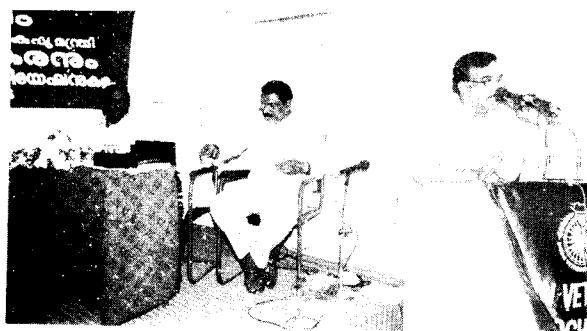


FACE TO FACE WITH SRI. C. DIVAKARAN, MINISTER FOR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AT VETS BUILDING

For the first time in the history of our associations a face to face interaction with Sri. C. Divakaran, Minister for Animal Husbandry was organized jointly by IVA, KVSSA and AHOAK at Veterinarian building, Thiruvananthapuram on 29th June to discuss associations point of view regarding problems and prospects in Animal Husbandry sector and the problems of Veterinarians in AHD, Pay revision etc. But due to hectic and heated debate in the assembly, a proper interactive session did not materialize. Dr. D. Sanjay, General Secretary, IVA, Kerala welcomed the gathering in a meeting presided by President of IVA, Kerala Dr. Robin D Culas. Presentations in CD and hard copy of various topics such as problems and prospects in Animal Husbandry sector by Dr. Jose James, General Manager, KLDB,



Constraints and Problems of Vets in AHD by Dr. C. Sreekumar, Veterinary Surgeon, RAIC, Nedumangad, Veterinarians' duties and status by Dr. S. Giridhar, Veterinary Surgeon, VPC, Nedumangad, Problems and prospects in Meat sector by Dr. George. T. Oommen, Associate Professor, COVAS, Mannuthy, Farm Tourism by Dr. Sunilkumar, Assistant Director, AHD, Veterinary University by Dr. Saseenranath P. C., Professor & Head(LPM), COVAS, Mannuthy, Stray animal control by Dr. K. C. Prasath, former General Secretary, KVSSA, biologicals and Pharmaceuticals by Dr. Roy Mathew, Research Assistant, IAH & VB and High-tech Hospital by Dr. Muraleedharan Nair, Assistant Director, AHD and Dr. Annie Varghese, Veterinary Surgeon DVC, Thiruvananthapuram was submitted to the Minister later in the day.. Dr. Theodore John President, KVSSA moderated the function and Dr. Robin D Culas proposed vote of thanks. The recommendations of IVA on Animal Nutrition was submitted to Minister by Dr. Jose James, Vice

President, IVA and the documents on Veterinary University was submitted to Minister by Dr. C. B. Manomohan, Vice President, VFTA. Sri. C. Divakaran, Minister for Animal Husbandry addressed the gathering and briefed the policies, priorities and expectations of the government. In his speech he informed the gathering that Super specialty Veterinary hospital in Thiruvananthapuram, Veterinary university and changing the timings of Veterinary hospitals are under the active consideration of the government. He also called upon the officers to work hard and united to improve the quality of service and he expressed his desire to make this sector a force to reckon with. Dr. R. Vijayakumar, Director of Animal Husbandry addressed the gathering and informed that now onwards department and the review meetings will focus on physical achievements of institutions rather than spending time on review of budget utilization. He also added that a face to face with farmers and minister is on the cards. Dr. Simon Daniel, President, AHOAK, Dr. Y. Samuel, General Secretary, AHOAK, Dr. Fiji Ferdinand Francis. T, General Secretary, KVSSA, Dr. Ani. S. Das, Managing Director, KLDB, Additional Directors of AHD and around 120 members including former office bearers of IVA, KVSSA and AHOAK participated in the function.

IVA Commemorates World Zoonoses Day

Indian Veterinary Association Kerala, commemorated World Zoonoses Day 2006 with a State level workshop, public awareness seminar, exhibition, vaccination camps, quiz and essay competitions for school students on the 4th, 5th and 6th of July, at Thrissur, under the joint auspices of Animal Husbandry Department, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy and Kerala Livestock Development Board. The workshop on Formulation of recommendations for the control of major zoonotic diseases in Kerala' was inaugurated by Sri. C. Divakaran, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry on the 4th of July, at Veterinary College, Mannuthy.

In the inaugural address, he offered all the help to the State Animal Husbandry Department for developing vaccines against zoonotic diseases like

rabies and Brucellosis. He assured that the Government will go ahead with the proposal of setting up a Veterinary University in the state and the procedures will be completed as early as possible.

