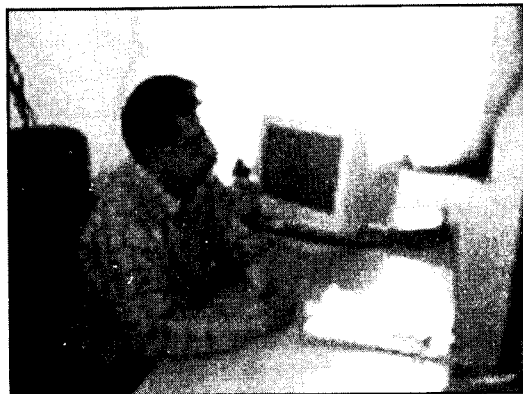


DEPARTMENT GOES WIRELESS

A 24 hour control room is working at ADCP headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram to monitor the emergency situations, animal movement, disease outbreaks and disease control activities. The control room is named SADEC (State Animal Disease Emergency Control - Ph: 0471-3956288) and is



manned by an Assistant Director, two Veterinary surgeons, two Livestock Inspectors and Attendants. For effective networking and co-ordination of this control centre, check post, biological institute, chief disease investigation office, and directorate of animal husbandry, a wireless network system has been installed. Main base station is in Directorate of AH, extensions available in CDIO, Check post Parassala, SADEC, Director of AH, Additional Director (AH) and Joint Director, ADCP. Handsets are available with Director of AH, Additional Director (AH) and Joint Director, ADCP and base units with Directorate of AH, CDIO, Check post Parassala and SADEC being the pilot project, the system is installed in Thiruvananthapuram district and will be extended to other districts in a phased manner says Dr. V. Brahmanandan, Joint Director of ADCP. The reports of all the 17 check post, disease investigation laboratories and district offices will be brought under this network so that outbreak reporting, disease diagnosis, disease control and animal movement will be effectively monitored at all levels at the same time, he added. In the present scenario all the details regarding Avian Flu received at SADEC and CDIO is being simultaneously communicated to the Director of Animal Husbandry, Additional Director (AH) and Joint Director, ADCP through wireless network.

DARPANAM 2006 CELEBRATED

The mega Animal Husbandry fair comprising of exhibition and seminar was conducted from 3rd to 5th Feb. 2006 at Veterinary hospital campus, Chalakkudy under the auspices of IVA, Thrissur Chapter and Veterinarians' Club, Chalakkudy. A series of seminar was held on different relevant subjects viz. Rabbit rearing, Hygienic Meat Production, Modern Trends in Elephant Rearing, Animal Welfare Laws,



Awareness on Rabies and Recent Trends in Backyard Rearing. A unique seminar was also organised for NRIs on Organic Farming and Farm Tourism. Dr. Thomas Joseph Memorial Award for the best Veterinarian was presented to Dr. Bijoy Varghese and out of the 45 exhibition stalls, the one put up by Dairy Science College, Mannuthy was adjudged the best. Dr. Robin D. Culas, IVA State President, gave away the awards to Taluk level best farmers and distributed goats to poor women. Dr. K. J. John, Vice President and Dr. Fiji Ferdinand Francis, Gen. Secretary, KVSSA felicitated the gathering. Dr. P. K. Naveen, Vet. Club President welcomed the gathering and Dr. Shibu Panadala, IVA District President, proposed vote of thanks. Organizers of this mega event deserves special appreciation.

VETS PROTEST

A Protest day was held on 18th April against the remarks of the 8th pay commission and denial of a deserving and suitable pay package to the veterinarians working in Animal Husbandry Department. The protest day was organized jointly by Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala, Kerala Veterinary Surgeons service association and Animal Husbandry Officers Association Kerala. The move to carry out forward the legal battle has already initiated as per the decision of the Combined executive was held on 12th March 2006, at Thrissur. The Medicos has already started slow down/non co-operation strike from 17th April.

A VET DEVELOPS SOFTWARE FOR PAY FIXATION

A Software named "Pay Fixer" has been developed in "dot net" by Dr. J. Balachandran for fixing pay. He is presently working as the Veterinary Surgeon in Vakkom Panchayat of Thiruvananthapuram District. Dr. K. Muralee dharan Nair, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, DVC, Thiruvananthapuram and Dr. K. A. Shajahan, Assistant Project Officer, RAIC, Attingal gave him necessary guidance. Dr. J. Balachandran and Dr. K. Muraleedharan Nair earlier developed a Delivery date finder software in visual basic. Dr. J. Balachandran belongs to 1993 batch of COVAS, Mannuthy. The software developed will be available in www.jivaonline.com shortly.

