## **Association Activities**

## IAVP South Zone Conference-2016-A Report By Prof. Ch. Srilatha, Tirupati, AP

The IAVP South Zone Conference-2016 and National Seminar on "Advances in diagnosis of emerging and re-emerging diseases of Avian Species" was held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 on the theme of emerging and re-emerging diseases of poultry and its diagnosis. The programme was organized by Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Science, SVVU, Tirupati, AP under leadership of Dr Ch. Srilatha, Professor and University Head was Organizing Secretary. Associate Dean Dr Eswara Prasad was Chairman of the function. The Chief Guest of the inaugural session was Dr R.N. Chatterjee, Director, ICAR-DPR, Hyderabad, Telangana. Other dignitaries present in inaugural function were Dr K. Krishnamurthy, Additional Director of Health, Department of Animal Health, AP, IAVP President Dr R. Somvanshi, Vice President Dr. C. Balachandran, South Zonal Secretary Dr G.A. Balsubramaniam and Dr N.R. Gopal Naidu, Retired Professor of Pathology. The occasion was graced by most of Professors of Pathology of South Zone of IAVP, senior faculty members, officers of SVVU, teaching staff and students. About 120 delegates participated in the conference which included 36 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons working under Government of Andhra Pradesh which was an encouraging initiative for college and field interaction. In addition poultry industry was represented by participation of hatchery officials and experts from commercial diagnostic laboratory and poultry distributors. President, IAVP honoured Prof. N. Vijayan, Mannuthy and Prof. Ch. Srilatha, Tirupati for organizing South Zone, IAVP Conferences during 2015 and 2016.

The Inaugural Keynote address was delivered by Dr R. Somvanshi, President, IAVP on "History of certain infectious poultry diseases in India: An overview". Another Keynote lecture was delivered by Dr C. Balachandran, Vice President, IAVP on "Advances in diagnosis of emerging and re-emerging diseases of avian species". The conference had six technical sessions. In session on: 1. Emerging and re-emerging diseases of poultry lead papers were presented by Dr G.A. Balasubramaniam and Dr V. Gowthaman; 2. Recent trends in diagnosis of poultry diseases- Lead paper by Dr H.D. Narayanaswamy; 3. Avian Oncology- Lead paper by Dr M.R. Reddy; 4. Avian Toxicopathology- Lead paper by Dr D. Madhuri; 5. Nutritional and metabolic diseases of poultry- Lead paper by Dr C.B. Manomohan and 6. Diseases of wild / captive birds-lead paper by Dr M. Gopala Krisna Nair were delivered, respectively. Apart from these; a highly informative and unique lecture on "Amazing facts about Veterinarians" was delivered by Dr N.R. Gopal Naidu, Retired Professor and instrumental in Museum development of Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Science, Tirupati. Speakers of different technical sessions also threw light on the importance of timely measures to be taken in combating the emerging and re-emerging diseases of avian species.

Each session had a lead paper followed by oral presentations by the young delegates. About 100 abstracts were received pertaining to avian diseases and divided according to the sessions. The conference had excellent presentations and discussion on the aforementioned technical sessions on both days. The best oral presenter of each session was presented an appreciation certificate. In poster session about 45 posters were displayed and best three posters were awarded with the appreciation certificate. Valedictory session held on 16<sup>th</sup> July after completion of all technical sessions. The Chief Guest of this function was Dr P. Sudhakar Reddy, Registrar, SVVU (Former Professor, Department of Poultry Science). Zonal Secretary Dr G.A. Balasubramaniam and Organizing Secretary Prof. Ch. Srialtha presented report of

different sessions and conference recommendations. President, IAVP Dr R Somvanshi hailed activities South Zone and Tirupati conference. He stated that keeping in view varying nature of avian species there should be a separate research institute on avian diseases. The conference updated and enriched knowledge of delegates in better understanding of avian diseases, its diagnosis and their timely control.



Lighting of lamp by dignitaries

**Release of Conference Compendium** 



Presidential Remarks by R. Somvanshi Dr C. Balachandran presenting his lecture



Chief Guest presenting award to Dr A. Nasreen A group photo of SZ IAVP Conference, Tirupati

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