

Dr. V.S. Harikrishnan, has been posted as Scientist-B i the Division of Laboratory Animal Sciences, Bio Medical Testing Wing of Sree Chithra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram and Dr. Sabareeswaran . A. (M. V.Sc. Pathology) has been posted as Scientist-C in Division of Histopathology of the same Institute. He is a native of Thiruvananthapuram.



Obituary

Dr. T. Ramesh, Deputy Director, Epidemiology in the Dept. of Animal Husbandry (Epidemiology) passed away on 20th July at Thiruvananthapuram. He is survived by his wife Smt. S. Jananthi, Son Sujith (ICICI Bank) and daughter in law Smt. Rasmy. He was very helpful to the veterinary associations during his tenure in Directorate of Animal Husbandry. He was a very good organizer.

May his soul rest in peace.

Dr. David Joseph, a veterinarian of 1991 batch of COVAS, Mannuthy passed away on 3rd October in an unfortunate violent incident in Covington, Kentucky, USA. Dr. David hails from Irinjalakuda. He worked as a veterinary surgeon in the Animal Husbandry Department, Kerala, after completion of B.V. Sc & AH in 1997. He later completed MVSc in Biotechnology from IVRI, and enrolled in graduate program at Ohio State University in 2002. His body was laid to rest at Irinjalakuda on 22nd October 2006. May his soul rest in peace. He is survived by his mother and sister.

Dr. A Ramakrishnan, Retired Professor, Department of Poultry Science, COVAS, Mannuthy passed away on 25th October at Mannuthy, Thrissur. May his soul rest in peace.

Dr.A. Sadasivan Nair (62), retired Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Department passed away on 17th May. He is survived by his wife Smt. Saraswathy Amma, retired Professor of M. G. College and sons Sri. Kishore, Sri. Krishna Kumar and Sri. Sivakumar. May his soul rest in peace forever and ever.

DR. C.M. SINGH JAYANTHI CELEBRATION AND NATIONAL SEMINAR

Dr. C.M. Singh Jayanthi Celebration and National Seminar jointly organised by the Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala and Dr.C.M. Singh Endowment Trust at the Kanakakkunnu Palace in Trivandrum was held between 30th November and 2nd December 2006. Seminars, Pet Show and Public Forums were held as part of the celebrations. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. C. Divakaran, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry. Padmavibhushan Dr. M. S. Swaminathan the icon of green revolution in India graced the occasion and delivered the Dr. C. M. Singh memorial lecture. The inauguration was followed by Public Forum with Dr. M. S. Swaminathan. Worshipful Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram Sri. C. Jayan Babu, Dr. S. K. Chattopadhyaya & Dr. Somavanshi, President and Secretary of Dr. CM Singh Endowment trust, Maj General (Retd) Dr. R. M. Kharb, President, Animal Welfare Board, Smt. Nalini Netto, IAS, Dr. R. Vijayakumar, Director of Animal Husbandry, Dr. K. Udayavarma, President, KSVC, around 150 delegates from outside the state and within the state participated in the celebrations. Prof S.J.S. Odendaal, Animal behaviour specialist from South Africa attended the celebrations. The sessions that came up for discussion include Food Safety & security, environment security, Zoonosis control, experimentation in animals, ethology of animals, Man animal conflict. The sessions and discussions are aimed at finding out ways and means for utilizing the resources and informations available with various professions. Dr. P. Balachandran, former State President, IVA, Kerala and Dr. T. P. Sethumadhavan former Editor, JIVA anchored the public forums.

A unique Pet Show was held on 1st December which was inaugurated by Worshipful Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram Sri. C. Jayan Babu. Pet show was open to all animals, dogs, cats, birds, rabbits and other pet animals without giving stress to breed or pedigree certificates. Special competition for handicapped pets and special prize for children and senior citizen who handle pets were also held. The Competitions was on interaction with the pet, fancy dress of pet and tricks that an animal can perform. Public Forum on Man animal interaction and conflict was inaugurated by Maj General (Retd) Dr. R. M. Kharb, President, Animal Welfare Board. The logo of the Celebration and National Seminar was released by the Minister of Animal husbandry, Sri C. Divakaran on 2nd November, 2006. A website www.science-of-synergy.net was designed for the purpose of the seminar.

We would like to specially mention the efforts of Dr. R. Radhakrishnan Nair, Dr. Rebecca Thomas, Dr. S. Gopakumar, Dr. T. V. Anilkumar, Dr. Arun George and Dr. Jose James and other Veterinarians of Thiruvananthapuram for their efforts in the organisation of Dr. C.M. Singh Jayanthi Celebrations. We appreciate the sincere and disciplined efforts of Dr. Theodore John in the organization of Dr. C.M. Singh Jayanthi Celebrations.