

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Alumni Day celebrations held on Tuesday, 1st August 2023 at the Golden Jubilee Auditorium. Dr. M R Saseendranath, an alumnus of our college and present Cice-Chancellor of Veterinary & Animal Sciences University presented the Awards and Endowments....

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**Dr. Surej Joseph Bunglavan
General Secretary**

The inaugural session of the Annual General Meeting of Veterinary College Alumni Association commenced with a silent prayer followed by an obituary session. Dr. A R Sreeranjini (Vice President) read out the names of the thirty-seven veterinarians who left us since the last Annual General meeting. Among them were two former deans of our college viz. Dr. E Nanu and Dr. M Krishnan Nair. Dr. N Vijayan, former Professor of Pathology made the memorial speech on Dr. M Krishnan Nair who passed away on the previous day. The members observed silent prayer in memory of the departed souls.

Dr. Shibu Simon (Vice President)

welcomed the august assembly. Dr. K K Thomas (President) in his address mentioned on the activities of the association during the last year. He thanked everyone for their support during his term as President of VAAK.

Dr. M R Saseendranath, Vice Chancellor of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, described how the infrastructural development of the campus is stalled by the constraints on space. Though Clause 55 of Chapter VIII of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Act, 2010 specified the establishments and physical structure, the Agricultural University is still holding them. The developmental activities at the Mannuthy campus are hampered due to the lack of land. Because of this, the financial assistance for the University from agencies as ICAR, NABARD etc. could not be used effectively. Though the Alumni

August 1 is observed as the Alumni day. It was on this day 1955, our college started functioning in a building of the District Livestock Farm.

Alumni (Batches: 1965 - 1969) honoured



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Dr. A J Kuriakkose



Dr. P S Philip



Dr. Gopakumar



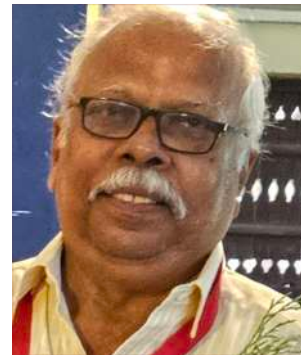
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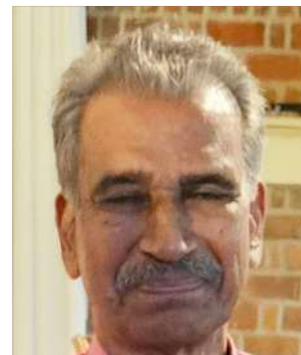
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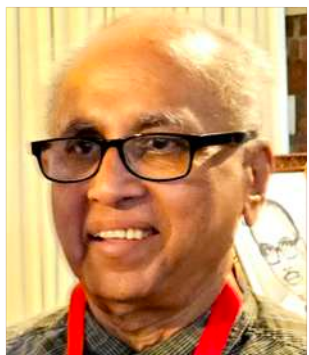
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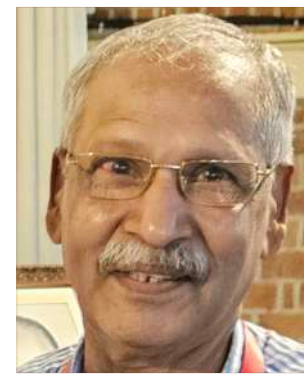
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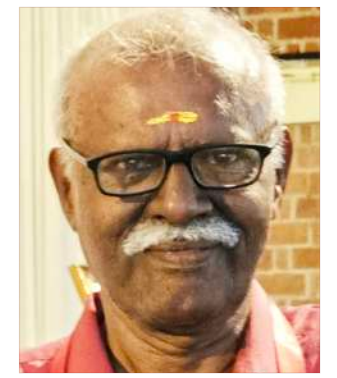
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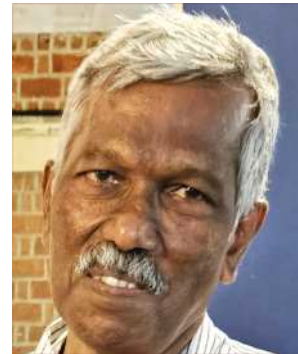
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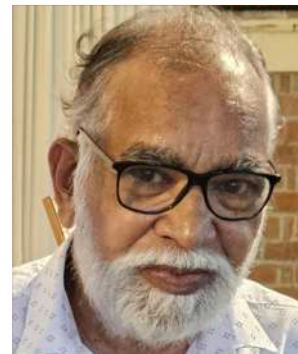
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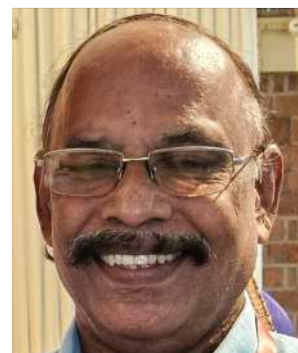
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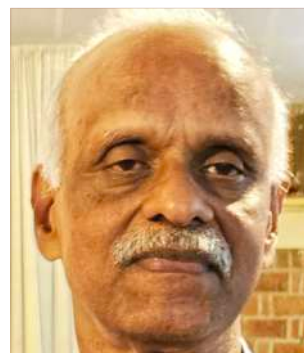
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Dr. Vijayakumaran