DR. S. SATHEESH KUMAR TRUST FORMED

A trust in the loving memory of Dr. S. Satheesh Kumar (1979 Batch, COVAS Mannuthy) who passed away on October 2004 in a tragic bike accident has been formally formed with the following vets as permanent trustees. Dr. M. M. Chacko, Dr. K. Udayavarman, Dr. D. Jayarus, Dr. V. A. Anil Kumar, Dr. C. Sreekumar, Dr. Shanavaz and Dr. D. Sanjay. Dr. M. M. Chacko has been elected as the President, Dr. K. Udayavarman as Secretary and Dr. D. Jayarus as Treasurer. The trust has 79 members on its roll. Interested veterinarians may join the trust before 31st May 2006. Rs. 1000/- is the membership fee. Financial assistance will be given every year to a farmer from a panchayat where Dr. S. Satheesh Kumar has worked. Please contact Dr. D. Jayarus, Assistant Director (CSO), Directorate of AH for more details (Mob: 9446551279). Dr. B. Ashok IAS (Director of Animal Husbandry Department) gave away Dr. S. Satheesh Kumar Memorial Endowment Fund to the family of a dairy farmer from Andoorkonam Panchayat during the Veterinarians convention Samanuayam held in December 2005 at Trivandrum.

Training Needs Assessment

Training Needs Assessment (TNA) is a Govt. of India scheme conducted as part of the State Training Policy aimed at improving the efficiency. In Kerala, Institute of Management in Government (IMG) is the co-ordinating the programme and is being implemented in all the departments. IMG has trained 30 veterinary officers as co-ordinators of the programme in Animal Husbandry Department. They will be organizing training to all officers from Part time sweepers to Additional Directors of the department.

Training programme under TNA for the year 2006/07 has been finalized. A total of 67 training programmes will be conducted. The training programme includes 8 schedules of Induction Training Programme for Newly Recruited Vets with duration of 10 days. For further information please visit - ahdkerala.nic.in. (do not type www). Interested Officers can submit their willingness to the respective District Animal Husbandry Officers and no separate intimation will be given regarding the training programme.

NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION OF KERALA VETERINARIANS IN NORTH AMERICA (AKVNA)

The 4th annual meeting of the Association of Kerala Veterinarians in North America was held on 8th April 2006 at 5.00 p.m. at Little India Restaurant, 8344 West Oaklant Park Blvd, Sunrise, FL. Dr. Sreekumar Pillai, President of the Association welcomed the gathering. Dr. Abraham Mathew, Treasurer, presented the statement of accounts and the report. Dr. Kumar Venkitanarayanan expressed vote of thanks. The following members were unanimously elected as the office bearers for 2006-2007. Dr. Sreekumar Pillai, North Carolina: President, Dr. Kumar Venkitanarayanan, Connecticut: Secretary, Dr. Shajan Mannala, Texas, Treasurer. Board of Directors - Dr. Mathew Varughese (Michigan), Dr. Leena Plavumkal (Florida), Dr. Baby George (Florida) Dr. Binoj Nair (Illinois), Dr. George Varghese (Maryland). Dr. Panampally Vijayan, President of the Kerala Veterinary College Alumni Association, addressed the meeting. North American Alumni contributed a total of \$14,250.00 for the golden jubilee fund. Dr. Vijayan will be contacting those who will be interested in contributing to the auditorium fund. The website of the association (www.keralavets.com) was officially launched by Dr. Vijayan. An interactive directory of the members will be built in the website where the members can add the contact information. This list can be accessed by all members for sending secure emails. The meeting expressed thanks to Dr. Binoj Nair for the great job in building the website. The meeting decided to start a membership drive for 2006-2007. Membership fee is reduced to \$25.00 for regular members and \$10.00 for student members. There was a suggestion to have regional meetings to involve all those members who are unable to attend the annual meeting. The following regions are identified and the board of directors will identify the appropriate regional co-ordinator. North East, Midwest, Canada. The next annual meeting is proposed in the Northeast/ Washington DC area.

