



COMMONWEALTH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION ASIA NEWS

Editorial

At the Regional Meeting of the CwVA (Asia) held at Colombo, Sri Lanka in December, 1985 it was felt that there was an urgent need for a News Letter to cater to the needs of the region. However, as there was paucity of funds, it was felt that it would not be possible for the National Assoc. to meet the cost of the Newsletter, neither could the CwVA fund extra finances to meet this cost. Dr. S. Abdul Rahman, who is the Editor of a popular magazine 'THE VETERINARIAN' volunteered to produce the Newsletter without any financial commitment on the part of the CwVA. This newsletter is the first issue of this venture and it is hoped that many more would follow. It need not be emphasised here that the active cooperation of the members not only within the region but the entire Commonwealth is required for the success of any Newsletter. It is requested that the Council Members of the Asia Region send news items of interest to the Regional Representative at regular intervals and offer their suggestions and criticism to improve the Newsletter. Active cooperation of the other regions is also required to make this an useful vehicle of information to members of all regions of the CwVA. I am grateful to Dr. L. P. E. Choquette President, Dr. Trevor Blackburn, Vice President and Dr. J. Archibald Secretary/Treasurer of the CwVA for their encouragement in bringing out this Newsletter. Dr. D. D. Wanasinghe and Dr. M. U. Ahmed Choudry, Council Members of Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have also contributed their mite to this venture and I am indebted to them also. I also acknowledge the encouragement and good wishes of Regional Representatives and Council Members of the different Regions and national associations who have sent messages on the occasion of the publication of this newsletter.

S. ABDUL RAHMAN
Editor, Reg. Rep. Asia.

His Excellency, Sir Dawda Jawara, President of The Gambia and Patron of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association.

Sir Dawda was born in 1924 in the Zambia and had his early education there. He had his post-secondary education in Ghana and Glasgow University Scotland where he qualified as MRCVS in 1953. He was awarded the Diploma in Tropical Veterinary Medicine from the University of Edinburgh in 1957. He served in the Veterinary service of the Gambia from 1954 to 1960 as Principal Veterinary Officer and resigned to become the Prime Minister in 1963 and led The Gambia to full independence in 1965. Sir Dawda became the first



President of the Republic of the Gambia in 1970. He was the first President of the CwVA and in 1984 became the Patron of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association.

Sir Dawda Jawara

He has been a source of inspiration and guidance in the affairs of the CwVA ever since its inception, and we look forward to his continuous support for many more years to come.

Dr. J. Archibald Secretary / Treasurer CwVA

Dr. Archibald was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer, of the CwVA in 1984. Earlier Dr. Archibald was the Council Member Canada, and Reg. Rep. Canada-Caribbean. He has been awarded the



Dr. James Archibald

prestigious 'International Prize for Scientific Achievement'. This award is made by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association and it recognizes Veterinary work that has had a significant impact on the knowledge of small animal medicine. The award ceremony was held in Tokyo at the November 1985 congress of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association.

MESSAGES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Representatives of the national veterinary associations in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to the Regional (Asia) Council of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CwVA), with the support of their respective associations, are to be congratulated on their initiating the publication of a CwVA Newsletter in their region.

This newsletter will contribute to informing the veterinary community of activities, particularly those under the aegis of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association, to making veterinarians in the region aware of significant developments in organized veterinary medicine in Commonwealth member countries as well as in other areas of interest, and to furthering links between CwVA member associations and their respective membership in the Asian region. It is a welcome adjunct to the biennial pan-Commonwealth CwVA Newsletter. The production, on a regular basis of a newsletter of the kind envisaged is not an easy task. Its Editor/Publisher, Dr. S. Abdul Rahman (India), CwVA Regional Representative for Asia, will certainly welcome the collaboration of his fellow CwVA Regional Council members, as well as of members of their respective associations, to make the CwVA Asian Newsletter the instrument it is meant to be.