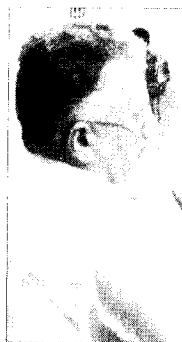


According to him a Veterinary University is essential in the state for the over all development of the Animal Husbandry sector. He also declared that the Government is planning to launch a scheme to generate one lakh jobs in the poultry sector. In this scheme, free chicks and feed will be given to women who are interested in poultry farming and the eggs produced will be bought back from them. He also added that another scheme to enhance the cattle feed production in the state will also be materialized soon. He called upon the Vets to work hard to make innovative projects and urged the Scientists to undertake research projects which benefits the common man. He informed the gathering that the government is ready to pay all the benefits to the officers if they prove their efficiency and commitment in their duty. He also assured all the support for strengthening the animal husbandry department.

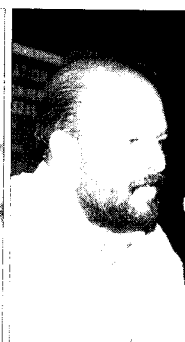
Dr. D. Sanjay, General Secretary, IVA, welcomed the gathering in a meeting presided by Dr. K. J. John, IVA State Vice President (NZ). Dr. E. Nanu, Dean, Veterinary College, Mannuthy, delivered the key not address. Sri. Rajaji Mathew Thomas, MLA and Adv. V. S. Sunilkumar, MLA distributed various awards to Scientists and Students. Dr. R. Vijayakumar, Director, Animal Husbandry Department inaugurated the district level awareness campaigns of IVA, Thrissur. Felicitation addresses were offered by Dr. Ani S. Das, Managing Director, KLD Board, Dr. P. P. Balakrishnan, Assoc. Dean, COVAS, Pookkot, Dr. R. Rajendrakumar, Assoc. Dean, Dairy Science and Technology College, Mannuthy, Dr. K. G. Suma, National Vice President, IALV, Dr. Fiji Ferdinand Francis, General Secretary, KVSSA, and Dr. G. Ajithkumar, Treasurer, VWS, Kerala. Dr. Jose John Chungath, Convenor, Reception committee, proposed

vote of thanks. A total of 300 delegates participated in the programme.

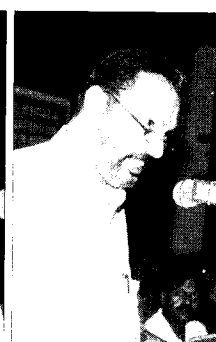
The inaugural session was followed by technical sessions with Dr. S. Sulochana, Former Dean, COVAS, Mannuthy as the moderator. The lead papers were presented by Dr. M. R. Saseendranath, Assoc. Prof. & Head, Dept. of Preventive Medicine, COVAS, Mannuthy, on Zoonotic diseases of bacterial and viral origin. Dr. George T. Oommen, Assoc. Prof., Centre of Excellence in Meat Science and Technology, COVAS, Mannuthy, on Meatborne zoonotic disease and Dr. Nileena Koshy, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Community Medicine, Medical College, Thrissur on Prevention and control of zoonotic diseases. The delegates actively involved in the discussions and the draft recommendation of the session were prepared by Dr. S. Sulochana, the Moderator. The meeting came to an end with the



Adv. Therambil
Ramakrishnan, MLA



Adv. V.S. Sunil
kumar, MLA



Sri. Rajaji Mathew
Thomas, MLA

vote of thanks proposed by Dr. V. R. Mohanan, Joint Convenor, Reception committee. Dr. Haroon Abdul Rasheed anchored Quiz competition.

IVA in co-operation with Thrissur Canine Club, conducted a free anti rabies vaccination camp to pet animals on 5th July at Sahithya Academy Premises, Thrissur.

A Public awareness seminar and an Exhibition on zoonotic diseases were organized on World zoonoses Day, the 6th of July, at Sahithya Academy hall, Thrissur. Adv. Therambil Ramakrishnan, MLA, inaugurated the seminar in a function presided by Dr. M. A. Bahuleyan, DAHO, Thrissur. The exhibition was inaugurated by Sri. K. Sreekumar, Dist. Panchayath President, Thrissur. The felicitations were offered by Sri. I. P. Paul, Leader of the Opposition, Corporation of Thrissur, Sri. K. G. Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Standing Committee for Health and Education, Corporation of Thrissur, and Sri. M. P. John, Marketing Manager, Kerala Feeds Ltd.