HURRY! ACCEPTANCE OF WILLINGNESS FOR REPTILE MANAGEMENT & ORNITHOLOGY TRAINING HAS ALREADY BEEN STARTED

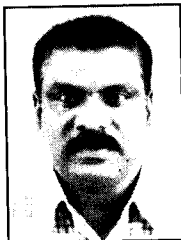
► Those who wish to attend training on Reptile Management at Trivandrum Zoo in the month of June may please give their willingness to District Secretary of IVA. Exact date will be intimated later.

► It is proposed to conduct a 2 day awareness training on "Ornithology" in association with Livestock Management training centre, Kudappannakunnu, Trivandrum. Those interested may give their willingness. The proposed month and date will be informed later.

SIGNPOST & ACHIEVEMENTS

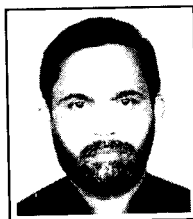
Dr. R.Vijayakumar given charge of Director for Animal Husbandry Department

Dr. R.Vijayakumar Director, IAH & VB and President of IVA, Kerala for the year 2004 has been given the charge of Director of Department of Animal Husbandry in the first week of April. At present he is also the member of Kerala State Veterinary Council.



Dr. K. Udayarman elected as President of KSVC

Dr. K. Udayarman, Additional Director (AH), has been elected as the president of Kerala State Veterinary Council. He was the President of IVA, Kerala during the year 2000 and Chairman of Veterinarians Convention "Sangamom" held at Trivandrum during 2001.

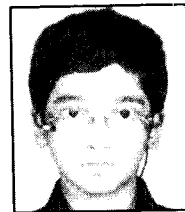


Dr. C. J. Chandra was honoured as the best sportsman for his past achievements in Tennis representing the Kerala Veterinary College. The award was given in the valedictory function of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of COVAS, Mannuthy. Dr. Chandra entered the college in 1957. He was then the Kerala State Junior Champion in Tennis and had represented the state



in several national championship. Representing the Kerala Veterinary College, he won the Kerala University championship for four years in Tennis. He also had represented and captained the Kerala University team for four years from 1958 to 1962. Dr. Chandra is also the past President of the Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala and also the Past District Governor of the Ys men International. He is also highly involved in the Trivandrum Flower shows. He retired as the Joint Director and has served the Zoo for 26 years as the Veterinary Surgeon.

Gautham Prakash A. Class V student of Palakkad Lions School, Palakkad has won the State Topper Medal in the subject Computer skills in the international Assessment for Indian Schools examination, conducted by the New South Wales University of Australia. He has also secured High Distinction in science, English and maths subjects in the same examination.

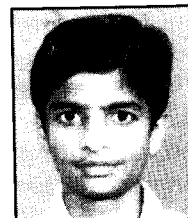


Gautham is the son of Dr. T. Prakash, Asst. Rinderpest Officer, RP Palakkad. Congrats Gautham Prakash.

Dr. S. Sooryadas, Veterinary Surgeon, DVC, Kollam received Best Paper award for the article "Tear Staining syndrome and its pharmacotherapy - A Case report" presented in the National level Scientific Seminar on "Current Trends in Canine Therapeutics - Changes and Challenges" conducted at Kochi on 30th April & 1st May 2005. Congrats Dr. Sooryadas.

Dr. Binoy P. Mathew & Dr. Fiji Ferdinand Francis, Veterinary Surgeons of AHD has been selected as the Zonal Trainers of Indian Jaycess. They achieved this distinction during the Zonal Trainers workshop held at Muvattupuzha on 17th March. Congrats Binoy & Fiji.

Neeraj K. Namboodiri, Student X Std St. Joseph's HS Kozhikode has secured second prize in Chakiarkooth, third prize in Folk Dance and "A" grade in Bharathanatyam and Chenda-Thayambaka in the 46th State School Kaloltsav held at Ernakulam. He was Kalaprathibha at sub district and district level. Neeraj got first prize for two consecutive year in Mrudangam state level competition conducted by Swathy Music Dias Kozhikode

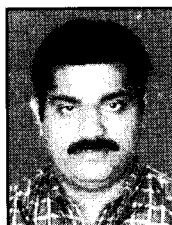


in Junior section. He got the first prize in Utsavathayambaka in sub junior section in connection with Guruvayoor Utsavam during 2005. He conduct programmes in Chenda, Dance and Mrudangam on many occasions. He is the son of Dr. Madhavan, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Kozhikode. Congrats Neeraj and Dr. Madhavan.

