Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists

CITATION FOR AWARD OF THE IAVP FELLOWSHIP, 2016

Dr Gurusamipalayam Amirthalingam Balasubramaniam (53) Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary College and Research Institute, TANUVAS, Namakkal, Tamilnadu was born on 1st May, 1964 at Gurusamipalayam village in Rasipuram Taluka of Namakkal, Tamil Nadu. Dr Balasubramaniam completed his graduation from Madras Veterinary College, Chennai in 1987 and MVSc and PhD (Veterinary Pathology) in 1989 and 1998, respectively. He is having 27 years service experience in academics. His research programmes were focussed on poultry health. He has guided 13 MVSc and 4 PhD students and more than 50 students as minor guide in Veterinary Pathology and allied disciplines.

He was instrumental in establishing the Central Clinical Laboratory in Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex (TVCC) of the College. He obtained an autohaematoanalyser under "Fund for Improvement of Science and Technology" in scheme "Infrastructure in Universities and Higher Educational Institutions (FIST), 2010" in which he was Co-Principal Investigator. Subsequently he strengthened the clinical laboratory by equipping it with the autoanalyser. He also acted as a Co-Investigator for an *Ayurveda* project on "Anticoccidial efficacy of herbal product in broilers".

Dr Balasubramaniam has developed teaching aids-like coloured poster using the images of the post-mortem lesions in different courses of UG programme. He has also produced two colour atlases viz., "Post-mortem observations of livestock, poultry and laboratory animals" and "Animal tumours". He developed course content for VPP 321 Avian Pathology in E-learning programme under NAIP Sub-Project and received a appreciation certificate for task accomplishment from the Director General of ICAR and Vice Chancellor of TANUVAS. Dr Balasubramaniam has more than 160 publications to his credit in national and international journals of repute. He has conferred with many awards and honours viz. Dr Ganti A. Sastry Gold Medal for the publication of the article "Pathology of Endosulfan toxicity in chicken" of his PG scholar in The Indian Veterinary Journal in 2000. He received Dr A. Sundararaj Gold Medal for the publication of a paper "Natural occurrence of Ochratoxicosis due to water contamination in chicken". He has also received awards for best oral and poster presentations in National and Zonal Conferences of IAVP. He has also received awards from Indian Society of Veterinary Surgeons. He conducted various training programmes to the field veterinarians including VCI Training on "Post-mortem examination and Vetro legal cases" under CVE.

He has contributed significantly to IAVP by organising a National Symposium and Zonal Conferences at Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal in 2010 and acted as a Co-Organising Secretary of the National Conference at Madras Veterinary College organized at Chennai in 2011. He also organised an International Workshop on "Avian Diseases" in 2013 at Namakkal which was graced by renowned avian pathologist, Dr H.L. Shivaprasad, Professor of Avian Pathology, University of California, Davis. Based on his contribution to poultry health, he was bestowed with the IAVP-Best Poultry Pathologist Award in 2012. During his tenure of Zonal Secretary, Southern Zone, he was actively involved in organising two Zonal Conferences at Pookode in 2015 and at Tirupati in 2016. Considering his contributions, he was honoured with IAVP- President Best Worker Award in 2016.

The Association confers Fellowship and the title of **Fellow of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists (FIAVP)** on **Dr G.A. Balasubramaniam** for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of Veterinary Pathology, especially in areas of Poultry Pathology.

(Dr K.P. Singh)
Secretary General

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