

## Dr M. Palanivelu Untimely Passes Away



**Dr Munuswamy Palanivelu (38)** was born on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1983 at Vizhidiyur village, Karaikal District, Puducherry. He was awarded BVSc & AH degree (2007) and MVSc (2011) degree in Veterinary Pathology from Rajiv Gandhi College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Puducherry. During his MVSc, he worked on “Gross, cytological, histopathological and histochemical studies on cutaneous tumours of dogs” under the guidance of Dr A.W. Lakkawar, Professor, Department of Veterinary Pathology. He was pursuing PhD degree from 2016 on topic entitled “Pathology, molecular epidemiology and immune responses in Infectious Laryngotracheitis Virus (ILTV) infection in chicken” under the able guidance of Dr K.P. Singh, Acting Joint Director, CADRAD, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, UP. He started his career as Teaching Associate (2011-12) at Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Sciences, Proddatur, Andhra Pradesh. Then, he worked in Indian Immunologicals Ltd. (2012-2013) at Andhra Pradesh. Afterwards, he joined Agricultural Research Services and served as Scientist (1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 till 09<sup>th</sup> June 2021) at Avian Diseases Section, Division of Pathology, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, Bareilly, UP. During his services in ICAR-IVRI, he completed Institute research project entitled “Pathomorphological and molecular diagnosis of important viral respiratory diseases of poultry” as Principal Investigator. He was PI of DST-SERB funded project entitled “Exploring the role of pyroptosis and elucidating the use of pyroptotic inhibitors to block proinflammatory cell death in chicken tracheal epithelial cells infected with infectious laryngotracheitis virus (February 2020-likely to be completed on February 2023). He also acted as Co-PI in several institute and externally funded projects of various Divisions at IVRI. During his career, he had published several research publications, 40 abstracts in symposia/ seminars, 3 popular articles, 3 book chapters to disseminate the scientific knowledge and technologies. Dr M. Palanivelu has been recipient of several national awards including IAVP-Prof. Dr S Ramachandran Memorial Award, 2013, IAVP-Dr C.M. Singh Memorial Award, 2017, IAVP-Best Oral Presentation Award etc. His areas of research interest were on canine cutaneous neoplasms, avian pathology especially on avian viral respiratory diseases and providing solutions to problems of poultry farmers. Dr M. Palanivelu has been tirelessly contributing to science through his hard work and meticulous research. He was also actively engaged in UG and PG teaching at Deemed University, IVRI. He made significant contributions in the control and prevention of a number of poultry diseases by attending various disease outbreak investigations in different parts of the country. He was actively involved in wildlife disease investigations particularly conducting postmortem of wild birds and screening of samples for various avian diseases. Dr Palanivelu was Life Member and Treasurer of IAVP. He was one of the COVID warrior at IVRI and assisted in testing samples of humans, until he fell for it himself. Dr M. Palanivelu was an excellent badminton and cricket player.

Dr M. Palanivelu suddenly passed away at Yashoda Super Specialty Hospital, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad on dated 09.06.2021, after a long and hard fought with COVID-19 induced severe respiratory complications. He is survived with his wife Dr (Mrs) P. Bhavani Puvvala, MVSc (Veterinary Microbiology) and daughter Rishita (3 years). Sudden demise of Dr M. Palanivelu is shocking and a great loss to family, relatives, friends, Veterinary fraternity, IAVP, Veterinary Pathology faculty and poultry farmers. His near and dears paid rich tributes to him on various social media. May God give peace to departed soul and strength to his grieved family members to bear this great loss. **IAVP conveys deep condolences to bereaved family to bear this irreparable untimely loss and prays almighty God for eternal peace to departed soul.**