The overall objective of the CwVA is to strengthen and further the development of veterinary medicine, particularly in the less favoured countries of the Commonwealth. Veterinary medicine, is in the forefront in many areas affecting mankind which is rapidly increasing in number and is faced with diminishing natural resources required to satisfy its vital needs.

The profession already plays a major role and is called upon to play a greater one in vital areas such as the prevention and control of diseases in animals, the development and maintenance of healthy livestock industries, the production of wholesome food, the care of beasts of burden so economically important in agricultural communities, the conservation of wildlife, research for



better understanding of animal diseases and their significance, etc.

The tasks facing the veterinary profession are enormous and there are no miraculous ways to solve the problems inherent to them. Continuing concerted efforts are a must if the profession is to achieve its mission. Organized veterinary medicine can play a significant role in this respect by promoting, for instance, the exchange of information and technological transfer, and by encouraging the enhancement of individual performance. This calls for good communication between members of the profession if they are to fulfill their calling to the ultimate benefit of the communities they serve. Furtherance of links between CwVA member associations and diffusion of information through regional and pan-Commonwealth CwVA newsletters is a step in the right direction.

With best wishes,

Sd/- L. P. E. CHOQUETTE, DVM, MSc., PhD
President, CwVA.

BRITISH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION



J. Trevor Blackburn

Dear Dr. Abdul Rahman,

May I congratulate you on your nomination as Regional Representative for Asia.

I would also like to congratulate you on preparing the CwVA News letter (Asia), and wish you well with this publication as communications within and between countries of the Commonwealth are extremely important.

I hope one day to visit India and attend one of your veterinary conferences.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

J. TREVOR BLACKBURN
Vice President CwVA



Dr. W. V. Pryor

Dr. S. Abdul Rahman,
Regional Representative, Asia.
CwVA.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Regional Council for Australia
(Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore,

Papua New Guinea, Fiji). I send warmest greetings to you and your region. We have many friendships between our regions.

Your decision to publish an Asian Region Newsletter is innovative and exciting. You are to be congratulated. Members of this region wish to know more of activities concerning the Veterinary community in your region. Your newsletter will help this process. We wish it every success.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. W. J. PRYOR

Regional Representative, Australasia.

THE NIGERIAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (N.V.M.A.)

23rd July, 1986



The Association was founded in 1959, and as of today there are one thousand members (an overwhelming majority not being financial members). Only veterinarians duly registered by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria to practice the profession are eligible for membership of the N.V.M.A.

Annual conferences are held during the last quarter of the year, and a new executive committee is elected every two years.

The N.V.M.A. is an active member of the World Veterinary Association (WVA), Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CwVA) and Pan African Veterinary Association (P.A.V.A.)

May I thank you very much for your efforts and offer our hand of friendship to fellow members of the CwVA.

Yours sincerely,

Tom. A. Aire

THE COMMONWEALTH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION GENESIS AND ACTIVITIES

By. Dr. V. S. ALWAR. (Former Gen. Sec IVA & Reg. Rep. CwVA)

The decision of the Heads of Governments of the Commonwealth countries at their meeting held in London in 1966, to create a Foundation for administering a fund with the broad aim of "increasing interchanges between Commonwealth organisations in professional fields" resulted in the establishment of the Commonwealth Foundation in 1966. The head quarters of the Foundation was located at Marlborough House, London, where the Secretariat of the Commonwealth was already functioning. Sir Macfarlane Burnett, the distinguished Australian Nobel laureate and Mr. John Chadwick, Ex-Under Secretary at the Commonwealth Relations Office of the the United Kingdom, were nominated as Chairman and full-time Director respectively of the Foundation. Of the many activities of the Commonwealth Foundation, promotion of Pan-Commonwealth Professional Associations, establishment of a common 'Professional Centre' for all the associations in a country, running of bursary schemes, award of lecturships of distinguished scientists and bringing out publications are some of the important ones. A great majority of the 49 Commonwealth countries contribute to the funds of the Foundation for sustaining its objectives. It is to the credit of the Commonwealth Foundation that it currently co-operates in the activities of 32 Commonwealth professional associations.