The papers were presented by Dr. N. Sudhodanan, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Polyclinic, Chittoor, Palakkad on Prevention and control of

rabies, Dr. S. Nandakumar, Veterinary Surgeon, RDDL., Palakkad on Prevention and control of Bird Flu and Dr. U.S. Ramachandran, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Polyclinic, Kodungallur on Role of public in the control of zoonotic diseases. Certificates and trophies were distributed to the winners of Quiz competition conducted for High School Students and Essay competition held for +2 and college students Dr. Biju P. Habeeb, Dist. Secretary, IVA, Thrissur welcomed the gathering and Dr. P.A. Francis, Dist. Treasurer, IVA, Thrissur proposed vote of thanks. About 200 persons including students and public attended the seminar.

DAYA-2006 HELD

Under the auspices of the Department of Animal Husbandry a State level animal welfare seminar was organized on 10th June 2006 at the Govt. Guest House, Thycaud, Trivandrum. In the meeting chaired by the worshipful Mayor of Trivandrum Corporation, Dr. R. Vijayakumar, Director of AHD proposed the welcome address. The seminar was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister for Animal Husbandry and the key note address was delivered by the Addl. Secretary(AHD) to Govt. of Kerala. Felicitations were given by Dr. Robin D. Culas, the President, IVA and animal welfare activists. Dr. S. Prabhasudhan, DAHO, Trivandrum proposed vote of thanks.

Following the inaugural function, eminent scholars and researchers deliberated on animal welfare activities with Dr. K. G. Suma, Additional Director of AHD as Moderator. The various topics that were discussed in the session include Dr. V. Ramakumar on Importance of Animal Welfare Activities, Dr. K.C. Panicker on Control of Cruelty to Elephants, Sri. M. B. Santhosh (Chief Sub-editor, Kerala Kaumudi) on Role of Media in Animal Welfare Activities, Dr. S. S. Rani on Animal Welfare Laws, Dr. L. Ravikumar on Role of Animal Welfare Associations and Dr. Abdul Kahar on Role of Animal Husbandry Department in Welfare Activities.

GALLOP-06 BRINGS NEW LIFE TO VETS

A state level program of leadership Training was organized by IVA Kerala and KVSSA jointly and hosted by Kannur District units of 12th and 13th of August at Hotel Pearl view regency Thalassery, brought new life to the participating Veterinarians. Dr. Robin D Culas the honourable state president of IVA Kerala formally inaugurated Gallop 06. Dr. Theodore John, President of KVSSA presided over the function. Dr. K. Arumugham District Animal

husbandry Officer, Kannur was the Chief Guest. KVSSA General Secretary Dr. Fiji Ferdinard Francis welcomed the gathering.. Dr. John K. J. the North Zone Vice-President of IVA Kerala dictated Veterinarians Oath. Dr. V. Shankar the program Chairman and Finance Manager delivered the Vote of thanks.. Dr. Sujan M.P. the KVSSA Secretary introduced the two faculties, Jc. Adv. Vamanakumar and Jc. Er. Ahamed Nizar. There was also a session of departmental activities which was dealt with by AHD PRO of Kannur, Dr. Jayamohan T.V. In the evening combined executive of IVA & KLVSSA was held followed by cultural programmes and Dinner. In the night up to midnight, most of the participants were in the swimming pool.

13th morning started at 5.30 a.m. for a session on YOGA under the guidance of the famous dance and yoga teacher of Thalassery Sr. Rajendran. Dr.



John K. J. Vice president (NZ) of IVA handled a session. Dr. Ani S. Das the Managing Director of the KLD Board presented a thought provoking speech on the present policies of the government and current scenario in Livestock sector. Dr. Ani S. Das inaugurated the certificate distribution ceremony by handing over the certificates to Dr. Anil Kumar C. the District President of IVA Kerala and the State Jt. Secretary for distribution to participants.

The eminent trainers did a wonderful job by motivating all the participants. Adv. Jc. Vamanakumar the pilot Faculty always kept the participants on their toes. The facility that was available at the venue was fantastic. Program Chairman Dr. V. Shankar deserves appreciation for his powerful leadership and helped the district unit in organising the event amidst the ADCP and ASCAD. The Valedictory function started at 4:15 pm. It was Presided by the District IVA president Dr. Anilkumar C. The Chief guest of the evening was Dr. K. G. Suma, Additional Director Animal Husbandry Department. Dr.V. Shankar gave

mementos to the two faculties and Dr. K. G. Suma. Dr. D. Sanjay, the State General Sec. of IVA and Dr. Preethamlal, District Secretary of IVA, Kannur was honored on the occasion. Vote of thanks was delivered by the ever energetic President of KVSSA, Kannur Dr. Premkumar C. K. The program ended with the national anthem.

