

Proceedings of the Executive Committee Meeting of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists (IAVP) held at Hotel Kay, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh on 4th Dec, 2015

The Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. Somvanshi, President, IAVP on 4th Dec, 2015 at 05:00 PM in the Conference Hall of Hotel Kay, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, a day prior to the Annual Conference of IAVP held at Veterinary College, Gannavaram, Andhra Pradesh from 5-7th Dec, 2015. The meeting was attended by Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer, Zonal Secretaries, most the EC members and Organizing Secretary Dr Rama Devi. The meeting was conducted by the Secretary General, Dr B.N. Tripathi.

The President and Secretary General briefed the Committee members about activities carried out during the previous year. Dr R. Somvanshi appreciated the work carried out for upgrading the **IJVP** and mentioned that there has been progressive improvement in the quality of the journal. He informed that 16 page issue of 7th Volume of **The Lesion** was published and it will be distributed in Conference. Approximately, 26 special mementoes of 3 categories, 125 quality award certificates (for all awardees) and 3 Fellowship citations were fabricated/ printed and will be distributed in conference. **Prof. Matti Kiupel** was invited from MSU, USA for delivering **Conference Thematic and CVE lecture in Veterinary Pathology**. Special efforts were made by IAVP to strengthen ICVP by organizing a Special ICVP Technical Session. However, President, IAVP showed concern regarding the lack of the interest of the IAVP members in the ICVP and emphasized on motivating more and more members to participate in the examination. President appreciated South Zone for organizing **Zonal Conference at Pukode, Kerala**. The Secretary General informed the members about the action taken report based on the proceedings of the previous year (2014, IAVP Conference at Anand, Gujarat).

The General Body of IAVP observed silence in the memory of sad demise of **Dr Balwant Singh, Dr S. Gopal Krishna** and **Dr S.M. Sakthivelan**, and paid homage to them.

Agenda 1. Awards:

1. Executive Committee discussed regarding the amendment in the constitution of IAVP and revision/ renaming of the awards. This includes renaming the awards such as SKM Feeds and Narmada Hatchery Awards as IAVP Best and Second Best Oral Presentation Award. Feedback from Dr Balasubramaniam about SKM Animal Feed is awaited.
2. Executive Committee approved that a new sponsored award will be initiated from next year in the memory of **Dr Balwant Singh**. For this family members of late Dr Singh have already donated **Rs 1.00 lakh to IAVP**.
3. Discussion was held to increase the number of Poster Awards. Various suggestions included Species-wise awards, Session-wise or Theme-wise poster awards.
4. Members were of a unanimous opinion that the Pathologists who have got the highest awards of the association should not be considered for the lower awards. This will encourage new members for competing for the awards.

5. Members agreed that last date decided by the organizers of the conference for receipt of award applications should be strictly adhered to and no further application should be entertained.
6. The members agreed that a Committee be formed for making necessary modifications in the awards, modalities of new awards etc. The committee may also look into the revision of the award evaluation proforma also. For this purpose, following **committee is constituted, which will submit the report** within 30 days.

Dr A.K. Sharma, IVRI, Izatnagar: **Chairman**
 Dr R.V.S. Pawaiya, CIRG Makhdoom: **Member**
 Dr D.V. Joshi, Gujrat: **Member**
 President, IAVP: **Special Invitee**

7. There was suggestion during the GB that one of the young scientists' presentation awards be named after Dr Balwant Singh, which, however, was not immediately agreed to by all the members and it was suggested this case may be referred to the committee constituted above.
8. A decision was made to initiate a new award for the member of the Executive Committee who has contributed most in the activities of the association. This will help in motivating members to work dedicatedly for the association.

Agenda 2. Membership Drive in North-East Region:

Executive Committee opined that NER Zone may be merged with East Zone of IAVP as NER Zone has only 14-15 members. Some other members suggested that more time should be given to Zonal Secretary, NER Zone for strengthening NER Zone. Emphasis was given to motivate more professionals to join IAVP not only from NE Region but also from other parts of the country.

Agenda 3. Proposal for NRI Cell:

It was proposed that a NRI Cell may be formed under IAVP for the pathologists who have settled abroad, so that they can also contribute actively to the activities of the association.

Agenda 4. ICVP:

Executive Committee showed its concern over the lack of interest amongst members of the association towards ICVP.