With all the encouragement and financial assistance extended by the Commonwealth Foundation, the British Veterinary Association convened a meeting of representatives of national veterinary associations in the Commonwealth members countries at Southport, U.K. In September 1967 along with its annual Congress. Delegates from 15 countries met and decided to found the Commonwealth Veterinary Association. India, a founder member, was represented by Dr. V. S. Alwar, the then General Secretary of the Indian Veterinary Association, at the meeting. A sub-committee

which included the Indian delegate drafted the constitution of the proposed Commonwealth Veterinary Association. The constitution provided for a Council member from the national veterinary association of each member country; The council members from each of the 6 geographical regions- Australasia, Canada-Caribbean, Asia, East and Central Africa, West Africa and Europe shall elect a Regional representative by rotation; these Regional representatives along with the President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee. India was chosen to represent Asia. Sir Dawda Jawara, who was then Prime Minister of the Gambia, kindly agreed to be the President of the Association. The British Veterinary Association undertook to house and run the Secretariat temporarily and spared the services of its Secretary Dr. John A. Anderson to be the acting Secretary-Treasurer of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association.

The objectives of the Association are as follows:—

- (1) To Promote within the Commonwealth the interests of Veterinary and allied sciences,
- (2) to maintain the honor and traditions of the profession,
- (3) to effect the closest possible links between member associations,
- (4) to facilitate the dissemination of professional knowledge and information,
- (5) to encourage the creation of a national veterinary association in every Commonwealth member country where none exists,
- (6) to encourage creation of statutory bodies to regulate the practice of veterinary science in member countries, where none exists and

(7) to promote the interchange of veterinary surgeons.

The first meeting of the executive committee was held at Bathurst (now Banjul), the Gambia in November 1968 with only 12 subscribing countries. The draft constitution drawn up at the Southport meeting was reviewed and revised. At that meeting the representative of Great Britain expressed the inability of the British Veterinary Association to operate the CwVA Secretariat, the main reason being the demise of Dr. Anderson, Permanent Secretary of the British Veterinary Association and acting Secretary-Treasurer of CwVA. Thereupon, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association was entrusted with the responsibility of running the Secretariat at its headquarters in Ottawa. Dr. Laurent P.E. Choquette, then Secretary-Treasurer CVA, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of CwVA. Only two more meetings of the Executive Committee were held thereafter, one at Banjul, the Gambia in 1977 and the other at London, U.K. in 1984. At the London meeting, the revised constitution of the Association was approved. Subsequently, during that year, Dr. L.P.E. Choquette, Secretary-Treasurer CwVA, Dr. J. T. Blackburn, Council Member, U.K. and Regional Representative, Europe and Dr. James Archibald, Council Member, Canada and Regional Representative, Canada-Caribbean were elected as President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. His Excellency Sri Dawda Jawara, President of the Republic of Gambia, condescended to be the patron of the Association.

In furtherance of its objectives, the CwVA deriving its finances from the Commonwealth Foundation as well as contributions from member associations, has promoted the travel of veterinarians to different Commonwealth countries for attending courses/seminars / conferences / meetings under John A. Anderson Travel Grant and continuing Education Programmes. Journals, books, films, tapes etc., are being supplied to the member countries for professional development. Grants are made to promote the formation of new associations and to organise conferences with a view to strengthen the existing associations, under organised Veterinary Medicine Programmes. Every encouragement is given for convening Regional meetings and for organising Regional Seminars.

