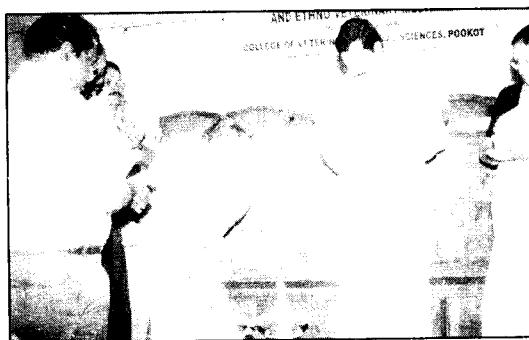


WORKSHOP ON ORGANIC ANIMAL PRODUCTION & ETHNO-VETERINARY MEDICINE & RELEASE OF JIVA

A two-day workshop on ORGANIC ANIMAL PRODUCTION & ETHNO-VETERINARY MEDICINE was organized by Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala in association with the Kerala State Veterinary Council on 26th and 27th of May 2006 at College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookot, Wayanad. Sri.Sreyams Kumar, MLA inaugurated the workshop.



Sri.P.T.Gopalakurup, Chairman, KCMMF was the guest of the day and Dr.R.Vijayakumar, Director of Animal Husbandry released the special issue of Journal of Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala (JIVA) on ethno veterinary medicine and organic farming. Dr.P.P.Balakrishnan, Associate Dean, COVAS, Pookot introduced the theme of the workshop.

Dr.D.Sanjay, General Secretary, IVA, Kerala welcomed the gathering in the function presided by Dr.D.Robin D. Culas, President, IVA, Kerala. Dr.K.G.Suma, National Vice President, Indian Association of Lady Veterinarians, released the recommendations of IVA on Animal Nutrition. Felicitation addresses were offered by the President, Vythiri Panchayat, local self government elected representatives, Dr.Theodore John, President, KVSSA, Dr.Simon Daniel, President, AHOAK, Dr.Zacharia Sebastian, DAHO/c, Wynad and Dr.K.P.Sreekumar Secretary, VFTA. Dr.K.S.Jayaram, District President, IVA, Wayanad proposed vote of thanks. About 200 delegates attended the function.

The inaugural session was followed by technical sessions with Dr.V.S.Venugopal, Manager (NC), TRCMPU, Alappuzha as chairman of the session. The lead papers were presented by Mr.Dinesh K. Menon, INDOCERT, Alwaye on Organic animal production: prospects, quality control and marketing and Dr.George Thomas, Associate Professor, College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara on Organic farming and food security.

Shri.R.Vijayarajan, Assistant Development

Commissioner, Collectorate, Thrissur, Shri.K.C.Philip, Managing Director, Palazhi Cattle Feed, Kozhikode, Shri.P.C.Madhavan Nair, Cholappuram, Pinangode, Wayanad, shared their views on organic animal production.

The first day's programme was followed by a visit to Pookot Lake, cultural programme, dinner & campfire.

On the second day all aspects on Ethno-veterinary medicine was discussed with Dr.A.M.Chandrasekharan Nair, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Pharmacology & Toxicology, COVAS, Mannuthy as chairman. The Lead papers were presented by Dr.G.M.Nair, Former Director, Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute, Palode, Kerala & Professor and Head, Department of Botany, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram on Bioprospecting and Dr.P.G.Baby, Professor & Head, Dept. of Clinical Medicine, COVAS, Mannuthy on Ethno-veterinary practices. Contributory papers were presented by Dr.Joshua Allan of M/s Natural Remedy on Current Scenario in discovery and development of phytomedicines, Dr.Damodaran on Prospects and challenges in the development of herbal medicines and Legal implications and use of herbal medicines by Dr. K. Udayavarman, President, KSVC.

Other papers presented were Ethno-veterinary beliefs and rationality by Dr.Sunil G, Antifungal herbal agents by Dr.Vinu David, Herbal Immunostimulants by Dr.Shinu M, Herbal immunostimulants by Dr.Suja Rani and Herbal tranquilizers by Dr.Suresh N Nair.

In the Plenary session draft recommendations of the technical sessions were presented by Dr.V.S.Venugopal and Dr.A.M.Chandrasekharan Nair. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr.Reghu Ravindran, District Secretary, IVA, Wayanad.

ROUND TABLE MEETING ON SWINE FEVER

A round table meet was organized on 10th December 2006 at Veterinarians building, Trivandrum to discuss the emergence of Swine Fever and its impact in the sector. The meeting was attended by Veterinarians who are actively involved in Pig Industry, academicians from Veterinary College, veterinarians in diagnostic and biological production and office bearers of IVA, Kerala. The opinion gathered after discussion and secondary date gathered through internet and web communications with experts was submitted to the Government for favourable action.