Dr. A.P. Usha, Associate Professor, Dept. of Animal Breeding & Genetics, College of Veterinary & Sciences, Pookot attended the training course on 'Capacity building for sustainable use of animal genetic resources in developing countries' at Kandy, Srilanka from 13th February 2006 to 3rd March 2006. The training was conducted by the Livestock Research Institute and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.



Dr. T. S. Rajeev, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Extension, College, of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Pookot has participated and presented a paper in International Congress of Zoo keepers held at Goldcost, Australia from 7th - 11th May 2006. He was invited by the Association of British wild Animal keepers. The paper was on technique of developing a training curriculam for zoo keepers based on their knowledge & training need. A total of 300 delegates from 29 countries participated in the programme. He belongs to 1992 batch of COVAS, Mannuthy.



DISTRICT NEWS

Thiruvananthapuram:

The General Body meeting of District IVA unit was convened on 2-2-06 at veterinarians' Building with the IVA State President Dr. Robin D. Culas on Chair. Dr. P. Selva Kumar District Secretary welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. M. Sabu was elected as the new District President and Dr. K. Jayakumar as Executive Committee Member.

A Lecture on basic immunology with special reference to Vaccine reactions was delivered by Dr. E. Sree Kumar, Scientist, Rajeev Gandhi Institute of Biotechnology as part of CVE programme. Dr. K. Muralee-dharan Nair, CVO (i/

c), DVC, Thiruvanantha-puram delivered a power point presentation, **DVC vision-2010** on the modernization of the DVC. 100 members participated in the meeting. Dr. K.C. Prasad, former KVSSA General Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

Dr. E. Sree Kumar focussed on the response of animals to vaccine antigen and the basic steps involved in generating immune response. He discussed the role of dose and route of antigen in eliciting vaccine - induced adverse reactions. It was pointed out that use of high quality vaccine from reputed suppliers and proper post-vaccination monitoring of animals can considerably contain these events. The need to understand the adage "no vaccine is always safe, no vaccine is always protective and no vaccine is always indicated," especially in the context of mass vaccination programmes, was stressed. For further discussion contact - sreesaj@yahoo.com.

The **Neyyatinkara Taluk unit of IVA**, Kerala in Thiruvananthapuram at Maranalloor panchayat was inaugurated on 4th March. The unit was inaugurated by Sri. N. Basurangan, President, Ksheera Dairy, in a function presided by Dr. D. Sanjay, General Secretary, IVA. Sri. N. Basurangan requested the support of IVA in the 50th year celebrations of Ksheera dairy. The dairy has provided a room, furniture and other basic infrastructure for the unit. Dr. V. A. Anilkumar, IVA nominee of Kerala State Veterinary Council welcomed the gathering and Dr. Bobby Rajan, Veterinary Surgeon of Maranalloor Panchayat proposed vote of thanks. Dr. S. M. Sabu, President, IVA, Thiruvanantha-puram, Dr. H. Viswanathan,



Chief Disease Investigation Officer, Palode and Dr. Jacob Alexander, District Laboratory Officer offered felicitation addresses. Lecture (for public and farmers) on Avian influenza by Dr. Rayne Joseph, Disease Investigation Officer, CDIO, Palode and on Production Diseases by Dr. R. Vijayan, Associate Professor, KAU was also held after the

inaugural function. The seminar was organised with the help of Livestock Management Training institute, Kudappanakunnu, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. P. Selvakumar, Secretary, IVA, Thiruvananthapuram and Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Assistant Director, LMTC participated in the function.

The 2nd general body meeting of IVA was held on 11-4-06 at Dr. G. Nirmalan Memorial Hall, Veterinarian's Building, Thiruvananthapuram. The meeting discussed the conduct of the protest day and the conduct of the proposed Dr. C. M. Singh Jayanthi celebrations 2006.

Kollam:

Annual General body meeting of IVA, KVSSA & AHOAK was held on 4th February at IB Thangasserry. Dr. Simon Daniel, President, AHOAK, inaugurated the function. Mr. Umesh Challiyil, MLA, Dr. Jose James, Vice President, IVA and Dr. Giridhar, Vice President, KVSSA Dr. Krishna Pillai, President, Vet. Trust addressed the gathering. A Clinical Conference on Management of Mastitis was handled by Dr. B. Aravind. Sessions on Pet Bird management and Disease Control was handled by Dr. Anil Kumar M.