In the Asian region comprising of India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, a good number of vets-teachers, researchers and administrators, have availed of the travel grants. Four seminars have been held, three in India and one in Sri Lanka. Purchase of journals for which foreign exchange is not readily available has been funded. Financial support for the organisation of conferences of the national associations is made available. Six Regional meetings have been held, two in India (1975, 1983), three in Sri Lanka (1972, 1979 and 1985) and one in Bangladesh (1977). In the Sri Lanka meeting held in 1979, Sri Lanka



Dr. V. S. Alwar

was elected to succeed India (Dr. V. S. Alwar, Regional Representative since 1967) as the Regional representative. Consequent upon the relinquishment by Dr. Alwar (Council member since 1967), Dr. J. M. Bujarbarua, then General Secretary of the Indian Veterinary Association was nominated as the Council member for India. He (India) was elected as the Regional representative at the meeting held in India in 1983. From 1986, Dr. S. Abdul Rahman, currently General Secretary, Indian Veterinary Association is functioning as the Council member for India and the Regional Representative (Asia).

A newsletter (CwVA NEWS) appearing from this year, has fulfilled a long-felt need. But the CwVA has many more goals to attain. There is need to convene a general Council meeting with representation from all the member countries, since no meeting has been held after the initial 1967 meet at Southport, especially now that the membership has swelled to 36 countries. The possibility of organising a Commonwealth Veterinary Conference is also worthy of consideration.

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ZIMBAWE VETERINARY ASSOCIATION



Dr. David Batchelor

Dear Dr. Rahman,

The Z.V.A. wishes you success in your venture of publishing an Asian C.W.V.A. Newsletter, and to provide further encouragement, I have asked Dr. Wilson to include you on the mailing list for the Z.V.A. Newsletter, an edition of which is imminent. Our Newsletter should tell you plenty about the Z.V.A., which has plus/minus 90 members; the President is Dr. Stuart Hargreaves, Deputy Director of Veterinary Services. Our Secretary, is Dr. Alec Wilson, Veterinary Adviser to Cooper-Zimbabwe, and a past Director of Veterinary Services.

This year's Annual Congress will be held from 2/5th September at the Montclair Casino Hotel in the Inyanga mountains about 2 hours drive from Harare.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BATCHELOR

SRI LANKA VETERINARY ASSOCIATION NEWS 1986

The current office bearers of the SLVA are :

Dr. G. A. P. Ganegowda	President
Dr. M. Kopalasunderam		Vice Presidents
Dr. D. J. Weilgama		
Dr. M. M. C. L. de Alwis	President elect
Dr. K. M. T. Kendaragama	Secretary
Dr. (Ms.) Thula Wijewardena	Treasurer

Committee Members :

Dr. (Ms.) Priennie Abeynayake		Ex-
Dr. S. K. R. Amarasekera		
Dr. S. K. Gunawardena		CwVA Rep.
Prof. B.M.A.O. Perera		
Dr. M. Sritharan		CwVA Rep.
Dr. M. M. Hanifa		
Dr. A. O. Kodituwakku		
Dr. D. D. Wanasinghe		



Dr. D. D. Wanasinghe

Activities :

With financial support from Messrs. Hayleys Ltd. (Veterinary Division), the SLVA hosted the Veterinary Undergraduates to a tea party. About 160 Undergraduates and members of the teaching staff of the Veterinary Faculty attended. The purpose of this was to give the budding Veterinarians an opportunity to meet with their future professional colleagues.

Mr. Peter D. Lewis of Tetramalco USA delivered an informal talk on "Serum monitoring of poultry diseases". This talk was sponsored by Mr. Shiraz Jeevunjee of NEL Farm and Hatchery.

At the request of SLVA, the Minister in charge of Animal husbandry Development presented to the Parliament the Animal Feeds Act which was passed unanimously. This Act would help to control the quality of animal feeds.

The Dairy Development Foundation of Sri Lanka held a 4 day Workshop on the Future Plans for Dairy Development in Sri Lanka. A large number of Veterinarians were invited to participate.

Obituary

Dr. Hector C. Perera, a founder member of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association and well known small-animal practitioner, passed away in Colombo on January 27, 1985 following a brief illness. He was born on August 3rd 1911 and graduated in Veterinary Science from Calcutta in 1938.