- a. ICVP did not receive any applications this time from pathologists to appear in ICVP exam. A decision was made to initiate a Second round of senior level ICVP Harmonization Programme.
- b. The Committee was of the opinion that the Senior Pathologists working in Universities/ ICAR Institutes should come forward voluntarily for providing necessary ICVP training.

Agenda 5. VCI Course Inputs:

In five and a half years programme, Veterinary Pathology subject is proposed to be taught in 2nd year only for a period of one year. The proposal needs to be drafted and sent to VCI for keeping courses of Pathology in third year also. Further, Fish Pathology course was dropped from course curriculum under VCI schedule and matter is to be taken up by EC with VCI.

Agenda 6. Journal:

- a. IJVP has to register with Indianjournal.com and we have to make it an open access journal.
- b. Reviewers to be requested to send back the papers with promptness.
- c. EC unanimously agreed that concerted efforts be made for the registration of the journal with PubMed. It was decided that the members be encouraged to write good quality review articles for IJVP which will increase its citation and help in getting more credibility to the journal.

Agenda 7. Elections for the New Executive Committee of IAVP:

In view of elections of the New Executive Committee of IAVP this year, EC appointed Dr N.V. Kurkure, Professor, Nagpur Veterinary College as Returning Officer for the smooth conduct of the elections. He consented to take up the responsibility.

Agenda 8. Organization of next IAVP Conference:

Dr R.C. Ghosh, Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Anjora, Durg – 491 001, Chhattisgarh, India proposed to organize next IAVP Conference in November, 2016. His proposal was unanimously accepted.

Agenda 9. IAVP AWARDS – 2014-15:

1. Young Scientist Awards – 2015

A. SKM Animal Feeds and Food Ltd. Young Scientist Award for the Best Oral Presentation Award

Dr. S. Pavulraj: On paper entitled ‘Pathology of equine influenza virus (H3N8) and vaccine efficacy studies in novel small animal model?’ **Co-authors:** N. Virmani, B.C. Bera, T. Anand, M. Virmani, A. Joshi and B.N. Tripathi

B. Narmada Hatcheries Young Scientist Award for the Second Best Oral Presentation Award

Dr. M. Nilakanthan: On paper entitled ‘Ameliorative effect of nano curcumin in den induced hepatocarcinogenesis in rats: Pathomorphological studies.’ **Co-authors:** C. Balachandran, G. Dinakar Raj, R. Sridhar, S. Selvasubramanian and R.M. Pawar

2. Best Poster Presentation Awards – 2015

A. Savitree Jibach Best Poster Presentation Award

Dr. Rajiv Ranjan: Paper entitled ‘Evidence of vertical transmission of foot and mouth disease virus transmission from cow to fetus.’ **Co-authors:** J.K. Biswal, K.P. Singh, K. Arzt and B. Pattnaik

B. Organizing Secretary Best Poster Presentation Award

Dr. B. Manjhunatha Reddy: Paper entitled ‘Molecular diagnosis and epidemiology of animal rabies’. **Co-authors:** Sumam, K., R. Singh, K.P. Singh, S.S. Patil and H. Rahman

3. IJVP Awards – 2014 for Best Papers

A. Dr. C.M. Singh Award – 2014 for the Best Full Research Article

Dr. Megha Pandey: Paper entitled ‘Studies on apoptosis caused by vaccine and field strains of infectious bursal disease virus.’ *Indian Journal of Veterinary Pathology*, **38(3)**: 173-180, 2014. **Co-authors:** D.K. Agarwal and V. Gupta

B. Dr. S. Damodaran Award – 2014 for the Best Cancer Case

Dr. C.A. Chavan: Paper entitled ‘Immunohistochemical study of a rare case of bovine ameloblastoma’. *Indian Journal of Veterinary Pathology*, **38(4)**: 275-277, 2014. **Co-authors:** M.P. Kaore, A.D. Ingle, N.V. Kurkure, S.B. Akhare and A.G. Bhandarkar

C. Dr. B.S. Rajya Award – 2014 for the Best Short/Rapid Communication

Dr. S. Pathania: Paper entitled ‘Cystosonography as an aid in diagnosis of urinary bladder cancer in enzootic bovine haematuria’. *Indian Journal of Veterinary Pathology*, **38(2)**: 112-118, 2014. **Co-authors:** P. Kumar, M. Hoque and R. Somvanshi

