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FARM JOURNALISM AWARD CEREMONY AND STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON FARM JOURNALISM

The Farm Journalism Award ceremony and the State level workshop on Farm Journalism with special emphasis to visual media was held on 22nd and 23rd of February 2007 at the Museum Auditorium at Thiruvananthapuram in association with the Kerala State Veterinary Council, Department of Animal Husbandry and the Kerala Livestock Development Board.

The Award Ceremony was held in the after noon of 22nd Feb 2007. Sri. Mangode Radhakrishnan, MLA was the Chief Guest of the day. Dr. T. Rajeev (General Secretary) welcomed the gathering with Dr. K. R. Arun Kumar (President) on Chair. Sri. Mangode Radhakrishnan M. L.A inaugurated the award ceremony. This was followed by the keynote of address by Dr. R. Heli, Jury Chairman and Retired Director of Agriculture. He emphasized the importance of farm journalism in the development of primary sectors such as animal husbandry and agriculture. Sri. Mangode Radhakrishnan gave away awards to winners, which included a cash award, a citation and a certificate of merit. Cash award for the first place winner is Rs.5000/-, second place winner is Rs.3000/- and consolation prizes Rs. 1000/- each.

Dr. R. Vijayakumar (Director of Animal Husbandry), Dr. Theodore John (President, KVSSA), Dr. Sunil Kumar (MD, KSPDC), Dr. P. V. Mohanan (MD, MPI) and Dr. Ani S. Das (MD, KLDB) felicitated the function. This was followed by reply by the Award Winners. Dr. Jayakumar (District President, IVA, Thiruvananthapuram) proposed vote of thanks. A large gathering of vets from all over the state and other media persons witnessed the award distribution ceremony. Retired senior vets also graced the function.

In connection with the Award Ceremony a Workshop on Farm Journalism was organized with special reference to visual media. The Workshop was held in the forenoon of 23rd February 2007. Sri. John Brittas, Managing Director of Kairali TV was the chief guest, in a colorful function chaired by Dr. S. Yohannan, Vice President (SZ) of IVA. In his inaugural address he highlighted the importance of media in the development of the society. At the same time he criticized both print and visual media for not allotting much time and/or space for farm related news/ programmes in spite of the fact that in India more than 65 % of population earn their livelihood from livestock, agriculture and allied sectors. Dr. Justin Jacob Adhikaram (Joint Secretary, SZ) welcomed the guests Dr. N. N. Sasi, Registrar, KSVC and Dr. K. G. Suma, Additional Director and Member, VCI offered the felicitations. Dr. Arun George (District Secretary, Thiruvananthapuram) proposed vote of thanks.

The inaugural function was followed by a session on Still Photography by Sri. Robert Vinod, News Photographer, Malayala Manorama. The session on Script Writing was handled by Sri. B. S. Ajith Lal, Script Manager, Kisan Krishi Deepam and Dr. D. Shine Kumar, Veterinary Surgeon, AHD. Sri. B. L. Bijulal, Coordinator (media) & Chief Editor, Kisan Krishi Deepam dealt in detail about Visual Media Production and Post Production procedures.

On the second day delegates were divided into two groups. Each group prepared a script followed by field shooting at RPF and DLF, Kudappanakkunnu. The delegates were taken to Kissan Media Lab, IIITM, Technopark for post production editing and for the preparation of a documentary. The Field-Shooting and Post Production procedures were supervised by Sri. B. L. Bijulal, Coordinator (media) & Chief Editor, Kisan Krishi Deepam and his team from IIITM, Tehnopark. The two-day workshop ended with the production of a documentary scripted and acted by our own fellow vets.

IVA FARM JOURNALISM AWARDS

The Farm Journalism Awards instituted by the Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala Chapter was scrutinized threadbare by a jury comprising Dr. R. Heli (Jury Chairman, Retired Director of Agriculture) and Dr. C P Muraleedharan Nair (Retired Joint Director, Department of Animal Husbandry). Both Dr. R. Heli and Dr. C P Muraleedharan Nair are well known farm journalists with many years of experience in journalistic activities.

The awards were declared in a press conference held in the 19th of February 2007 at Press Club, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. K. R. Arun Kumar (President), Dr. T. Rajeev (General Secretary), Dr. R. Heli, Jury Chairman, Dr. Yohannan (SZ Vice President), Dr. Fiji Ferdinand Francis (Secretary, KVSSA) and Dr. Arun George (TVPM District Secretary) attended the press conference. Dr. K. R. Arun Kumar declared the four categories of Awards to the media. The Best Editorial Category received no entries.

1. Best Article published in the daily, written by a journalist First Prize: Sri. Ubaidkhan, Madhyamom Second Prize: Sri. Radhakrishnan Pattanoor, Desabhimani

2. Best Programme in visual media telecasted First Prize: Sri. Saju Kurien, "Haritha Bharatham", Amritha TV Second Prize: Sri. Rudra Pratap, "Pets Corner", Asianet Cable Vision

3. Best Photo Feature published First Prize: Sri. M. V. Sumesh, Varthamanam daily Second Prize: Sri. Rajan M. Thomas, Malayala Manorama

4. Best Article of a veterinarian published First Prize: Dr. D. Shine Kumar, Veterinary Surgeon, AHD

Second Prize: Dr. Raghu Ravindran, Assistant Professor, COVAS, Pookot

Consolation Prizes: Dr. P. M. Prasad, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Malayinkil

Consolation Prize: Dr. Sabin George, Assistant Professor, KVK, KAU, Thrissur.

FARM JOURNALISM PEN-A-CAPTION AWARD

The Farm Journalism Pen-a-Caption Award has been bagged by Dr. N. Sudhodhanan, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Elappulli, Palakkad for his caption "**Nattu Kinarum Nadan Kozhiyum Nadinu Anniyam**".

WORLD VETERINARY DAY 2007

World veterinary day celebrations and state level seminar on "role of veterinary profession in economic renaissance and emotional security" was held on the 28th of April 2007 at Hotel Span in Kozhikode in a big way. The meeting started with a silent prayer. Dr. Fiji Ferdinand Francis, General Secretary, KVSSA welcomed the gathering and Dr. Theodore John, President, KVSSA gave the Presidential address. The World Veterinarians' Day celebration was inaugurated by Sri. M. Bhaskaran, Worshipful Mayor of Kozhikode Corporation. Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar, MLA inaugurated the seminar and distributed awards – KVSSA Awards to State level winners of painting competition, Veterinarians' Welfare Society Awards for children of veterinarians who topped 10th and 12th level examination of various Boards, Dr. K. V. Asokan Trust Best Veterinarian (Kerala) Award for veterinarians working in AHD and Dr. Nirmalan Trust Best Veterinarian (Kerala) Award and Best Veterinary Scientific article Award. Dr. R. Vijayakumar, Director of Animal Husbandry, Dr. Udayavarman, President, KSVC, Dr. K. R. Arun Kumar, President, IVA, Dr. C. N. Dinesh Kumar, President AHOAK, Dr. A. P. S. Nair, President, VWS and Dr. Ani S. Das, Managing Director, KLDB offered felicitations. Dr. Arun Sathian, Kozhikode District Secretary of KVSSA proposed vote of thanks.

The inaugural function and the distribution of prizes were followed by a State level Seminar on "Role of Veterinary Profession in Economic Renaissance and Emotional Security" with Dr. P. P. Balakrishnan, Associate Dean, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookot as the Moderator. The first session on "Role of Veterinary Profession in Emotional Security" was handled by eminent Professor (Dr.) Rama Kumar, Former Secretary of Veterinary Council of India and a very active member of veterinary fraternity. Dr. T. P. Sethumadhavan, Assistant Director, AHD handled the second session on "Role of Veterinary Profession in Economic Renaissance". The third session on "Role of Animal Husbandry Sector in Preventing Farmers Suicide with Reference to Vidharbha Package" was dealt by Dr. R. Vijayakumar, Director of Animal Husbandry. The multi-dimensional facets of veterinary profession and the diversified role of a veterinarian were reviewed in the seminar.

Dr. V. K. P. Mohan Kumar, Joint Secretary, NZ, KVSSA, welcomed the gathering in the Cultural Evening and Family Get together. Dr. P. K. Santhosh, Vice President, NZ, KVSSA delivered the Presidential Address. The

Chief Guest of the day was Dr.Sanjay Joseph. IRS, Assistant Commissioner, Income Tax, Kozhikode. Dr.Sanjay Joseph is a 1993 Batch COVAS. Mannuthy graduate. He distributed KVSSA Awards to winners of Kozhikode District level painting competition. Dr.K.G.Suma, Member, Veterinary Council of India. Dr.T.Rajeev, General Secretary, IVA, Dr.Unnikrishnan, General Secretary, AHOAK, Dr.Haroon Abdul Rasheed, Secretary, KVWS, Dr.Mathew Jacob, DAHO, Kozhikode and Chairman of Organising Committee, Dr.S.Sunil Kumar, Managing Director, KSPDC and Dr.P.V.Mohanan, Managing Director, MPI felicitated the function. Dr.Mujeeb Rehman, Kozhikode District President, KVSSA and Convenor of Organising Committee proposed vote of thanks.

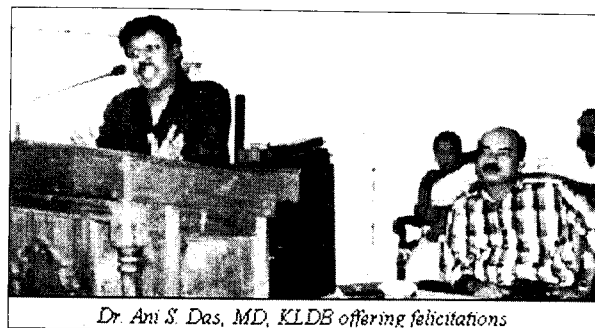
Cultural programme and meeting of Indian Association of Lady Veterinarians, Executive committee meetings of IVA, KVSSA and AHOAK and General Body meeting of KVWS followed the inaugural ceremony.

The Annual General Body meeting of Kerala Veterinarians' Welfare Society was held on 29th April 2007 at the same venue.

STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON BREEDING POLICY FOR KERALA

A one day State level workshop on Breeding Policy For Kerala was organized by Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala in association with AHD Kerala and KLDB on 26th June at College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookot, Wayanad.

Sri P.T Gopalakurup, Chairman, KCMF inaugurated the workshop. Dr .K. R. Arunkumar IVA President presided over the function. Dr. Rajeev T, Secretary IVA Kerala welcomed the delegates. Felicitations addresses were offered by Dr. P.P.Balakrishnan, Associate Dean, COVAS, Pookot, Dr.Ani. S. Das, MD, Kerala Livestock Development Board,



Dr. Ani S. Das, MD, KLDB offering felicitations

Dr.M. Abdulkareem, DAHO i/c, Wayanad and Dr.Santhosh P K, Joint Secretary KVSSA. DR. Radhamma Pillai, District President, IVA Wayanad

proposed vote of thanks. About 100 delegates from different organizations in AH sector attended the function.

The inaugural session was followed by technical session with Dr.Viswanathan T V, Professor and Head, Dept.of Nutrition COVAS, Pookot as the moderator of the session. Dr.Anilkumar K., Associate Professor COVAS Pookot presented the draft proposals for breeding policy. The delegates were divided into various groups and the groups discussed the draft proposals. The group leaders presented the recommendations of groups. The recommendations of the workshop regarding Breeding Policy will be published soon in Jivaonline and members are welcome to contribute their valuable suggestions. An Expert committee will be constituted by IVA incorporating members from AHD, KLDB and KAU which will formulate a final draft of recommendations on breeding policy for Kerala for favorable consideration by the Govt of Kerala. The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. A.P. Usha, Convenor, Organizing committee.

WORLD ZOOSES DAY 2007

Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala commemorated world zoonoses day 2007 with a state level scientific seminar, awareness seminar for people's representatives on 6th July at Indraprastha Auditorium, Palakkad, under the joint auspices of Indian Veterinary Association, Veterinary Council of Kerala and the Animal Husbandry Department. The function was inaugurated by Shri K S Sreenivasan, District Collector, Palakkad. In his inaugural address he emphasized the need for joint effort by Animal Husbandry Department and Health Department under the leadership of Local bodies to control the zoonotic diseases. The Inaugural session was followed by a scientific seminar with Dr S R Mohanchandran Nair as



District Collector Palakkad Sri. K.S. Sreenivasan Inaugurating the workshop

the moderator. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr E Nanu, Dean, Veterinary College, Mannuthy. Dr M Jayan

welcomed the delegates. Dr T G Jayakrishnan, Assist Professor, Communicative Medicine, Medical College, Kozhikode. Dr J Abraham, Retd Director, Veterinary College, Mannuthy presented lead papers on Zoonoses and Public health, meat borne zoonotic diseases respectively. Dr P V Ashraf, Dr A A Kunjumohammed, DAHO, Palakkad addressed the gathering.

In the post lunch session an awareness seminar for people's representatives was inaugurated by Dist Collector Shri K S Sreenivasan. The function was chaired by Dr K R Arun Kumar, president, IVA. Dr T Rajeev, General Secretary, IVA, Dr T Ravisankar, Dr S R Mohanachandran Nair, Dr V Selvamurugan, Dr M Jain, Dr K T Rejimon spoke on the occasion. The participants interacted actively to highlight the fact that modern abattoirs are mandatory need in our state. The colorful function came to an end at 6 PM.

TRAVANCORE MEET LOGO RELEASED

The Annual Veterinarian's Convention of Veterinarians of Kerala "TRAVANCORE MEET 2007"



will be held from 29th to 30th December 2007 at Kottayam.

The Logo release and Proclamation of name of the convention were effected in a grand gala function attended by all vets of kottayam on 09-08-07 at Orchid Residency at Kottayam. The Logo "Shanku" the heritage indicator of erstwhile state of State of Travancore. The General Convenor Dr P George Thomas received the Logo Shield released by Dr Abraham K Kurian, Chairman of the organizing committee. The Fund drive was inaugurated by Dr Thomas Mani receiving Rs 1000/- from Dr Alex P Abraham.

The Vets of Kottayam are eager to welcome you all with family for the one and only grand get-together function of the vets of Kerala.

FIRST WORLD RABIES DAY CELEBRATION AND WORKSHOP ON FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF RABIES IN KERALA

First World Rabies Day was celebrated in a big way on 8th September 2007 at Hotel Pearl Regency, Thrissur. A State level workshop on rabies was organized under the auspices of Indian Veterinary Association, Kerala, Department of Animal Husbandry and Kerala State Veterinary Council. The workshop entitled 'Formulation of recommendations for the prevention and control of Rabies in Kerala' witnessed



heated deliberations and the recommendations so arrived at, will soon be submitted to the Government of Kerala for further action at the State level. A Serum Rabies Antibody Titer Assessment Camp was also organized on the same day. The whole event was organized with a view to spread the message of prevention and control of rabies.

The function started with a welcome note by Dr. T. Rajeev, General Secretary, IVA, with Dr. K. R. Arun Kumar, President, IVA on Chair. Dr. T. Rajeev welcomed the Chief Guests, award winners and the delegates. Dr. K. R. Arun Kumar delivered the Presidential Address.

Sri. K. P. Rajendran, Honourable Minister For Revenue, Government of Kerala inaugurated the workshop. He emphasized the role and importance of Veterinarians in the mission against rabies and urged people from all walks of life to work in harmony to make Kerala free of rabies. He conveyed the message that the Government is determined to make Veterinary University a reality.

Sri. Rajaji Mathew Thomas, MLA inaugurated the IVA-Village Adoption programme for Rabies control by handing over the IVA declaration to Dr. Biju P. Habeeb, Veterinary Surgeon of Puthur. IVA in association with AHD will implement a project for making Puthur village in Thrissur District, free of Rabies within a period of three months. The MLA appreciated IVA in selecting Puthur Village for rabies eradication, which is also the proposed locality for the new zoo at Thrissur.

Dr. E. Nanu, Dean, Veterinary College, Mannuthy delivered the World Rabies Day message. Dr. R. Vijayakumar, Director, AHD, Kerala gave the keynote address. Felicitations were offered by Sri. K. G. Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Standing Committee for Health and Education, Thrissur Municipal Corporation, Dr. C. N. Dinesh, President, AHOAK, Dr. Fiji Ferdinand Francis, General Secretary, KVSSA, Dr. N. Ashok, Member, KSVC, Dr. P. K. Jacob, Member, KSVC, Dr. Rajan Warriar, DMO, Thrissur and Dr. M. A. Bahuleyan, DAHO Thrissur. Sri. K. G. Radhakrishnan expressed confidence in making Thrissur Corporation free of Rabies with the help of COVAS, Mannuthy and IVA. He viewed that funds will not be a problem to achieve this goal.

IVA honoured Ksheeradhara award winner Sri. M. B. Gopalakrishnan, a farmer and Karshakamithra Award winner Dr. N. Sudhodanan, Senior Veterinary Surgeon, Palakkad during the function. As a token of appreciation, IVA presented a memento and a free cattle insurance coverage worth Rs.30,000/- to Sri. M. B. Gopalakrishnan. Dr. P. B. Giridas, District President, IVA, Thrissur proposed vote of thanks. 61 delegates availed the facility of Serum Rabies Antibody Titer Assessment.

The inaugural function was immediately followed by the technical session of the workshop with Dr. N. N. Sasi, Registrar, KSVC, as the moderator. Dr. Girija K.R., Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Government Medical College, Thrissur presented a paper on Prevention And Control of Human Rabies. Dr. P. V. Tresamol Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Veterinary College, Mannuthy presented a paper on Prevention And Control Of Rabies In Animals. Dr. K. N. Venkitaramana, Assistant Director, Pasteur Institute of India, Koonoor, gave an overview on the role of Pasteur Institute in rabies control. Strategy for the planning on eradication of rabies in Kerala was given by Prof. (Dr.) Ramakumar. V., Former Secretary, Veterinary Council Of India. After the brain storming session, the recommendations for the control of rabies were formulated.

AHD News

Dhenukam - 2007, The State Animal Husbandry Fest was organised at Peringottukara, Thrissur under the joint auspices of the local self government of Cherpu constituency and the Department of Animal Husbandry, Govt, of Kerala, from 7th - 9th of December, 2007. This gala event was flagged off in an impressive inaugural ceremony on the 7th by the Hon. Minister for Animal Husbandry Sri. C. Divakaran, while Adv. V. S. Sunilkumar M.L.A. presided.

This three day extravaganza included over 120 stalls of various government departments, semi government organisations and private entrepreneurs. The afternoon sessions were, enlivened with Quiz competition for high school students conducted by "Jeevajalakam fame" Arunkumar and a seminar on safety and management of Kerala Elephants.

The highlight of this event was the farmers seminar and direct expert interactive sessions on the 8th. The seminar was well received by visiting farmers and it touched upon emerging issues of interest such as better management practices and production aspects. The best farmer was honored in the valedictory function of this session, by Sri. K. Radhakrishnan, Hon. Speaker.

The sessions on the 9th emphasised the importance of control of emerging diseases, rabbit quail and turkey rearing, as well as entrepreneurship, microfinance and the Kudumbasree.

This colourful event drew to a close with the



valedictory function which was inaugurated by Sri. K. P. Rajendran Hon. Minister for revenue. The three days were graced by the presence of numerous eminent personalities including Sri. Murali Perunelli, MLA; Adv. Therambil Ramakrishnan, MLA; Sri. Rajaji Mathew Thomas, MLA; Prof. C. Raveendranath, MLA; Dr. M. Beena IAS, District Collector, Thrissur; Dr. R. Vijayakumar, Director Animal Husbandry, Kerala, besides senior officers of the Department of Animal Husbandry and thousands of farmers from all over the state.

KSVC News

LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK TRAINING TO IVA OFFICE BEARERS

A training programme on Leadership and Teamwork was organized under the auspices of Kerala State Veterinary Council exclusively for the office bearers of Indian Veterinary Association from 22nd to 24th October 2007 at Krithujayanthi Animation Centre at Kovalam.



Thiruvananthapuram. The programme was part of the mandate of Veterinary Council to strengthen veterinary professional association. Dr.N.N.Sasi, Registrar, KSVC welcomed the gathering. Dr.Udayavarman K., President, KSVC, presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. The inaugural ceremony started with a different note by identifying Dr.Sangeeth Narayan, youngest veterinarian of the gathering, to inaugurate the training programme. Dr.V.A.Anil Kumar, Member, Veterinary Council and Convenor of the Committee for Continuing Veterinary Education Programme offered felicitations. This was followed by felicitations of other members of Veterinary Council, Dr.Jacob P.K., Dr.Asok N., Dr.Haroon Abdul Rasheed and Dr.Mohanachandran Nair. Inaugural function was followed by the training programme.

Lectures included: Leadership- Historic perspective by Dr.M.A.George, Retired Faculty, IMG; Leadership traits by V.S.Sukumaran, Faculty, National Institute of Entrepreneurship Development; Emotional Quotient by Dr.(Prof.) R.Prakasam, Faculty, IMG; Motivation by Dr.Chandraprasad Sreedhar, Retired Faculty, IMG; Team Work by K.S.Chandrasekhar, Faculty, Institute of Management in Kerala and Veterinary Council Acts, Practice Regulation and Ethics by Dr.(Prof.) Ramakumar, Former General Secretary, Veterinary Council of India.

In the eve of 22nd October 2007 a discussion was held to prepare a format for collection of data from veterinary institutions in the State. The data so collected will be uploaded in the newly created website of Kerala State Veterinary Council and serve as a database – both institutional and professional - for the entire veterinary community. Preparation of a veterinary practice kit is under active consideration of the Veterinary Council. A discussion was arranged in the evening of 23rd October 2007 to finalise the content and size of the kit. All the veterinarians participated actively in the discussions to finalise the data format and practice kit.

With regard to Preparation of Database of Veterinary Institutions and Development of Practice Kit you may send your precious comments and suggestions to The Registrar, KSVC, Peroorkada, Trivandrum or e-mail at drnnsasi@yahoo.co.in

The office bearers of Indian Veterinary Association on behalf of all its members express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the members of Kerala State Veterinary Council for organizing such a training programme that is hitherto unheard of in the realm of veterinary profession.

Sign Post & Achievements

Dr. Madan takes over as VC of Vet Varsity

Dr Motilal Madan, a distinguished veterinary and animal scientist, has taken over as the Vice-Chancellor of Pt Deen Dyal Upadhyaya Veterinary and Animal Science University, Mathura.

Dr Madan had been the Joint Director, Research, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, for several years. Before taking up his Mathura assignment, Dr Madan had been the Deputy Director-General (Animal Science) in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, and the Vice-Chancellor of Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh Agriculture University, Akola.

Dr Madan pioneered embryo transfer technology (ETT) among large ruminants. Through ETT he produced 10 calves from a single "elite" cow in a year, demonstrating this fast multiplication technology for milch animals. He received worldwide scientific acclaim when he produced the world's first in-vitro fertilised (test tube-IVF) buffalo calf.

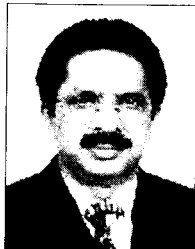
Among the many awards conferred upon Dr Madan are the Bhasin Award (2002), the Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award (1992), the Hari Om Award (1990), the Ogouri Award from Japan (1995), the SAPI Honorary Award (2002), the Malik Trivedi IAAVR Award (1997), the D. Sundaresan Award (1989), the Nirmalan Memorial

Award (1994-95) and the International Science Pioneer Award (1985).

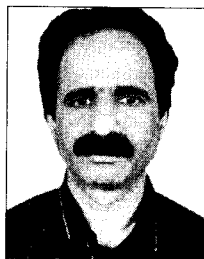
Dr Madan has also played a leading role as an environmentalist. He developed a biodiversity part at Nagpur. A collection of 350 medicinal and aromatic plants was grown at Nagarjuna Park at Akola.

Source; The Tribune

Dr.J.Abraham has been awarded the the " International Scientist of the year 2007" in the field of Meat Science and Technology by The international Biographical centre, Cambridge, England. Dr. J. Abraham is currently Advisor to the National Research Centre on Meat, Hyderabad, I.C.A.R and National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati, Government of Inida. Dr.Abraham's Biography has now been published in the "Who's Who in the world 2007-08" (U.S.A) and "Who's Who in Science and Engineering-2007-08" (U.S.A). He provides consultancy on Meat Technology, Abattoirs, Meat Processing plants, Rendering Plants E.T.P and ISO/ HACCP. Congrats Dr.J.Abraham.



Dr. P.V Mohanan is appointed as Senior Project officer for Centre for Environment Education(CEE) to implement LEAD (Livestock, Environment And Development) programme of FAO in south India. CEE is a Centre Of Excellance under Ministry of environment and forest, GOI. The work of the Initiative targets at the protection and enhancement of natural resources as affected by livestock production while alleviating poverty. Dr.P.V.Mohanan was working as Managing director, Meat products of India, GOK.He is the first veterinarian to join LEAD programme. He belongs to 1984 batch of COVAS, Mannuthy.



Dr.E.K.Easwaran, Forest Veterinarian, was selected as one of the Faculty for the First European Elephant Management School, Hagenbeck Tier Park (Zoo), Hamburg, Germany. In the week long course from 12th to 20th November 2007 he gave a series of lectures on Indian style of management of captive elephants. The programme was attended by veterinarians and elephant keepers. Congrats.

Dr Tomy Joseph (1987 batch) published a review article in 'Nature Reviews Immunology' 7. 267-278, April 2007 [Impact factor: 28.697] titled "Scientific Barriers

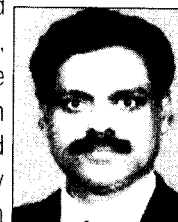
to Developing Vaccines against Avian Influenza Viruses". Dr Tomy Joseph is currently a postdoctoral visiting fellow in the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases at the NIAID, NIH, USA. His research focuses on the generation and preclinical evaluation of live attenuated virus vaccines against avian influenza A H7 subtype viruses. He is the recipient of prestigious Dr. Douglas W. Ehresmann Memorial Award in Virology.

Dr. Soja Saghar S (1995 Batch) received Best poster presentation award in the 4th Indo-Australian Conference on Biotechnology, held at Queensland Institute of Medical Research, Brisbane, Soja Sagar



Master Navneeth, son of Dr.K.Madhavan, SVS, VH, Vellikulangara, Kozhikode is one of the contestants in the final round competitions of Super Dancer Junior Programme conducted by Amritha TV. He sis one among the fifteen contestants from around 10.000 participants for the preliminary round. We vets are proud of him and let us congratulate and bless him for success. IVA requests all the members to support him by sending valuable sms for Navneeth. His voting format is SDJ<space>navneeth (Airtel, Idea, Vodafone-54050 and BSNL, Reliance, Tata- 5600650). The programme is telecasted on all days at 7.00 pm. Best wishes.

Dr. T.V. Anilkumar has been awarded the title 'FRMS' with effect from 01, January 2007. He is a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society, which was founded in 1939 at Oxford and incorporated in to Royal Charter by Queen Victoria of England in 1866, an organization of international stature which fosters advancements in microscopy (www.rms.org.uk). He is a graduate of 1978-batch of the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Trichur, Kerala and the first veterinarian in India to get this recognition.



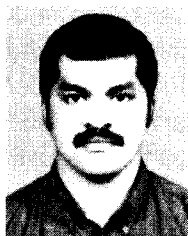
Dr. Anilkumar has extensively used various types of microscopes for his research work and veterinary pathology practice. Remarkably, one of his electron micrographs was featured as front-cover illustration of the British Journal of Cancer, April 1992. In 2004, he attended the Summer Course of the Royal Microscopical Society at Leeds, UK. Early this year he completed a training programme on Confocal Microscopy at Jena, Germany. Currently, he is the Scientist-in-Charge of the Laboratory for Confocal Microscopy and Experimental Pathology at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology

at Trivandrum, which is a biomedical research institution of national importance under the ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Dr. George Chandy, Assistant Professor of Surgery and Radiology at Bangalore Veterinary College, has been awarded Gold Medal for the Best Paper in Orthopaedic Surgery at the 31st Annual Congress and National Symposium of the Indian Society for Veterinary Surgery held at Jammu in October 2007. He also has other awards, fellowships and publications to his credit. His wife, Dr. Reena George, is working as Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Dispensary, Kizhakkem Perambra, Calicut District."



Dr. S. Anoop, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery and Radiology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookot, Wayanad has attended and presented a paper in an International Conference on Ecology and Management of Wildlife Diseases held from 12th - 16th November 2007 at York, United Kingdom. He also visited the University of Cambridge and The Royal Veterinary College, London. He is a 1992 batch graduate of COVAS, Mannuthy.



Dr. UMASANKAR HONOURED

Dr.Umasankar, a veterinarian and a scientist at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) was honoured by the

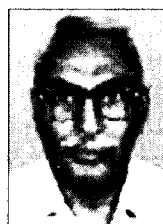


Government of Kerala for having developed an antibiotic sensitivity test kit to identify the most sensitive antibiotic for mastitis at field level. Honorable Minister for Food,

Civil Supplies & Animal Husbandry, Government of Kerala, Shri.C.Divakaran presented a memento to Dr.Umasankar for his path breaking contribution in the field of mastitis control. In the same function the mastitis test kit was released to public in the presence of the Honorable Minister for Animal Husbandry. An Indian patent titled 'A Field kit for Testing antibiotic sensitivity of mastitis milk in dairy animals and the method of preparing kit' was granted in 2005.

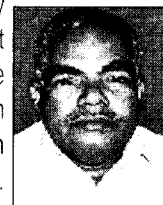
Obituary

Dr Mohammed Ibrahim, retired Joint Director of Animal Husbandry passed away on 09-07-07 at the age of 71 years. He is native of Thuckalay in Kanyakumari Dist. A Mannuthy graduate of 1955 batch, survived by his six children in Thuckalay. IVA condoles his death.



Dr.Vijayan, retired Assistant Director of the Department of Animal Husbandry expired in July 2007. He is survived by his wife, a retired engineer and two sons.

Dr. K. Sasidharan, Retd. Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt passed away on 4th July 2007 at the age of 56 Years. He is a native of Kollam District. He belonged to the 1971 batch of Trissur Veterinary College. IVA,condoles his untimely demise.



INDIA DECLARES ITSELF FREE OF AHS

As per the provision of Article 1.1.2.3 contained in the Chapter 1.1.2 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code on "Notification and Epidemiological Information", India declares itself free from African Horse Sickness (AHS) Disease. This recognition is based on the documentation collated by the Veterinary services of India and submitted to OIE on 22nd June 2006.

APPEAL TO DISTRICT OFFICE BEARERS

Assistance of district office bearers requested to ensure timely publication of district news, retirements and obituaries. (editorjiva@gmail.com)

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