Dr. Perera took the initiative and leadership to form the Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) Veterinary Association and held the post of Secretary for 10 consecutive years from its inception on July 28th, 1940. He became the Editor of the Ceylon Veterinary Journal in 1955. He played a significant role in the deliberations leading to the enactment of the Veterinary Surgeons and Practitioners Act of 1956. Up to the time of his death he was actively involved in all activities of the Association.

Dr. Perera is survived by his wife and daughter.

INDIAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL BODY

The inaugural function of the conference was held at the Kala Academy on the banks of the river Zuari in the beautiful city of Panaji. Registration of delegates was taken up from 8-30 a.m. A total of about 200 delegates, of which nearly 160 were from all parts of the country and 40 veterinarians of Goa registered themselves and were presented with a folder containing the souvenir and other handouts

Sri Francisco Sardinha, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Fisheries, Food and Civil Supplies and Price Control. Government of Goa (Daman and Diu) was received by Dr. O. N. Singh, President of IVA, and Dr. G. M. Srikantaiah, Vice-President and the Organising Secretary Dr. Leo Pinto and Secretary of Goa Veterinary Assoc. Dr. V. J. Thomas. Artists of the Kala Academy gave a welcome song and on behalf of the Goa Veterinary Association the Chief Guest was garlanded and bouquets were presented to the office bearers of the IVA, the Convenor and Mr. Dengama, Secretary Dept. of Animal Husbandry by Dr. V. J. Thomas.

The inauguration of the conference was by the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Hon'ble Minister. Dr. Leo Pinto welcomed the gathering and thanked the Executive Committee of the Indian Veterinary Association for granting Goa the honour to hold the IVA conference.

Mr. Dengama, Secretary Dept. of AH released a Souvenir specially brought out on the occasion by the Goa Veterinary Association.

Sri Francisco Sardinha in his inaugural address thanked the IVA for holding the conference at Goa and hoped that the delegates would enjoy their stay. He assured the audience that he would do his best to enhance the financial emoluments of the Veterinarians in the Union territory.

Dr. G. M. Srikantaiah vice president IVA proposed a vote of thanks.

With the singing of the National Anthem the inaugural session came to a close.

The Minister and other dignitaries joined the delegates at tea immediately following the inaugural function.

The election of Office bearers for the Indian Veterinary Association was held on 6-4-86 While the posts of Vice-president, Joint Secretary and Treasurer were uncontested, there was a contest for the post of President and General Secretary. The following were elected as office bearers for 1986-88.

President :

Dr. C. Krishna Rao
Ex-Animal Husbandry Commissioner
Andhra Pradesh.

Vice-President :

Dr. P. A. Balu
Professor of Clinics
Madras Veterinary College, Madras.

General Secretary :

Dr. S. Abdul Rahman
Professor & Head
Department of Parasitology
Veterinary College, Bangalore.

Joint Secretary :

Dr. R. N. Patnaik
Dept. of Animal Husbandry
Veterinary Services, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

Treasurer :

Dr. B. C. Ramakrishna
Department of Animal Husbandry &
Veterinary Services, Bangalore, Karnataka.

The most enjoyable finale of the two day hectic conference was 'cruise cum dinner' on the ship which the Goa Veterinary Association hosted for the delegates.

In conclusion, the two day conference held at Panjim Goa was a tremendous success and kudos to the young and dynamic veterinarians of Goa, who though outnumbered by the outstation dele-

gates did a magnificent job of hosting the conference. Mention must be made especially of the Organising Committee of which the Convenor Dr. Pinto, the Gen. Sec. Dr. V. J. Thomas and Dr. Braganza the Editor of the Souvenir deserve special praise. They were ably assisted by others such as Dr. S. Ray, Dr. K. R. Shasti, Dr. N. V. Nair, Dr. K. K. Malviya and Dr. H. Faleiro.

