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MESSAGE FROM THE 71st PRESIDENT OF THE SLVA – Dr. KEERTHI GUNASEKARA



Dear colleagues,

It is indeed a great honor and privilege for me to be appointed as the 71st President of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association – the highly esteemed professional organization of the veterinarians in Sri Lanka..I had the opportunity to work closely with the previous few committees as an Executive committee member, Vice President & as the President Elect and gained a good understanding of the responsibilities and obligations that I have to fulfil as the leader of the SLVA.

The SLVA has served as a professional platform for Sri Lanka's veterinarians and ensured their professional development for over 75 years, and also contributed immensely towards our national policies and programmes on the subject areas. The past Presidents and their committees have done a commendable job in steering the SLVA over the past years.

The veterinarians have a significant contribution towards Sri Lanka's GDP by increasing the livestock production through sustainable poultry and dairy industries. The veterinarians also play a major role in ensuring public health by managing zoonotic diseases and promotion of food safety. A handful of our veterinarians also risk their lives on a daily basis to protect Sri Lanka's

endangered wild animals. The newly appointed SLVA executive committee is represented by veterinarians of diverse professional backgrounds and experiences, including universities, private corporate sector, government institutions such as the Ministry, DAPH, NLDB and the Air Force.

I'm confident that the SLVA ex-co will work closely with me in steering this organization in the year ahead of us, and also I wish to encourage our membership to actively contribute towards the continuous progress of the SLVA. It is extremely important that we collaborate with each other in our efforts towards animal production, welfare and animal health.

I have a Plan for the Calendar year

Where we are now.... Where we want to be

The efforts of the previous Presidents & their committees have positioned the SLVA, where we are now. Its clear where we want to be. I need to take it further heights with the support of the Executive committee and you all. Let us work as a TEAM.

The previous SLVA committee recognized the need to drive Sri Lanka towards self-sufficiency in milk production. The new committee under my leadership will promote several programmes to achieve this goal. However, the removal of the import tax on milk powder and the high tax on imported animal feed ingredients have become key barriers to accomplish self-sufficiency in milk production. We will work closely with the government to overcome these barriers.

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In addition I believe, we should also have a national plan for pasture cultivation & organic manure production, in order to sustain dairy production. The new SLVA committee is planning to work closely with the veterinary college, veterinary council and all other relevant organizations like WPSA, AIDA, AIPA, POULTRY FORUM, SOCIETY OF COMPANIAN ANIMAL ASSOCIATION, SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION FOR LABORATORY ANIMAL SCIENCE for professional development of our veterinarians, I have a plan to conduct programmes to enhance the veterinarians soft skills.

We will pursue in opportunities to collaborate with veterinary associations in other countries, so that our veterinarians can exchange knowledge through participation in international and regional seminars. Plans are already in progress to organize a national Veterinary week. The SLVA will also work closely with the dairy and poultry sector, in order to understand the industrial needs and provide relevant advice to the government. We will continue to provide guidance to the government of Sri Lanka in enacting the Animal Welfare Bill. Respecting the One Health concept we plan to involve actively in Animal welfare & public health through controlling zoonotic diseases, notifiable animal diseases and maintaining high standard of food safety & meat hygiene. As a responsible association, we will give our fullest cooperation to the government to minimize the human animal conflicts. Concerning the importance of the public health, create the awareness among the school children & the public to alleviate the protein mal-nutrition. In other way it's a promotional programme to consume more livestock products especially fresh milk & eggs.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Hon. Minister, distinguished invitee, the past president and his committee, the members of SLVA & our sponsors for attending this event. We want to collaborate with every single veterinarian in the country and work on inclusive development on growth & technology transfer to make sure our association is one of the greatest in the region.

My fellow colleagues I wish to assure you that I will live up to your expectations in steering the SLVA in the year ahead of us.

Thank you.