Pathanamthitta:

The Election and installation ceremony of new office bearers was conducted during this month. A sent off was given to Dr. Joseph Scaria Deputy Director consequent to his transfer to Kottayam. ACVE Programme on Hamatopoiety in Canines was delivered by Dr. P. R. Vinod Kumar.

A warm send off function was arranged to Dr. P. T. Raj, PO, ICDP, Pathanamthitta and Dr. A. G. Lukose, SVS, Pathanamthitta on 3-3-06. Dr. Simon Daniel, State President AHOAK graced the function. IVA joined hands with KVSSA and AHOAK to resolve the service problems of Dr. Juliet B. Pillai and Dr. Jamal. A Combined executive meeting of IVA, KVSSA and AHOAK were held on 7th April 2006. Dr. Sai Prasad S., President IVA presided over the meeting. Dr. Biji A. J. Secretary IVA, Dr. Bennappan Secretary KVSSA & Dr. A. P. Vijayan, President, AHOAK, addressed the gathering. A decision was taken by the General Body to transfer the building fund. The General Body also decided to gather building funds from Veterinary Surgeons of Pathanamthitta a sum of Rs.100 per person every month. The District IVA in association with KVSSA and AHOAK successfully resolved the service matter issues

of Dr. Anitha G. Veterinary Surgeon, Dandi mangalam and Dr. Jaimol Varghese, Veterinary Surgeon RAIC. The three associations gratefully acknowledged the co-operation rendered by Dr. Shamsudeen Rawther DAHO, Pathanamthitta and Dr. Mohan Kunju Deputy Director, DAHO, Pathanamthitta in this regard.

As part of continuing education programme and to update the knowledge regarding pay fixation and service rules, a contact class was organized on 7th April 2006 for the vets of the district. Shri. Meera Sahib taking the lead role to handle the sessions. Five Taluk level co-ordinators of IVA were selected to co-ordinate the activities.

Alappuzha:

District convention of IVA conducted at outboat on 29-1-06. Day's proceedings were election of office bearers, cultural programmes for the family members of the veterinarians. Nearly 80 members graced the function.

The IVA district unit organized an one day training programme on 15th Feb. 2006 on Rabbit Rearing for the farmers of 19 panchayats and one municipality at the RAIC, Cherthala. The General Body meeting was conducted on 3rd April 2006.

Kottayam:

Dr. K. C. Vijayan DAHO inaugurated current year activities of IVA on 7-2-06. A reception was accorded to Dr. Joseph Scaria on his assuming charge as Deputy Director DAHO Office Kottayam. A sent off was arranged to Dr. Charles Philip, Deputy Director on his transfer to DAH Tvpm. 5 Taluk units of IVA reconstituted.

Combined general body meeting of IVA, KVSSA & AHOAK was held on 6th March 2006. As part of HRD programme a session on Dynamics of effectiveness, by Jc. Benny Kurian was also held.

Idukki:

Family meeting of veterinarians conducted at Rifle Club, Muttom under the joint auspices of IVA KVSSA and AHOAK. 80 family members participated in the function. Renowned film actresses and models Mahaboob and Anupama graced the occasion. Orchestra, Cinematic dance and mega dinner were arranged Export quality shirt exhibition, Automobile exhibition by popular Automobiles were arranged. Dr. N.S. Sunil Kumar VS VD Pannimattam was given a warm reception for his achieving recognition at the national

conference of Indian veterinary Anatomists held at Jhabalpur.

IVA associated with the Rotary Club of Thodupuzha to conduct a farmers awareness camp on 27th Pattayakudi, APCOS. Dr. Murali VS VD Mullriayad was designated as the Programme Director. As part of continuing Veterinary education programme, a



lectures on Effective Farm management handled by Dr. G. S. Madhu, Assistant Director, Pig Breeding Farm, Kolani and Recent Trends in Disease Diagnosis and Control handled by Dr. Lal G. Mathew were organized. A get together to honour Dr. P. J. Jose, Deputy Director, ICDP, Kattappana on his retirement on 31st March 2006 was organized. He is currently the president of Idukki unit of IVA. The district IVA Unit in co-operation with the Thodupuzha Municipality conducted 95 surgical operations at DVC, Thodupuzha, as part of the Animal Birth Control programme under the leadership of Dr. G. Mohanan, CVO, Dr. P.V. Narendran and Dr. Jaison George.

