

Stalwarts Indian Veterinary Pathologist: Dr A. Sundararaj (1938-2014)



Dr A. Sundararaj was born on 08.12.1938. He graduated from Madras Veterinary College and obtained his M.V.Sc. degree in 1967. After serving for 8 years as Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Tamil Nadu, he joined the Madras Veterinary College. He served as Head of the Department for 12 years. He was the first person to obtain Ph.D. in Veterinary Pathology (1979) in the University and started Ph.D. degree programme in Veterinary Pathology in the Department of Pathology, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai, in the year 1993. He has guided 13 M.V.Sc. and 12 Ph.D. students. He has specialization in oncology and toxicological pathology. Dr A. Sundararaj has published 104 research articles. His achievements include organization of the First International Symposium in India on Advances in Animal Cancer Research and National Symposium on "Problems of emerging poultry diseases" on 6-8 August, 1992 at Madras Veterinary College, Madras. He standardized early disease detection techniques namely ultrasonography, exfoliative cytology and immunohistochemical methods in diagnosis of ethmoid carcinoma in animals. He was instrumental in getting the schemes on "Studies on the oncogenesis and etiopathology of sinus tumour in bovines" and "Studies on the mycotoxicosis with special reference to immunoassay diagnosis and pathology". He standardized various staining techniques for the diagnosis of shrimp diseases. He conducted Training Programme on Postmortem Techniques, Collection, Preparation and Preservation of Samples. He superannuated in December 1998. On his memory Prof. A. Sundararaj Medal for the best peer-reviewed article published in Toxicopathology in the Indian Veterinary Journal was started. He passed away on 31.03.2014. Dr A. Sundararaj will be always remembered for significant contributions to advancement of Veterinary Pathology and IAVP.

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