D. Gang-Mana Sharma Award – 2014 for the Best Article on Pack Animals

Dr. S.D. Narnaware: Paper entitled ‘Lung abscess in a dromedary camel (*Camelus dromedarius*)’. *Indian Journal of Veterinary Pathology*, **38(4)**: 278-280, 2014. **Co-authors:** S.S. Dahiya, G. Nagarajan and F.C. Tuteja

4. Best Post Graduate Thesis Awards

A. Dr. Ram Raksha-Kiran Shukla Award – 2015 for the Best M.V.Sc. Thesis

Dr. S. Pavulraj: Thesis entitled ‘Pathology of Equine Influenza virus (H3N8) and vaccine efficacy studies in Balb/c mice model’ ICAR-NRCE, Hisar and ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, under the supervision of Dr. Nitin Virmani and Dr. Rajendra Singh for award of M.V.Sc degree in Veterinary Pathology.

B. Dr. Patri Rama Rao Award – 2015 for the Best Ph.D. Thesis

Dr. Dhanush Krishna, B.: Thesis entitled “Cellular and molecular response to bioscaffold grafts in a rat abdominal regeneration model” submitted to Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthy, Kerala, under the supervision of Dr. N. Divakaran Nair for the award of Ph.D. degree in Veterinary Pathology.

5. IAVP-Achievement Awards – 2015

- A. **Dr. D.J. Ghodsara:** Best Poultry Pathologist, AAU, Anand
- B. **Dr. B.J. Trangodia:** Best Farm Animal Pathologist, NAU, Navsari
- C. **Dr. S.K. Mukhopadhyay:** Best Companion Animal Pathologist, WBUA&FS, Kolkata
- D. **Dr. R.C. Ghosh:** Best Laboratory Animal Pathologist, CKV, Durg
- E. **Dr. S.K. Panda:** Best Wild life Pathologist, OU&AT, Bhuwaneshwar
- F. **Dr. Ch. Srilatha:** Dr. B.L. Purohit Memorial Best Toxicologic Pathologist, SVVU, Tirupati

6. Fellowship of IAVP – 2015

- A. **Dr. R.N. Sharma,** School of Veterinary Medicine, St. George's University, Grenada, West Indies
- B. **Dr. A. Chakraborti,** Assam Agricultural University, Guwahati
- C. **Dr. P.K. Sahu,** Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneshwar

7. Dr. P.P. Gupta Oration Award – 2015

Dr. P.R. Vanamayya: Presented paper on the topic ‘Role of veterinary pathologists in combating transboundary animal diseases.’

8. Prof. (Dr.) S. Ramachandran Memorial Award – 2015 for the Best Presentation on Molecular Oncology

Dr. Sajitha, I.S.: On paper entitled ‘Unfolded protein response (UPR) - a transient response of drug tolerant cancer cells?’ **Co-authors:** S.L. Santhik, Rahul Sanawar, Rajesh Raju, G. Reshmi, Arun Surendran, K.A. Abdul Jaleel, T.R. Santhosh Kumar and M. Radhakrishna Pillai

9. Dr. Balwant Singh Memorial Lecture (One time special activity)

Dr. Amarjit Singh: Presented paper on Cytokine applications in poultry. **Co-authors:** Laltlankimi, GADVASU, Ludhiana

10. Dr. B.L. Purohit Memorial Lecture (One time special activity)

Dr. M.V. Joshi: Presented paper on Emerging issues of toxicopathology through high water salinity on animal and poultry health. **Co-authors:** R.S. Ingole and M.M. Pundlik, N.V.C., Nagpur

11. Veterinary Pathology Congress-2015, Thematic Lecture Award, 2015

Prof. Matti Kiupel: Presented paper on ‘Veterinary molecular pathology bridging the gap between clinical disease and molecular pathogenesis’. Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation, Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI 48910

12. Veterinary Pathology Congress-2015, Continuing Veterinary Pathology Education Award, 2015

Prof. Matti Kiupel: Presented mega lecture on ‘Gross and histopathology of pig diseases’

13. IAVP President Best EC Worker Award – 2015

Dr Rajveer Singh Pawaiya: Chief Editor, Indian Journal of Veterinary Pathology, Division of Animal Health, ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats, Makhdoom, P.O. Farah – 281122, Mathura, UP.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chairman and all EC members. EC expressed gratitude to Dr. Rama Devi, Organizing Secretary and her team for making all necessary arrangements for meeting.