Ernakulam:

The Election and installation ceremony of new office bearers was conducted on 20-01-06 at YMCA hall Aluva.

As part of CVE programme, Dr. Sachin J. Shenoy, Veterinary Surgeon, Division of Invivo Model and Testing Biomedical Technologies Wing, Sree Chithira Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, gave a lecture on **Animal Models for Medical Devices Testing** on 18th March 2006. The General Body convened on 3-4-2006 at Park Central, Kaloor. It discussed the anomalies and course of action on the pay revision 2006.

Thrissur: The General Body meeting of IVA, Thrissur Dist. Unit was convened on 3-4-2006 at Hotel Pearl Regency. IVA Dist. President Dr. Shibu Pandala, presided the meeting. Dr. Biju P. Habeeb, Dist. Secretary welcomed the gathering. 70 members participated in the meeting. The following members

were elected as the Taluk representatives of IVA - Dr. Gopikrishnan (Thrissur), Dr. K. R. Rajeev (Thalappilly), Dr. V. M. Haris (Chavakkad), Dr. V. N. Vasudevan (Kodungallur) and Dr. C. Jayakumar (Mukundapuram). The General Body approved the chart of activities for the current year. Immediately after the General Body, Dr. K. N. Muraleedharan Nair, Former Dean, Veterinary College, Mannuthy, inaugurated the activities of IVA Thrissur for the year 2006. In the inaugural speech he said that IVA should focus on activities involving 100% social commitment, Vets should concentrate more on food production sector which will help to boost our economy. He also said that the nature of work of vets should be redefined. Vets should provide more importance to production sector rather than on service sector of hospital practice alone. Dr. V. Rajan, Deputy Director (AH) delivered felicitation speech. As part of the Continuing Veterinary Education Programme on cattle reproduction was held on the same day. Dr. Baby Cyriac, Cattle Sterility Officer, Aluva, made a power point presentation on the current reproductive status of cattle in Kerala, A consolidated report on the cattle breeding information data of Thrissur District prepared by Dr. P. Regha, (Technical Assistant to DAHO) was also presented. Dr. G. Ajit Kumar, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Animal Reproduction, Veterinary College, Mannuthy delivered a lecture on Fertility Management In Dairy Cattle. Dr. Syam K. Venugopal, Exe. Comm. Member proposed vote of thanks.

Kozhikode:

As part of the continuing veterinary education programme and to update the recent developments in bird flu, a seminar was organised by the IVA unit of Kozhikode on 23rd March 2006 for the vets of the district. Vets of DVC with Dr. P. P. Kanaran



taking the lead role handled the sessions. Inauguration of activities of all the three associations, IVA, KVSSA and AHOAK for the

year 2006 was held on 27th February 2006. Worshipful Mayor of Kozhikode Corporation, inaugurated the function and in the inaugural address he pointed out the importance of the veterinarians in clean milk, meat and egg production. He expressed apprehension over public protests in the construction of scientific slaughter houses. He emphasized that panic situations due to the report of emerging zoonotic diseases could only be lessened by the timely intervention of vets. He added that the associations should stand with the local bodies for solving these problems. A get-together to honour Dr. V. J. Samuel, DAHO of Kozhikode on his retirement from active service was held on the same day. Dr. P. Gireesh Kumar, Secretary, IVA, Kozhikode pointed out that even though he worked only for one month, he was able to touch the hearts of all the vets and other staff of the dept. Worshipful Mayor presented a memento to Dr. V. J. Samuel as a token of love and affection of vets of Kozhikode. His wife Smt. Susheela accompanied him in the meeting. Dr. P. P. Mujeebur Rehman and Dr. M. M. Mathai, Presidents of KVSSA and AHOAK respectively addressed the gathering. Dr. N. Mohanan, President, IVA, Kozhikode presided over the function and Dr. P. Girish Kumar welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. K. Santhosh, Secretary, KVSSA, delivered vote of thanks. Various taluk units of IVA have been instituted.

The General Body meeting was convened on 3rd April 2006. In this meeting 65 members participated.

Wayanad:

An urgent general body was held on 25-4-06 at Pookot Veterinary College to discuss on state level workshop of veterinarians (Organic animal production & ethno veterinary medicine). The general body decided to organize the workshop on 26th & 27th May 2006. An organizing committee was formed with Dr. Raghu Raveendran (Secretary, IVA Wayanad) as the general covenor.

