

Dr G.A. BALASUBRAMANIAM SUPERANNUATES IN APRIL, 2024



Dr Gurusamipalayam Amirthalingam Balasubramaniam (60), eminent teacher, Veterinary Pathologist and former Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu was born on 1st May 1964 at Gurusamipalayam village at Rasipuram Taluk of Namakkal District, Tamil Nadu. He completed his graduation from Madras Veterinary College, Chennai in 1987, MVSc and PhD in Veterinary Pathology in 1989 and 1998, respectively. He started his career as Assistant Professor in Veterinary University Training and Research Centre (VUTRC), then Livestock Research and Development Centre (LRDC), at Dharmapuri in 1989 and worked there for three years. Subsequently he joined at Department of Pathology, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal and served as a teaching faculty from 1993 to 2024. He served more than 34 years in academics and various research areas. He guided 7 PhD and 15 MVSc students in Veterinary Pathology and more than 60 students as minor guide in Veterinary Pathology and allied disciplines. He served as Dean in-Charge of Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal for a short period (2017 to 2018). Presently, he is serving as Secretary General of IAVP (2023-25).

Dr Balasubramaniam organized South Zone Conference of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists (IAVP) and National symposium on “Pathobiology of poultry and laboratory animal diseases” in 2010 at VCRI, Namakkal. He also organized an International Workshop on Avian Diseases by inviting eminent Poultry Pathologist Dr H.L. Shivaprasad from Georgia (USA) in 2013 at VCRI, Namakkal. He was Co-Organizing Secretary of National Symposium on “Innovative Research Approaches for Diagnostic Pathology” at MVC, Chennai in 2011. He was Member of Organizing Committee of the “Workshop on Toxicologic Pathology” at MVC, Chennai in 2011. He organized several training programmes including Clinical Pathology for field veterinarians in 2000, Postmortem diagnosis of livestock and poultry diseases and their importance in 2007 and VCI Sponsored Continuing Veterinary Education on “Post- mortem examination and Veterolegal cases” in 2009.

He has more than 200 publications to his credit in national and international journals of repute. He has also published Color Atlases on “Post-mortem observations of livestock, poultry and laboratory animals” and “Animal tumors”. He developed course content for the course “VPP 321-Avian Pathology” in E- learning programme under National Agricultural Innovation Project (ICAR) and received a certificate of appreciation for task accomplishment. He received Dr Ganti A. Sastry Memorial Medal for the publication of the article on “Pathology of endosulfan toxicity in chicken” and Dr A. Sundararaj Medal for the publication of the article on “Natural occurrence of Ochrotoxicosis due to water contamination in chicken” for the best paper publications in Indian Veterinary Journal in 2000. Another two gold medals were received for the best paper presentation in ISVS in 2013. He received IAVP Achievement Award-Best Poultry Pathologist Award in 2012, IAVP-President Best Worker Award in 2016 for Best Zonal Secretary (South), Fellow of IAVP in 2016 besides several Best Poster Awards. Apart from this he also received more than a dozen best oral and poster awards from various scientific societies and certificate of commemoration for unblemished service in TANUVAS in 2015. Dr Balasubramaniam superannuated from services of TANUVAS on 30-4-2024. **IAVP wishes Dr G.A. Balasubramaniam very healthy, happy, peaceful, purposeful and prolonged superannuated life.**