the presence of prey species would also serve as an input for the census. Camera trapping is also made use of as a technique.