

Proceedings of Executive Committee / General Body Meeting of Online XXXVIII Annual Conference of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists and XII Annual Meeting of Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists and International Symposium on entitled “Advances in Veterinary Pathology for Diagnosis and Control of Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases of Livestock, Wild Animals and Poultry” held w.e.f. 17-19th December, 2021 at Department of Veterinary Pathology College of Veterinary and Animal Science Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner, Rajasthan

The Executive Committee/ General Body Meeting was held on virtual mode under the Chairmanship of Dr B.N. Tripathi, President, IAVP on 17 and 18 December, 2021, respectively. The meeting was attended by Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer, Chief Editor, Web Manager, Zonal Secretaries and EC members/ Life Members. The meeting was conducted by the Secretary General, Dr K.P. Singh.

Proceedings of the EC/GB Meeting of IAVP held on 17 and 18. 12.2021

Secretary General Dr K.P. Singh welcomed all office bearers and EC/GB members. President, IAVP, Dr B.N. Tripathi gave opening remarks and appreciated the efforts of office bearers and in particular Dr K.P. Singh, Secretary General and Dr M.R. Reddy, Chief Editor of IJVP.

- He emphasized that the training/workshops should be conducted in the areas of forensic pathology, toxicopathology, etc. for the benefit of Pathologists and Technical Officers.
- The Veterinary Pathologists should be encouraged for appearing in the ICVP Diplomate examination.
- The possibility of recognition of ICVP Diplomate by VCI may be explored.
- He emphasized that the needful should be done to improve the rating of the journal and to include it in the Thomson Reuters Impact factor and even seek professional assistance from recognized agencies.
- Members should be encouraged to submit a more number of quality research papers to improve the standard of the Indian Journal of Veterinary Pathology (IJVP).
- Invitations should be made to the eminent Scientists and Professors of various Veterinary Colleges /Universities of the country and Indian alumni working abroad to submit the quality research papers.

Agenda No. 1: Approval of the minutes of the proceedings of last IAVP meeting held at Nagpur

- The Secretary General informed the members about the action taken report (ATR) based on the Proceedings of 37th IAVP Conference, 2020 held on virtual mode at Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- The Proceedings have been circulated among the EC members and all members agreed with the same.
- The approval of minutes of the Proceedings of IAVP held at Nagpur was proposed by Dr R.V.S Pawaiya and seconded by Dr Amarjit Singh. The minutes were approved by EC/GB, respectively.

Agenda No. 2: Report by the Secretary General

- **New Life Members:** A total of 36 new Veterinary Pathologists joined as Life Member of IAVP and 2 as provisional Life Members.
- **Zonal Activities:** Among the zonal activities of the association, two webinars were organized, one each at Veterinary College Rewa and Jabalpur, MP by the Central Zone.
- **Database Updating:** Progress of the work for the updation of the address of the Life Members of the IAVP was discussed and it was assured by the committee members (Drs

N.K. Gangwar, T.K. Rajkhowa, Manjunatha S.S., Manisha Mehra and R.C. Ghosh) that it will be completed at the earliest.

- It was decided that one participant will not be allowed to participate in more than two categories of IAVP Awards during each year.

Agenda No. 3: Report of the Chief Editor: Dr M.R. Reddy, Chief Editor, IJVP, briefed the house, about the IJVP report and informed that-

- The NAAS rating of IJVP has increased from 5.4 to 5.54.
- The acceptance and rejection rate of the articles were 74.74 and 25.26%, respectively.
- During 2020-21, a total of 135 articles were received for publication in the IJVP and Volume 45 onwards, one review article is being included in each issue of the Journal.
- It was informed that citation of the articles of the Journal is very less and it needs to be improved.
- Reviewing of the articles are being done by two reviewers and average time between the submission and acceptance/rejection of the articles is about 2 months.
- Dr R. Somvanshi, informed that The Lesion 2021 is composed and under printing and it will be soon uploaded on IAVP Website / distributed to members.

Views from the House: To explore the possibility of uploading of the articles after acceptance on the website.

- To explore the possibility of switching over to some automated review system for making the reviewing process easy for the Journal. The responsibility was assigned to committee consisted of Drs K.P. Singh, R.V.S. Pawaiya and M.R. Reddy.
- It was also suggested to develop a mobile app for the journal.
- Some members desired to increase the number of awards being given by IAVP during the Annual Conference and wanted to two awards per session, i.e., a total of 12 awards for six sessions. The number of awards should be flexible depending upon the number of participants in different sessions, i.e., it may be 1, 2 or 3, if the number of participants is less than 10, 10-20 and more than 20, respectively. Secretary General opined that it is difficult to handle 35 existing IAVP Awards. Therefore, the proposed session awards responsibility may be taken up by the Organizing Secretary of Conference. The selection of awards may be done by the evaluation/session chair committee.
- **Improvement in the Quality of the Journal:** Members is welcome to submit a greater number of quality research papers to improve the standard of the Journal.
- To improve the quality of the journal, rejection rate of the articles should be increased from the current rate of 27% to higher level.
- Dr Kuldeep Dhama may be included in the Editorial Board of the Journal and he may be assigned the responsibility to improve the quality of the journal.

Agenda No. 4: Report of the Treasurer: Dr Pawan Kumar, Treasurer presented the audited report of the income and expenses of the IAVP for the year 2020-21. He informed the house-

Opening Balance for the year 2020-21	Rs 40,08,114.00
Income during the year (Subscription fee, membership fee, Financial assistance from ICAR etc. and interest earned from FDR)	Rs 8,95,371.00
Expenditure during the year	Rs 4,19,796.00
Excess Income	Rs 4,75,574.00
Cash in Hand & Bank Balance	Rs 3,81,161.00
(At the end of financial year 2020-21)	
Total Balance	Rs 52,52,685.00

Treasurer's report was accepted by house.

Agenda No. 5: Continuous in-disciplinary act of Dr Debiprasanna Das: Secretary General, IAVP informed that one of EC member Dr Debiprasanna Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Pathology, OUAT, Bhubaneswar, Odisha has been continuously making false allegations on some EC members and also raised unnecessary questions about the process of selection of various awards during the conferences of IAVP.

- Matter was discussed in detail in Executive Council (EC) meeting held on 17th December, 2021, and it was recommended by the EC members that action against Dr Debiprasanna Das may be taken as per the constitution of the association (Clause No. 17) i.e., “Central Council may recommend to the GB for the cancellation of membership of an individual when it is felt by the Central Council that cancellation of membership of the individual member is in the interest of the Association”.
- Dr B.N. Tripathi, President, IAVP said that the recommendation of the EC is to be put-up in the General Body (GB) meeting of the Association. The recommendations of EC were “cancellation of the membership of Dr Debiprasanna Das from the association initially for a period of 5 years and subsequently for life time, if there is no improvement in his attitude towards association including life members and office bearers”.
- Later, the recommendations of EC were discussed in the GB meeting held on 18th December, 2021 and it was decided by the house with 2/3 majority (of the members present in General Body meeting) that the membership of Dr Debiprasanna Das may be cancelled from the association initially for a period of 5 years and subsequently for life time if there is no improvement in his behaviour and attitude towards association including life members and office bearers.
- It was also recommended by GB that the decision of the house may be communicated in writing to Dr Debiprasanna Das by Secretary General of Association.
- President, IAVP also suggested to incorporate the provisions in the constitution of the association regarding providing authority to the President for the termination and/or suspension of membership of any member on the recommendation of EC in such cases.

Agenda No 6: Venue of the IAVP Conference 2022: The issue was discussed in detail and there were three proposals one each from IVRI, Izatnagar, UP, CVSc, Hyderabad and CVSc, Thrissur as venue for the next IAVP conference. Finally, CVSc, Hyderabad, was decided next venue of Conference under Organizing Secretaryship of Dr M. Lakshman, College of Veterinary Science, P.V. Narshimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University, Hyderabad, Telangana.

Agenda No. 7: Election of Next EC: It was discussed to initiate the process of election for the members of the next Executive Council of the Association and it was agreed to be held before IAVP-2022 Conference. Dr Nitin Virmani, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRCE, Hisar, was appointed as Returning Officer.

Condolence on Deceased IAVP Members: It was informed to the house that during the year, three members of the association Dr Palanivelu M., Dr J.N. Dwivedi and Dr R.N. Sharma left for the heavenly abode. The house appreciated contributions and services of these members to profession and IVAP and a silence of 2 minutes was observed for peace of departed souls.

Vote of Thanks- Dr K.P. Singh extended thanks to all the members of the EC/GB for the fruitful discussion in the meeting.

(Secretary General, IAVP)