OFFICE BEARERS OF THE INDIAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATION

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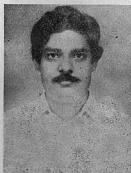
Dr. C. KRISHNA RAO, (*President*)



Dr. P. A. BALU, (*Vice-President*)



Dr. S. ABDUL RAHMAN, (*Gen. Secretary*)



Dr. R. N. PATNAIK, (*Jt. Secretary*)



Dr. B. C. RAMAKRISHNA, (*Treasurer*)

The Executive Committee meeting of the IVA was held on May 5th at Madras. The proceedings of the meeting have been published in the May issue of the Indian Veterinary Journal.

KERALA NEWS

The General Secretary, Dr. S. Abdul Rahman visited Trichur on 16-6-1986 and had discussions with the President, Secretary and other office bearers of the Indian Veterinary Assoc. Kerala Branch. It is very heartening to note that Kerala Government has equated the scales of veterinarians on par with those of the medical graduates. Official orders to this effect were expected to be released soon. Further the office bearers of Kerala Vet. Assn, informed the Gen. Sec. that 14 posts of Joint Directors have also been created and veterinarians post-d. The Gen. Sec. of IVA stressed the need for a stronger professional integrity amongst the Veterinarians and appealed to the Veterinarians of Kerala to donate generously both to IVA Building Fund as well as the IVJ building fund. The Gen. Sec. of Kerala Vet. Assoc. assured the Gen. Sec. of all financial help, as Kerala had already given a handsome amount to the IVA building fund earlier also.

DELHI NEWS

The General Secretary visited New Delhi on 18th June, 1986 and met the veterinarians of the Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. He discussed with them the need to reactivate the Delhi Veterinary Assoc. The efforts of the Gen. Sec. were very successful with the energetic and active Gen. Sec. of Delhi Veterinary Assoc. Dr. R. V. Sharma taking the responsibility of not only rejuvenating the Association but also helping the IVA in raising funds for the IVA building at Delhi. It was decided to form a sub-committee with Dr. Sharma as the convener and this committee would liaison with the owners of the building, M/s. Jaina Properties and the IVA and seek time to repay the balance of amount and try to wave off the interest which is being levied.

The General Secretary also met the Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Dr. A. K. Chatterjee and had informal discussions with him regarding the activities of the IVA. Dr. Chatterjee has assured all cooperation to the IVA during his tenure as AHC, GOI. On behalf of the Veterinarians of the country, the IVA congratulates Dr. Chatterjee on his appointment as AHC.

The IVA is facing problems regarding the operation of the accounts of IVA held at two banks in Delhi. The transfer of signatories to operate

the account has not been smooth and as this is going to the press both the accounts (IVA Building Fund account and the Savings bank account have not become operatable by the new office bearers due to certain technicalities). Veterinarians in Delhi, especially of the Ministry of Agriculture are helping the IVA to solve this problem and it is hoped that those accounts would become operatable soon.

RAJASTHAN NEWS

The General Secretary visited Jaipur Rajasthan on 20th June and met the office bearers of the Rajasthan Veterinary Association. Rajasthan has been very unfortunate as its veterinarians are being headed in the Government by an IAS officer for the past 5 years. No Secretary of IVA had ever visited Jaipur earlier. The General Secretary met the Minister of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Serv. Sri Ram Dev Singh and the Secretary Sri Mahender Singh Govt. of Rajasthan and had discussions with them for over an hour. Dr. Rahman pointed out the injustice that has been meted out to the Veterinarians of Rajasthan. They had been given equal Payscale with medicos earlier and it had been rescinded later and also that the heads of the department not only in Animal Husbandry but also in the Dept. of Sheep and Wool and Dairy Development were all IAS people even though there were qualified veterinarians available to man such posts in Rajasthan. The Minister assured Dr. Rahman that he would look into the matter and give the vets of Rajasthan a better deal. Dr. Rahman met the Press in the afternoon and outlined the activities of the Veterinarians and their role in society and public health. He also met the Veterinarians and had discussions on the future of Rajasthan Veterinary Assoc. and the role it has to play in fulfilling the aspirations of Vets of that state. In Rajasthan the general secretary also had discussions with the officers and scientists of the sheep and wool development department on the possibility of having an International Seminar on Sheep and Wool Development in Jaipur during November/December. Both the Minister of AH and Secretary to Animal Husbandry Govt. of Rajasthan assured Dr. Rahman the support of the Govt. of Rajasthan in conducting such a seminar. The help of the Commonwealth Veterinary Assoc. would be sought in holding this seminar.

COMMONWEALTH VETERINARY ASSOC.

The Indian Veterinary Association and the Commonwealth Veterinary Assoc. will be holding Four International Seminars in their four regions of the country, most probably at Hyderabad (Poultry), Jaipur (Sheep & Wool) Calcutta or Gauhati (Pig-gery), and Delhi or Izathnagar (Animal Health). Dr.

Rahman who is also the Council Member & Regional Representative (Asia) of the CwVA has already initiated discussions with CwVA and state associations regarding the conduction of these seminars during 1986-87.

The following important letters were issued on behalf of the IVA by the general secretary. For some important policy decisions other states were asked to send telegrams and write similar letters and it is heartening to note that a large number of states responded to the request of the Gen. Sec. and issued similar letters and marked copies to him. The IVA is grateful to these states for their cooperation and help to the IVA.

1) A telegram and letter was sent to the Chief Minister of West Bengal asking the Govt. of W. Bengal to immediately implement the legitimate demands of the West Bengal Associations.

2) A letter was addressed to the Director of IVRI requesting him to discontinue courses leading to M.Sc. degree in IVRI and also to restrict the admission at IVRI to M. Phil and Ph D courses only to M.V.Sc. candidates.

3) Letter was addressed to the Minister of AH, Govt. of Rajasthan to a) Immediately stop the posting of veterinary assistants (paraveterinarians) to man government hospitals, b) to equate the pay-scales of veterinarians with those of medical graduates, c) to appoint a veterinarian as the Director of Animal Husbandry and Vety. Serv. instead of an IAS person and similarly in the other sister departments of Sheep and Wool and Dairy.

4) A letter was addressed to the Minister in charge of AH Govt. of Assam requesting him not to go ahead with the separation of cadres of the dairy development department and animal husbandry department.

5) A letter was sent to the Finance Secretary and Chairman, Committee of Secretaries for reviewing the report of the 4th Pay commission Govt of India, regarding grant of a) Non-Practicing allowance, b) postgraduate allowance, c) Risk allowance to veterinarians employed in the Central Govt. and union territories of India. All the Union territories were asked to send similar letters to the commission.

6) A letter and reply to the questionnaire was sent to the III Pay Commission on behalf of the veterinarians of Karnataka and the entire profession requesting the commission to implement the submission of the veterinary association *intoto*.

7) A letter was addressed to the Chief controller of imports and exports to include a number of essential drugs under OGL as these drugs are not available in the country.

The President of IVA, Dr. C. Krishna Rao visited Delhi, IVRI and the North Eastern States including Assam, Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram and met the veterinarians in these states and discussed the various problems.

Dr. P. A. Balu vice president of the IVA has been indisposed and has been hospitalised. The IVA prays for his speedy recovery and request all state Associations to also pray and wish him early recovery.

Dr. R. N. Patnaik, Joint Secretary of IVA visited Calcutta and participated in the discussions of the W. Bengal Veterinary Assoc. and the Govt. of W. Bengal.

The Centenary Celebrations of the Bombay Veterinary College will culminate at its valedictory function to be held on 24th August, 1986 at Bombay. President of India, Shri Giani Zail Singh will be the Chief Guest. On this occasion the IVA will be presenting a MEMENTO to the college. Dr. B. C. Ramakrishna, Treasurer, IVA will be visiting Bombay in this connection. The memento has been specially designed and manufactured in Bangalore for the occasion.