IAH & VB Introduces a new Field-Testing Antibiotic Sensitivity Pattern of Bacteria Causing Mastitis in Dairy Animals

Mastitis is the major disease affecting the productivity of milch animals in our state. The economic loss due to this disease is estimated to be as high as Rs. 9.69 cores per annum.

The screening and reporting of cases of mastitis has become easier with the launching of California Mastitis test reagent from this Institute in the year 2004. IAH & VB advanced further in mastitis control with the preparation and distribution of the Mastitis Kit at subsidized rates to the farmers last year. The contents of the kit helped in three ways prevention of infection to the udder, detection of sub-clinical cases of mastitis and production of milk under hygienic conditions. The latest addition to these series of farmer friendly products is the Antibiotic Sensitivity Test Kit.

A successful mastitis treatment regime depends on two major factors-the time of starting of treatment and the selection of the correct antibiotics. The conventional method of culture and sensitivity test by isolation of organism and disc diffusion method takes on an average 36 to 48 hours with the cost of test reaching around Rs. 150 per test.

With the technical know-how from Sree Chitra Institute of Medical Science and Technology, Trivandrum (developed by Dr. Umashankar, Scientist), the institute is on its way in launching a new field kit that would accomplish the need for a timely and effective treatment of our valuable dairy animals. The kit helps in determining the antibiotics that is effective in the treatment of mastitis within a time span of 3 to 4 hours. The sensitivity pattern of the causative organism is indicated by a simple color reaction appreciable with the naked eye. The test can not be carried out in the farmstead itself. This easy to carry, ready to use kit is sure to revolutionise the method of approach in mastitis treatment. The heavy losses incurred as a result of delayed intervention and incorrect drug selection can be reduced considerably

with the new Antibiotic Sensitivity Kit from IAH & VB, Palode says Director of Animal husbandry & IAH & VB, Palode Dr. R. Vijayakumar.

Round table vets meet at Ernakulam

The Round Table Vets (Kerala), a service club of veterinarians of Kerala organised its third annual meet on 27-07-06 at Hotel Ganam, Ernakulam. In a colourful function more than 65 vets from all over Kerala participated. Dr. John Kuruvilla welcomed the gathering. Dr. V. Ramakumar (TVM) presided. Dr. Abraham Kurien (KTM) was "Head of Table". Dr. K. C. Vijayan, Dr. Babu Issac (EKM), Dr. V. K. Kurien, Dr. K. G. Unnithan (QLN), Dr. AMC Menon (TCR), Dr. Rajan Chungath (PKD), Dr. N. K. Sreedharan (KZD), Dr. P. V. Mathew (IDKY), Dr. T.N. Balachandran (PTA) addressed the gathering. An Orchestra was conducted by Dr. Lazar and Dr. PRC Pillai (Thodupuzha). The next meet will be in July 2007.

Annual General Body Meeting of Dr. S. Satheesh Kumar Memorial Trust held

Annual General Body meeting of Dr. Satheesh Kumar Memorial Trust formed in loving memory of Dr. S. Satheesh Kumar (1979 Batch, COVAS Mannuthy) who passed away in October 2004 in a tragic bike accident was held on 14th september at Veterinarians building, Thiruvananthapuram. The meeting was presided by Dr. M. M. Chacko, president of the trust. Dr. K. Udayavarman, Secretary of the trust presented the report of activities and Dr. D. Jayarus, Treasurer presented the audited report. It was decided to co opt. 5 temporary trustees as per bye law (Dr. K. K. Jayaraj, Dr. M. K. Prasad, Dr. P. Baiju, Dr. C. J. Chandra and Dr. Muthukumar) in to the board apart from the existing 7 permanent trustees (Dr. M. M. Chacko, Dr. K. Udayavarman, Dr. D. Jayarus, Dr. V.A. Anilkumar, Dr. C. Sreekumar, Dr. Shanavas and Dr. D. Sanjay). It was also decided to conduct Annual Dr. S. Satheesh Kumar Memorial meeting at Kazhakootam Panchayat. Awareness seminar, infertility and vaccinations camps are being organized in association with Department of Animal Husbandry and Indian Veterinary Association. Dr. S. Satheesh Kumar Memorial Edowment Fund (Financial assistance) will be given to the family of a dairy farmer from Kazhakootam Panchayat where Dr. S. Satheesh Kumar had worked.