Dr. P K Zachariah



Hon. Vice Chancellor Dr. M R Saseendranath addressing the alumni

Association took the initiative to bring the matter to the notice of the concerned ministers and Chief Minister, no positive results are coming up. He called for joint efforts by all stakeholders to gain positive results.

Dr. K Vijayakumar, Dean of Veterinary College Mannuthy and Patron of VAAK offered felicitations to the dignitaries attending the AGM and congratuated the Association for the support to the student community by way of the Student Aid Fund and Student Sponsorship Programme.

The alumni of batches 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969 were presented with mementos by Dr. M R Saseendranath. He also presented various awards to the meritorious students selected by the Awards Committee of the Association. A book - 'Varna jalakangal' - written by Dr. N

The alumni of batches 1965 to 1969 were honoured at the function

Ajayan was released by Dr. M R Saseendranath by handing over a copy to Dr. K Vijayakumar, the Dean.

Dr. M Manoj proposed vote of thanks to the guests attending the inaugural session.

The business session started with the Presidential address of Dr. K K Thomas. He also welcomed the members of the Association who attended the AGM of the Association. Dr. M Manoj read out the minutes of the last AGM and the report on activities of the Association during the last year. Dr. C Divya

presented the statement of accounts of the Association from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Many members actively participated in the discussions on the activities and accounts of the Association. The minutes of the last AGM, report on activities and the annual account were passed by the body unanimously.

The chair nominated Dr. V Jayaprakasan and Dr. W J Cherian as Returning officers to the election of new office-bearers of the Association for the years 2023-2025. As only one panel was proposed by the body, it

“The developmental activities at the Mannuthy campus are hampered due to the lack of land.”

was unanimously approved. The Returning Officers announced the names of the office-bearers of the Association.

The new office-bearers: President: Dr. P Balachandran, Vice Presidents: Dr. P O Baby, Dr. Reny K Oommen, Dr. Binu K Mani, General Secretary: Dr. Surej Joseph Bunglavan, Joint Secretaries: Dr. V V Raji, Dr. S S Devi, Dr. Latha Menon, Treasurer: Dr. Vrinda K Menon, Joint Treasurer: Dr. Uma, Editor: Dr. A P Usha, Associate Editors: Dr. C Divya, Dr. Sreeranjini, District Secretary (Campus): Dr. Manju Sasidharan.

The New President and General Secretary thanked the members of the Association for electing them. The new President congratulated Dr. K K

Thomas and his team for the exemplary work they have done during the last two years. A new dynamic and interactive website, social media groups in all districts, electronic news letter, rfe scheduling the Alumni Day celebrations, continuance of the projects as Veterinary Faculty Museum and updating of the book 'The Tribute'. The AGM concluded by 2:30 pm after the lunch.

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Activity Report 2022-23

Annual Report

Dr. M Manoj General Secretary (2021-23)

The team for 2021-22 was unanimously allowed to continue as office bearers of VAAK in the AGM held on 1.8.2022.

The Association was active during the last year for establishing the 'Veterinary Faculty Museum' in the heritage building in the campus, where the first BVSc classes started on 1.8.1955. It is a joint venture of VAAK and KVASU. VAAK nominated Dr. Leo Joseph, Dr. C B Manomohan, Dr. C B Devanand, Dr. T.S. Rajeev and Dr. Sudheesh S. Nair as members. The committee prepared an elaborate draft on the details to be displayed in chronological order and arranged in various rooms in the building. The renovation of the heritage building including electrical fittings were completed by ID wing of KVASU. Our sincere thanks to the honourable Vice Chancellor and Director of



Dr. K K Thomas Dr. Shibu Simon Dr. K Vijayakumar Dr. M Manoj Dr. C Divya

Veterinary Faculty Museum to be installed at the heritage building where the first year B V Sc classes began on 1st August 1955.



The historical record ‘Veterinary college - A tribute’ will be updated and the work is on.

Extension for the renovation of the building.

VAAK also contacted an experienced team of architects and graphic designers for the plan and execution of the Veterinary Faculty Museum. They conducted a workshop on 12/12/2022 for VAAK museum committee members and three selected students. The interactive one day workshop was very effective in formulating the plan of action to be followed. It also discussed the draft report prepared by the three member committee and decided to consult the same and also the book ‘Tribute’ for collection of information regarding various events.

The VAAK executive meeting held on 09/03/2023 decided to entrust the Choych Design & Publishing, Palakkad to prepare the design, develop DPR and generation of final drawings for execution of museum project. Accordingly MoU was signed between VAAK and Choych Design & Publishing, Palakkad on 21/03/2023 for the design and DPR to complete the work at a

cost of 9.5 lakhs. As per the MoU, first stage of payment Rs. 1.25 lakhs was made to Choych Design & Publishing, Palakkad on 22/03/2023. On 02/04/2023 the team visited few museums at Kochi and Kaladi under the leadership of Dr. N. R. Harshakumar, Dr.Shameem Aboobakkar and Sri. Arun Narayanan.

Questionnaires were also prepared for collection of information regarding significant events and personalities associated with the history of Veterinary education in Kerala. These were sent to selected senior members for their feedback. It was also decided to interview the senior most members of the Veterinary community to record their memories and experiences at our institution. The list of senior members were prepared and circulated for further modifications. Former Deans Dr. A Rajan sir and Dr. Sulochana madam were interviewed and recorded videos. The other senior members interviewed were Dr. M G Ramakrishna Pillai, Dr. M.S.Nair et al and further interviews are under progress.

Photo: Dr. Hiron M Harshan



Dr. C. S. Rao, Svenka Consulting LLC, Omaha, USA receiving a memento from the President of Veterinary College Alumni Association, Kerala

“The VAAK has spent Rs.4240370.00 so far towards towards Student Aid Fund and Student Support Programme.”

In spite of our best efforts, the land sharing between KAU and KVASU remains unsolved. VAAK discussed this long pending issue with Sri. Advt. K. Rajan, Hon`ble Minister for Revenue, Govt. of Kerala and the MLA of the Assembly constituency were our college is located. Later VAAK also represented the issue to Hon`ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Kerala for a favourable decision.

VAAK arranged an interaction of Dr. C. S. Rao, Svenka Consulting LLC, Omaha, USA who is a prestigious alumnus of our college with students of CVAS, Mannuthy on 25/01/2023. The function was presided by Dr. K.K. Thomas and inaugurated by Dr. K Vijayakumar Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy.

A committee was formed in October 2022, to revise the book "VETERINARY COLLEGE, MANNUTHY - A TRIBUTE" published in 2018. The committee comprised of Dr C B Manomohan as editor, Dr. K. Devada as associate editor and Dr. Reeya George, Dr.Vrinda Menon, Dr.Deepa jolly, Dr. Devi S S and Dr. Leena Chandrasekhar as members.

A total of five meetings were conducted to discuss the new chapters to be included, new photographs to be collected and other relevant information that were not included in the previous edition, inclusion of campus landmarks, special individuals and incidents that hold a remarkable role in the history of the college. This work is in progress.

The Students Aid Fund (SAF) and Student's Support Programme (SSP) continued last year with the valuable contributions of Alumni. As in previous years, the beneficiaries were selected after strict screening and also by verification of their financial status at their native place using the help of the local Veterinary Officer. We record our special thanks to all the officers for their valuable help.

SAF (Students Aid Fund) started in 2010 and SSP (Students Sponsorship Programme) started in 2018 are the flagship programmes of the Alumni Association. Till now VAAK supported 3 students under SSP and 7 students are currently under SSP. VAAK also supported 231 students under SAF till now. At present thirty students are under SAF (11 from 2019, 10 from 2020 and 9 from 2021 admission).

The main contributors for SAF are 1973, 1984, 1985, 1988 and 1989 batches. At present the sponsors for SSP are:

Dr. M.K. Pratheepkumar - sponsoring the complete tuition fees and mess fees of the students. Dr. Sambasiva Rao- sponsoring the complete tuition fees of one student and mess fees of another student. He did the highest contribution by an individual 7.5 lakhs (10,000 dollars).

Dr. Prakash & Shyla Prakash - sponsoring the complete tuition fees of one student. Dr. V.K.P. Mohankumar - sponsoring the complete tuition fees of one student and a faculty member who not interested to reveal identity. Four

faculty members of 1978 batch working at RIVER, Pondichery has sponsored one student.

In addition to this many veterinarians from the field and faculty continues to contribute liberally to SAF.

The amounts paid to students under these two schemes are as follows:

Students	Batch	Amount
15	2019	474558
13	2020	256000
9	2021	180000
	Total	910558
	Ex-gratia	16000
	Total 2022-23	926558
	Up to 2021-22	3313812
	Total till now:	4240370

VAAK thanks all the donors. We request all the alumni to join hands with us. VAAK expresses gratitude to honourable Vice Chancellor for all the support to the Alumni Association. We also express our gratitude to various university officers and Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy for all the helps extended. VAAK is always thankful to all our senior members for their valuable support.

Thank you all

Dr. M Manoj
General Secretary



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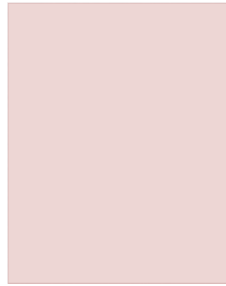
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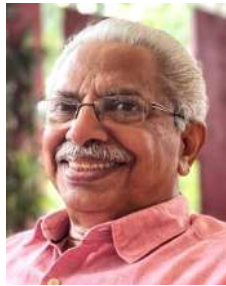
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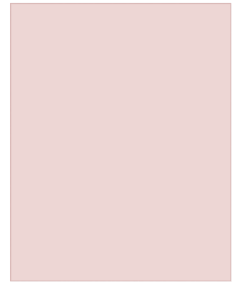


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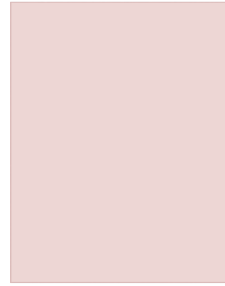


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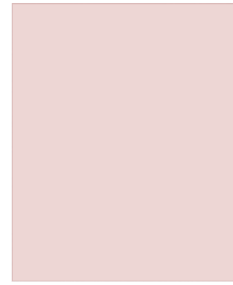
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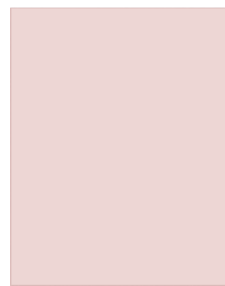
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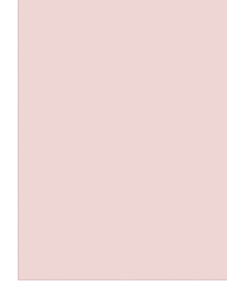
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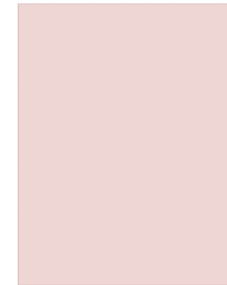
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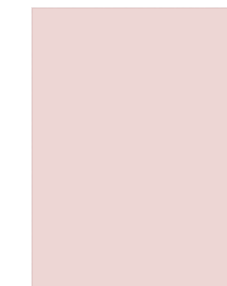
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03 Awards and Endowments

Activities
Report by Secretary VAAK

The Veterinary College Alumni Association Kerala has instituted several awards to the students who excelled in academics, arts and sports.

The students are selected based on their performance in academics, extra

curricular activities in the field of arts and sports, performance in specified areas as clinical medicine, preventive medicine, veterinary public health and parasitology. The awards are distributed during the Alumni Day celebrations every year.



Dr. Sreelekshmi M Nair is a 2016 batch student. She bagged the award for the best outgoing student (2016) with the highest OGPA. The award carries a merit certificate and gold medal and is instituted by VAAK. She was the 'Best Actress' in inter-collegiate festivals. She represented the college in javelin-throw event for six years, bagged gold medal and set university record.

She is the recipient of Dr. M P Panicker Memorial Endowment for highest OGPA, Trivandrum Livestock Improvement Association Prize, Sri. T Vareed Memorial Prize in 2023. Having secured second rank in PG entrance examination, she currently pursues her Masters in Veterinary Surgery Radiology.



Dr. Ananthu Vijayan received Dr. Ambili V S Memorial Award for excellence in Veterinary Public Health. He joined the college in 2018 and received the PTA Merit scholarship during the first and third year of his study.

He served as the secretary of International Students' Veterinary Association (India) during 2022-23.

He was secretary of Literary and debating club. He, along with his friends, developed a website: TOAD (Total Observation on Animal Diseases) on detection of disease outbreaks at an early stage. He received State Award in Young Innovators Programm of Government of Kerala. He plans to do research in the field of One Health, Veterinary Pathology and Medicine.



Dr. Anu Mathew received Dr. Ambili V S Memorial Award for excellence in Veterinary Public Health during undergraduate studies.

She secured the second highest marks in Veterinary Public Health (2018 Batch of BVSc & AH course).



Dr. Sebin Varghese is the recipient of Dr. Satheesh Kumar Memorial Award being adjudged the the best student who excelled in arts.

He has been active in the campus in the fields of curricular activities including quiz, seminars, debates and co-curricular activities as sports, games and arts. He was a member of the winning inter-collegiate volleyball team. Apart from that, his involvement in arts included essay writing in English and Malayalam, elocution in English and Malayalam, debates and Mock the Press, than won him several prizes in inter-collegiate Arts and Sports festival.

He belongs to the 2017 batch of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy.



Dr. Ann Mary Raju receives the 'Best Student Award' (2017) with merit certificate and gold medal instituted by VAAK. She was an active cadet at 1 (K)R&VV Sqn NCC, Mannuthy and her strong interest in equestrian activities gave her an opportunity to represent the State in the Annual NCC Republic Day Camp held in New Delhi.

She was awarded Dr. Midhun M V Memorial scholarship in 2021 from SOVAS. Her team secured first prize in 'Nostalgia' at inter-collegiate level for two years. She also received the 'Best Outgoing Student Award' instituted by VASURTA in 2023. She secured 2nd position in Companion Animal (UG) category at National Clinical Case Conference.



Dr. Varsha Pradeep is the recipient of Dr. Mercy Varappan Memorial award with a cash prize of Rs.3000.00 being adjudged as the best lady student with overall excellence in arts, sports and academics.

She graduated in the year 2023 with OGPA 8.063. She was placed second in the veterinary medicine examination in 2022. On the occasion of the inauguration of the Kerala Chapter of Indian Society for Veterinary Medicine and in the inter-collegiate arts festival, she bagged first and second prizes for group dance event. She was adjudged the 'Individual Woman Champion' in the annual inter-class athletic meet in 2019.



AWARDS - 2023		
AWARD	CRITERIA	AWARDEE
1 Best Student Award instituted by VAAK (Certificate & Gold Medal)	Best outgoing student with highest OGPA (2016 Batch)	Dr. Sreelekshmi M Nair (16-BVM-65)
2 Best Student Award instituted by VAAK (Certificate & Gold Medal)	Best outgoing student with highest OGPA (2017 Batch)	Dr. Ann Mary Raju (17-BVM-14)
3 Dr. Premni Elias Memorial Award (Cash Prize of Rs. 10000.00)	Outgoing student with excellence in the subjects of Clinical & Preventive Medicine (2017 Batch)	Mr. Arun Kumar M L (17 BVM-83)
4 Dr. Ambili. V S Memorial Award. Excellence in Veterinary Public Health (Cash Prize Rs.3000.00)	Highest marks in Veterinary Public Health (2018 Batch)	Dr. Ananthu Vijayan (18-BVM-05)
Cash Prize (Rs.2000.00)	Second Highest Marks in VPH (2018 Batch)	Dr. Anu Mathew 18-BVM-53
5 Dr. Madhavan Pillai Memorial Award (Cash Prize of Rs.3000.00)	Highest Marks in Veterinary Parasitology	Dr. Gopika V A (17-BVM-21)
6 Dr. Mercy. C. Varappan Memorial Award (Cash Prize: Rs.3000.00)	Lady student with overall excellence in academics, arts and sports (2017 Batch)	Dr. Varsha Pradeep (17-BVM-52)
7 Dr. Satheesh Kumar Memorial Award (Cash Prize of Rs.3000.00)	Male student with excellence in arts (2017 Batch)	Dr. Sebin Varghese (17-BVM-51)
8 Dr. E P Varghese Memorial Award (Cash Prize of Rs.3000.00)	Male student with excellence in sports and games (2017 Batch)	Dr. Basil M Jose (17-BVM-11)





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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The first meeting of the Executive Committee was convened on 21st August 2023 at the 'Pavizham' Board room. Dr. P Balachandran presided over the meeting. The major decisions of the committee are:

1. To actively involve in the efforts to reclaim the land due the Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University. Though the section 55 of the Veterinary & Animal Sciences University Act 2010 specified the list of land to be transferred to KVASU and the Law Department emphatically supported the demands of KVASU, the Kerala Agricultural University illegally holds the land. The shortage of land is the stumbling block in the infra structure developments of the

Veterinary college Mannuthy. Currently, the file is with the Chief Minister of Kerala. Dr. P Balachandran, Dr. N R Harshakumar and Dr. Raveendran Nair are assigned to follow-up the case.

2. The book on the history of the college "Veterinary College Mannuthy - A tribute" is being updated. Dr. C B Manomohan who is in charge of publishing assured that the book is expected to be published in three months.

3. The Veterinary Faculty Museum (Heritage Museum) should be ready before the next Alumni Day.

4. Decided to start WhatsApp groups in all Districts and all the alumni to be added to the groups. The names of alumni to hold the office of the District Secretaries were approved by the Committee. Another WhatsApp Unit to be formed with the Secretary of Mannuthy Unit as its Admin.

5. Decided to request the alumni to support the museum project and donate the memorabilia available with them.

6. Decided to publish a quarterly Newsletter incorporating the news on the activities of the Alumni Association and alumni.

7. The website of the association to be revamped. The present web developers demanded Rs. 6,19,500 including GST for updating the website with chat facility and payment gateway. The current financial position of the Association doesn't permit for such a huge spend. Dr. P Balachandran volunteered to sponsor a new dynamic website (www.cvasmalumni.org) with futuristic facilities. The committee approved of this proposal.

8. Approved the proposals for special invitees to the Executive Committee of the Association.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES: (1 AUGUST 2023 - 31 OCTOBER 2023)

1. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association was convened on 21 August 2023.
2. The President attended the meeting of the Committee to update the coffee-table book "Veterinary College Mannuthy - A Tribute" on 23rd September 2023 at Department of Pathology.
3. Meeting of the Veterinary Faculty Museum Committee (Heritage Museum) was held at the heritage building on 5th October 2023.
4. Created VAAK WhatsApp groups in all 14 districts and Mannuthy. District Secretaries added alumni to the groups. Groups are currently active.
5. Application to grant permission to erect a road sign board ("Veterinary College Mannuthy 6 Kms") was submitted to the Hon. Mayor, Thrissur Corporation. Awaiting sanction.
6. Appeals for donating memorabilia to the Veterinary Faculty Museum are regularly being posted in the VAAK WhatsApp Groups.

ACHIEVERS



Dr. P M Priya

Congratulations to Dr. P M Priya and her team of scientists of Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University for securing patent for the vaccine developed against Riemerellosis. The vaccine was developed in 2020 after years of research. The vaccine is found successful during the trials and currently accessible to the farmers.

Dr. P M Priya, Head of the Department of Microbiology at College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Mannuthy. Dr. Priya had her bachelors degree from Namakkal Veterinary College. She did her post graduate studies and Ph.D at the CVAS Mannuthy.



Dr. T G Chandramohan

Dr. T G Chandramohan, an alumnus of 1968 batch of Veterinary College Mannuthy was awarded with INFAH Award 2023 for his contribution to the Indian Animal Healthcare Industry by the Indian Federation of Animal Health Companies.

Dr. Chandramohan started his career with Sarabhai Chemicals, moved on to Alembic and was elevated as its Vice President. He ventured in to entrepreneurship with Indo Biocare. He also established Scientific Remedies Pvt. Ltd and Vibrant Remedies Pvt Ltd. He has also initiated R&D centre at Sri Chitra Centre for Cardiology & Neuro Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram.



Life Time Achievement Award to Dr. Leo Joseph

Dr. Leo Joseph received the Life Time Achievement Award for his contributions in poultry science by the Indian Poultry Science Association awarded during a National Conference on 13th September 2023 in Srinagar. An alumnus of 1973 batch of Veterinary College, Mannuthy, Dr. Leo Joseph has done his Ph.d in poultry breeding. He has served as Professor and Dean in veterinary colleges at Mannuthy, Pookkod and Nagaland. He has headed the research team which developed 'in house hen breed'. He has also initiated another research programme in Kuttanad ducks. The new breed which was released in 2022 is called 'Chaithra ducks. Congratulations, Dr. Leo Joseph.



SREELEKSHMI. S

Sreelekshmi. R, daughter of Dr. Sreenivasan, Palai (Rtd. Joint Director, Dept. of Animal Husbandry) has been awarded Ph.D by the IIT, Bombay.

Her work was on Paleoclimatic data for eight lakh years obtained from ice core drilling in Antarctica and Greenland. Her findings in global warming phenomenon is very important and strong enough to change the world's existing belief in this arena.

She did MSc in Applied Statistics and informatics. She is working as Data Scientist at World Wide Technology.

She is married to Mr. Rohit M, Asst. Professor, Siv Nadar University. Congratulations, Sreelekshmi.



SREYA ANN OOMMEN

Sreya Ann Oommen, daughter of Dr. Reny. K. Oommen (Rtd. Deputy Director) and Dr. Mini Jose (Joint Director) received her Ph. D in English Literature from the University of Delhi.

She did her M.Phil also at the University of Delhi. and Masters at 'English and Foreign Languages University', Hyderabad. She graduated from the Women's Christian College, University of Madras.

Currently she is an Exchange Scholar with the Arizona State University, US. She is married to Mani Modayil Korah. She is an 8th grader in western music vocal from Trinity College, London. Congrats, Sreya.

REUNIONS



Family get-together of 1982 Batch at Nelliampathy



Golden Jubilee meet of 1973 batch on 31st October 2023 at Veterinary College Mannuthy with teachers.

OBITUARY



Dr. R Radhakrishnan Nair
21.8.2023



Dr. V H Sainudeen
24.8.2023



Dr. B Mathew
30.8.2023



Dr. Ninan Thomas
12.9.2023



Dr. Madanamohanan Nair
15.9.2023



Dr. K I Kurien
20.9.2023



Dr. P V Raveendran Nair
21.9.2023



Dr. Mohan Kunju
17.10.2023



Dr. A I Devarajan
27.10.2023

Dear alumni,
We are sad that you aren't still here,
but glad to know you are in heaven watching over us all.

Veterinary College Alumni Association

APPEAL

Dear alumnus,

Since inception, the Veterinary College Alumni Association Kerala (VAAK) has been able to support many of our young brothers and sisters pursuing their academic courses at our alma mater by way of our Student Aid Fund (SAF) and Student Sponsorship Programs (SSP).

What is SAF?

The Student Aid Fund is a one-time support of Rs. 20000.00 per student in one academic year to meet his or her mess charges as decided by the Executive Committee.

What is SSF?

A needy student is sponsored for four years to meet his or her tuition and mess charges. The donor may pay in lump sum for the entire period of study (four years) or in four instalments. The present tuition fee is Rs. 28000.00, and Mess charges Rs. 36000.00 per year. The donor has to agree to sponsor the student for four years. The total sponsorship amount would be Rs. 256000.00. The donor also has to agree to timely remittances. The VAAK will undertake the responsibility of the proper utilization of the amount paid by the donor. The VAAK will pay the tuition fee directly to the college office and the mess charges to the assistant warden.

HOW THE STUDENT IS SELECTED

Students in receipt of any scholarship from government sources are not considered for any of the support programs of the VAAK. The students would be notified of the availability of sponsorships, and the applications should be submitted to the VAAK by June. These would be scrutinized for genuineness based on the financial status of the parent with the help of local veterinary surgeons. The academic performance will be evaluated by the student advisors. Based on the details, the students will be shortlisted. The final decision would be taken by the Executive Committee of the VAAK.

WHO ALL CAN DONATE

Individually by any veterinarian, an alumnus, alumni of a batch collectively, a family, or an organization.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

The payments may be made online to 'Alumni Association Student Aid Fund', A/c No. 67087926942, State Bank of India, Ollukkara, IFSC: SBIN0070210, or as a crossed cheque or demand draft in favor of 'Veterinary College Alumni Association Kerala'. No cash payment is accepted. Details on online payments may be furnished to Dr. Vrinda K Menon, Treasurer. (E-mail: vrinda@kvasu.ac.in / Phone: 9497655590)

Regards

Dr. P Balachandran
President

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