The unit organized a family get together and send off party in respect of Dr. S. Prabhasuthan, District animal husbandry officer on 15-5-06 at Hotel Harithagiri. He had been in Wayanad as Joint Director for a long tenure of three and half years.

IVA, Kerala to host Dr. C. M. Singh Jayanthi Celebration and National seminar

Dr. C. M. Singh who was the (youngest) Director of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, and took this Mecca of veterinary science in India to dizzy heights of name and fame. Dr. Singh became the first President of the Veterinary Council of India and the founder President of the National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (India). The great soul who was a rare combination of dynamism and honesty was undoubtedly a towering personality among veterinary professionals of India. Dr. Singh left us for his heavenly abode on 27th July 2005. This great teacher dedicated himself to the cause of the profession, the advancement of science and social development in the country. Dr. Singh brought in distinction to science and the veterinary profession in India and his treasured dream was to converge knowledge available in basic science, applied sciences and the sister professions. The trust established by some of his students and Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala are commemorating his birthday which falls on 30th November in the form of a seminar entitled, "**Merging modern science for sustainability, health and wellness: a vision for synergy in veterinary, medical, other sciences and Technologies**" in Trivandrum, Kerala, India (between 30th November and 2nd December 2006). This will be a great opportunity for a horizontal interaction of veterinary professionals with medical and health professionals*, scientists, technologists and communication specialists. Prof (Dr) V. Ramakumar will be the chariman of the event. For more details pls contact 0471 2320773 mob: 09847443086

APPEAL TO DISTRICT OFFICE BEARERS

Assistance of district office bearers requested to ensure timely publication of district news, retirements and obituaries. (drshibusimon@yahoo.co.in)

VETERINARIANS' WELFARE SOCIETY

(KERALA)

The society became functional on 14th August 1988 and is registered (Reg No: 360/880) under Travancore – Cochin Charitable societies Act. Present active members on the Rolls is around 1400. It has its registered office at Veterinarians Building, TC 25/1324, Dharmalayam Road, Thiruvananthapuram – 695001 and Administrative Office at Veterinarians Square, Vth Floor, Kalliath Square, Palace Road, Thrissur – 680 020

New office bearers and revised conditions

The following are the Governing Body members (for 2006 – 2007) elected during the annual general body meeting held on 30th April at Thrissur.

President - Dr. A. P. S. Nair, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Hospital, Kazhakootam, Thiruvananthapuram.

Vice President - Dr. M. P. Gireesh Babu, Assistant Director, Regional Poultry Farm, Mundayad, Kannur.

Secretary - Dr. Haroon Abdul Rashid, Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Dispensary, Vengara, Malappuram.

Joint Secretary - Dr. V. M. Sukumaran, Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Hospital, Vallancherry, Malappuram.

Treasurer - Dr. G. Ajith Kumar (Assistant Professor, Dept of OG, COVAS, Mannuthy)

Some of the conditions has been revised and given below

■ **Eligibility for membership** is only up to the age of 50. Previously no age limit was fixed. Any Veterinarian in Government or quassi Government organization shall ordinarily cease to exist as member on his attaining the age of 60 years.

■ **W.e.f August 1st 2006, entrance fee has been revised to Rs. 1000.00** (Not refundable) from the previous Rs. 500.00 and **loan Deposit has been revised to Rs. 4000.00** (Refundable with interest) from the previous Rs. 3500.00. **So total amount to be paid is Rs. 5000.00 For those who join before August need to pay only Rs. 4000/-.**

■ **Benefits Promised to Members** - Financial assistance in case of death or permanent disability has been revised to Rs. 1, 00,000.00 from the previous Rs.90, 000/- and the medical benefits as one time payment for critical illness remains at Rs. 10,000.00(5 Nos a year based on seniority of applications.)

The society gives awards to children of members: 4 Nos – One each for SSLC, CBSE, Higher secondary/ Plus Two

The payments for membership can be made as cash or DD or Cheque. Membership will be accepted on submission of application, declaration and nomination and subsequent approval of the governing body of the society. The governing body has decided that the part payment made for membership, made to the society and not completed will be taken as administrative charges and not refunded. Veterinarians who have made the part payments, may complete the same at the earliest. Newly joined Vets of various institutions under the AH sector are requested to become the member of the society.

"JOIN THE VETERINARIANS WELFARE SOCIETY AND BE A PROUD MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY"