

FARM JOURNALISM AWARDS 2007

Farm Journalism Award Ceremony was held on 20th March at Angel King Auditorium, Alappuzha. The awards were given for farm journalistic activities in the Animal Husbandry sector. Journalists in the field of print and visual media and Veterinarians contested for the awards. Award were given for best article published in a daily, which was written by a journalist, best programme in visual media telecasted, best photo feature published and best article of a veterinarian published. Awards were given away by Sri. G. Sudhakaran Hon'ble Minister for Devasom and Coir. The award ceremony was presided by Dr. K. R. Arunkumar, President of IVA, Kerala. Dr. B. Santhosh Kumar, General Secretary welcomed the gathering. Sri. Muraleedharan Thazhakara, Farm Radio Officer and Jury member introduced the award winners. Dr. K. Udayavarman, President, Kerala State Veterinary Council, Dr. Ani. S. Das, Managing Director, Kerala Livestock Development Board, Sri. Abraham Thadiyoor, Press Club President, Alappuzha, . Theodore John, President, KVSSA, Dr. P. K. Santhosh Kumar, General Secretary, AHOAK, Dr. Charles Philip. DAHO, Alappuzha felicitated the gathering. Dr. P. N. Thomas proposed vote of thanks.

The inauguration of the State level seminar was done by Sri. P. Thilothaman, Cherthala MLA. Dr. R. Vijayakumar, Director of Animal Husbandry presided over the function. Dr. Yohannan, Joint Secretary of IVA, Kerala welcomed the gathering. Dr. K. Udayavarman, President, Kerala State Veterinary Council delivered key note address. Dr. S. Muraleekrishnan, Deputy Director of DAHO, Alappuzha, KVSSA district president of



Dr. Sabin George receiving the award from the Hon'ble Minister

Cherthala MLA Addressing the gathering

Alappuzha Dr. Sangeeth Narayanan, AHOAK district president Dr. Salim Chellappan felicitated the gathering. Dr. M. Radhakrishnan, District Secretary of IVA, Alappuzha proposed vote of thanks. Dr. K. G. Suma, Additional Director, Planning, Dr. Ani. S. Das, Managing Director, Kerala Livestock Development Board, Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, General Secretary, KVSSA, Dr. S. R. Mohanachandran Nair, Chairman of Executive committee of Kerala State Veterinary Council presented various papers.

In the seminar for farmers which was held simultaneously in a different stage, Dr. N. Ajayan, Deputy Director of Livestock Management Training Centre handled a session on Zoonotic diseases and Dr. K. V. Sukumaran handled a session on infertility problems and remedy.

The Workshop on Extension activities in Animal Husbandry Sector was held in association with the Animal Husbandry Department, Kerala State Veterinary Council and Kerala Livestock Development Board. Around 200 vets participated in the workshop.

WINNERS OF FARM JOURNALISM AWARDS 2007

Best article published in the daily, which was written by a journalist.

Sri. P. Sureshan of Deshbhimani got the first prize for the article Susthira Vikasanethinte Ksheera Vazhi. Sri. Binoy Vidya Sagar of Deepika got the second prize for the article Kashtathakulede Avasanam Kashappu.

Best programme in visual media telecasted.

The video documentary on Buffaloe rearing under the banner of Haritha Keralam produced by Jeevan TV got the first prize. Second prize was given to Burnigeetham of Kairali TV (episodes 129,130), which focuses on success story of a farmer. Sri. Sidhartha Menon of Kairali TV received the award.

Best published photo feature.

Sri. C. R. Gireesh Kumar of Mathrubhumi, Palakkad has been adjudged as the best for the photo feature published with the title "Kazhchayile Nombaram. Photo of suffering by a donkey due to loss of hoof.

The photo feature sent by Sri. M. V. Sumesh, Photographer of Kerala Kaumadi, Kannur published in Siraj daily with the daily Nerethe Poyavarkidayil Midipode. Photo of two surviving chicks among dead flock received the Second prize. The third prize was received by Sri. P. Sandeep, Photographer of Madhyamom, Thrissur for the photo with title Njangal Kyuvilannu. Photo was that of group of Pigeons sitting together.

Best published article of a veterinarian.

First Prize given to Dr. Sabin George, Assistant Professor(KAU), KVK, Thrissur. His articles Ithiri Pakshikalude Nettam published in Malayala Manorama, Ksheeradhara Orukiya Gokulam published in Karshaka sree and Malayali Marakunnuvo Erumayude Peruma published in Karshakan were considered for award.

Second prize was given to Dr. P. K. Muhsin, Retd Additional Director of AHD for his various articles published.

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proposed vote of thanks. In the valedictory function Dr.P.P.Balakrishnan, Associate Dean was the chief Guest. Dr.Reghu Ravindran, VFTA welcomed the gathering. Dr. K.R.Arunkumar President of IVA, Kerala presided over the function. Dr.P.P.Balakrishnan distributed the certificates. Best participant award was given to Dr.Anil. The logo of the Programme was designed by Nidhin Raj, IVth year BVSc student and the name of the training programme, EN AVANT (means "Ahead") by was coined by Raihan Abdul Rahim, IVth year BVSC student. Dr.K.Promod. IVA Sec ,Wayanad unit proposed vote of thanks.

Southern Regional Leadership Training Programme was held on 23rd and 24th at Hosanna Mount Bharananganam Pala. Forty members participated including lady veterinarians.

ROUND TABLE VETS PLAN VETERINARIANS' VILLAGE

The fourth annual meet of the Round Table Vets (Kerala) was held at Hotel Ganam at Ernakulam. Dr.John Kuruvila welcomed the gathering. Dr.Abraham Kurien was the head of the Table. Dr.J.Abraham presided over the function and Dr C.T.Chacko was the moderator. A proposal for a Veterinarians' village in which veterinarians can live and share life was proposed by Dr.K.R.Ramachandran Nair. Vets can live in separate cottages with all modern amenities. Dairy farming and other animal welfare activities will follow. More than 85 vets from all over Kerala attended the meet. The next meet will be held in September 2008.



Sri.P.C.Thomas MP inaugurated the function and Dr. Cyriac Thomas, former Vice Chancellor, MG University was the chief Guest. On the same day, a session on Effective Public Speaking and Personal effectiveness was handled by Dr. Ruble Raj of SB College Changanassery and Organizational Skills by Sri George Karunakkal, famous HRD Consultant. A discussion on yesteryears of the association was held with Dr.K.P.G.Nair, Dr.Baby Cyriac, Dr.Yohannan and Dr. Ramakammath leading the discussion. On 24th Sri Joy Joseph, Prof, SD College, Kanjirappally took an interactive session on Officer Like Quality, and the functions came to an end with Dr. Sabu D.Mathew Prof St.Thomas College, Pala as Chief Guest who gave away the certificates.

Sign Post

Dr. D. Shine kumar, Public relations officer and veterinary surgeon of Animal Husbandry department was honoured with the "Karshaka Bharathi" award 2003 – 2004 instituted by Government of Kerala for agricultural journalism. He belongs to 1987 COVAS Mannuthy batch.



Major Thomas K Thomas officer commanding of 1 Kerala R & V Squadron of NCC Mannuthy has been promoted to the rank of Lt Colonel and will discharge the duties as Commanding Officer of that unit. He belongs to 1988 batch COVAS Mannuthy. Congrats Dr. Thomas.



Dr. V.S. Venogopal 1981 batch Mannuthy graduate has taken charge as Manager (Regional Sales), Regional Office (Trichy), Indiagen Ltd. Indiagen Ltd is a subsidiary company of NDBB which promotes quality semen and provides insemination services apart from advisory services related with breeding. Dr. V.S. Venogopal was working as Veterinary Officer (Manager Cadre)

Obituary

Dr. A S Rajendran, 1971 batch Vet passed away on 15th March. He joined AHD in 1978. Worked as veterinary surgeon and senior veterinary surgeon in different posts in Trichur and Malappuram districts. Retired as CVO Waynad in 2005. He is survived by wife Dr. Kusumalatha (gynaecologist) and two sons, one a chartered accountant in Bangalore and the other an engineer working abroad. May his soul rest in peace.

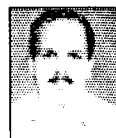
at Head Office, TRCMPU (Milma) before he took up the new assignment. Good luck Dr. Venugopal



Dr. K. Anilkumar has received Mid career Scientist award of Indian Society of Veterinary Immunology and Biotechnology during the national conference held recently. He belongs to 1982 batch and completed his PhD in 2004.

State Level Award Winners of IVA, Kerala

The awards were distributed during Annual Convention of veterinarians of Kerala, The Travancore Meet held at Kottayam.



Best Veterinarian – Dr. T. Prakash, Assistant Director (Poultry), Malampuzha, Palakkad

Best Lady Veterinarian – Dr. Swapna Susan Abraham, Veterinary Surgeon, Chief Disease Investigation Office, Palode, Thiruvananthapuram.



Best District President – Dr. P. Bahuleyan, Kollam

Best District Secretary – Dr. Biju. P. Habeeb, Thrissur.

Dr. Ravindra K (44 Yrs) passed away on 9th March 2007. He is a 1984 batch Bangalore Veterinary College graduate and joined in the Animal Husbandry Dept of Kerala State as Veterinary Surgeon in 1991. He is a native of Kundapura of Udupi District, Karnataka State. He died after prolonged hospitalization. During his last days he served as Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Dispensary, Madhur. He is survived by his wife Anuradha. May his soul rest in peace