In addition to the letters mentioned above, a large number of routine and administrative letters have been sent to various state associations, individual veterinarians, veterinary colleges, pharmaceutical firms etc.

Various awards of the IVJ have been kept pending due to nonavailability of information in this regard from the former general secretary. The delay in the announcement of the awards is regretted. The various judging committees for the 1985 awards has been constituted and letters issued in this regard.

The following are the nominations received from State Associations for representation to the IVA.

Drs. K. C. Banawari (Rajasthan); Dr. Srinivasa (Karnataka); Dr. Anil Deshmukh (Maharashtra); Dr. K. R. Rajan (Kerala); Dr. P. P. Sharma (Sikkim); Dr. Danial Chiangnuna (Mizoram); Dr. Subit Kr. Basu (W Bengal); Dr. Rajal Rao (AP); Dr. V. Satchidanandam (TN); Dr. L. Sorhie (Nagaland); Dr. S. Ahmed (Assam); Dr. R. V. Sharma (Delhi); Dr. C. Mani Singh (Manipur);

Names of representatives from other states has not been received and it is requested that they send it at the earliest before the next executive committee meeting.

The following are the receipts received by IVA after April, 6, 1986.

Affiliation Fees

(1986 - 87)

Karnataka	Rs. 500	Manipur	Rs. 200
AP	Rs. 500	Maharashtra	Rs. 500
W. Bengal	Rs. 300	Rajasthan	Rs. 300
Kerala	Rs. 300	Sikkim	Rs. 200
Mizoram	Rs. 200		
Nagaland	Rs. 600	(84-85 and 85-86)	

Corporate Members

M/s. Indian Herbs	Rs. 500/-
M/s. Hoechst	Rs. 500/-
M/s. Glaxo	Rs. 500/-

From CwVA towards payment to Dr. Bujarbarua Rs. 6334.60.

The president Dr. C. Krishna Rao had informal discussions with the members of the Bihar Veterinary Association at Patna on 16-7-86.

Dr. S. Abdul Rahman, General Secretary IVA will be visiting Australia and Japan to present two papers at the VI International Congress of Parasitology at Brisbane, Australia and XI International Congress of Electronmicroscopy at Kyoto Japan, from August 19th to September 10, 1986.

BANGLADESH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION



Two annual conferences one in 1979 and the other in 1983 were held. With the assistance of the CwVA 3 participants visited India to see the various educational institutions. The annual conference of the Bangladesh Veterinary Association will be held during 1987. The Veterinary Council has been formed.

Three Veterinarians Drs, Kazi Abdul Fattah, Md. Shamsul Abedin and Ahmed Fazlur Rashid participated in the International Seminar held at Calcutta during 1985. Three other veterinarians namely Dr. Monjurul Huq Bhuiyan, Dr. Fazlul Huq and Dr. Md. Idris Ali participated at the International Seminar held at Colombo during December 1985. Council Member for Bangladesh Dr. M. U. A. Choudhury participated in both the seminars.

The Bangladesh Veterinarians have donated Tk. 94,000 plus one day's salary to the Presidents Flood Relief Fund. Bangladesh proposes to hold

the next regional seminar of the CwVA at Dhaka during 1987.

Dr. Monjurul Huq Bhuiyan the Secretary General of the Bangladesh Veterinary Association visited Ciba-Geigy Basil, Switzerland on a study tour

Dr. M. U. A. Choudhury, the Council Member for Bangladesh being indisposed the complete information on further activities of Bangladesh Veterinary Association could not be obtained.

NEWS FROM OTHER CwVA REGIONS

The Joint CwVA/Caribbean/Canada Conference/workshop will be held at Barbados, West Indies between November 27th and December 4, 1986.

The opening of a Trypanotolerance Centre is scheduled in March, 1987 at Banjul, Gambia. Prof. I. McIntyre the Director of the Trypanotolerance Centre has invited the CwVA to participate in the scientific programme.



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