Dr. Keerthi Gunasekara
71st President, SLVA

Message from the Outgoing President - Dr. Susil Silva

I am proud to have been given the opportunity to serve as president of SLVA in the past year. I have been involved with many associations, but none have been more satisfying than my time with SLVA. It is with a deep sense of satisfaction that I look back at the past year of our tenure in this prestigious association. It is with equal fervor that I note the commitment and diligence of the 70th executive committee who carried out their assigned tasks to an extremely satisfactory conclusion for I thanked all wholeheartedly and there was so much pleasure in taking part in many activities in the past year. It was our intention to scale up our traditional Continuous Professional Development (CPDs) programs which was quite successful.

70th executive committee put so much effort to stabilize finances, as we committed in challenging circumstance, specially during difficult period for poultry industry. Yet as we committed in the last AGM, Rs1.5 million new fixed deposit was added to SLVA reserves. Nonetheless, 70th Exco has left over 1 million working capital in savings accounts for 71st executive committee to continue work with no interruption which is very satisfying.

I appeal our members to actively take part in SLVA activities and solicit your assistance on behalf of the new President and 71st executive committee while pledging my fullest support as Ex-officio member of the present committee.

Dr. SSP Silva
Past President, SLVA



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70th Annual Scientific Session of Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA)

The 70th Annual scientific session organized by Sri Lanka Veterinary Association was held on 14th June 2018 at Oak-Ray Regency Hotel, Kandy. Large number of veterinarians representing academic institutes, government organizations, private sector institutes, other sectors and private practitioners participated to the event. The participants were welcome by the former president Dr. S.S.P Silva at the commencement of the session.



The 70th Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA)

Keynote speech of the session was delivered by Prof. V. Ravindran, from the faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Massey University, New Zealand on “The past, the present and the future of poultry nutrition”



There were twenty abstracts presented in the clinical and Animal Health sessions and eight abstracts were presented in Animal Production session. Further, 18 papers were presented as poster presentations during the 70th scientific sessions. The 71st executive committee wishes to acknowledge and appreciate the service of organizing committee, scientific committee and abstract reviewers who have worked hard to make the event a success.



70th Annual Convention of SLVA

The 70th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 13th July 2018 at Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo from 3.30pm onwards with a participation of large number of SLVA members and during AGM, the 71st president and executive committee for SLVA were elected.

Honorable Minister of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development and Rural Economic Affairs, Mr. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa arrived as the chief guest to the Annual Convention of SLVA. The 70th president of SLVA, Dr. S.S.P. Silva warmly welcome the chief guest to the event.



The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Chanaka Rabel, a senior lecturer attached to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences, University of Peradeniya on “Towards Self Sufficiency in Dairy Production”



The 70th Annual Convention held at the Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo

Felicitation to Prof. M. Upali Jayasekara, the former Dean of Faculty of Agriculture Science, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was done by awarding an honorary award by the Honourable minister and he was introduced by Prof. Oswin Perera, Retired professor of University of Peradeniya. Prof. M. Upali Jayasekara has served for more than 40 years to the betterment of veterinary service.



Induction of 71st president of SLVA was held during the event and the new president addressed the gathering on his plans to uplift the profession under his tenure.



Awards presented at 70th Annual Convention of SLVA

List of Presentations and Authors who were awarded at 70th Annual Convention

Health Session

Prevalence of canine heartworm disease, ehrlichiosis, lyme disease and anaplasmosis in dogs in Sri Lanka
T. Edirithilake, A. Dharmasekera, S. Wickramasinghe and E. Rajapaksha*

Production Session

Cryopreservation of semen from Jaffna local sheep, an endangered, indigenous livestock breed of Sri Lanka
W.M.T.D. Rathnakumara*, W.W. Abeygunawardena, L.W.N. Samaranyake, P.A.B.D. Alexander and R.A.C. Rabel

Clinical Session

The use of skin flaps and free skin grafts for wound reconstruction in dogs and cats
M. Seneviratne*, D. Siriwardene and J. Collure

Poster Session

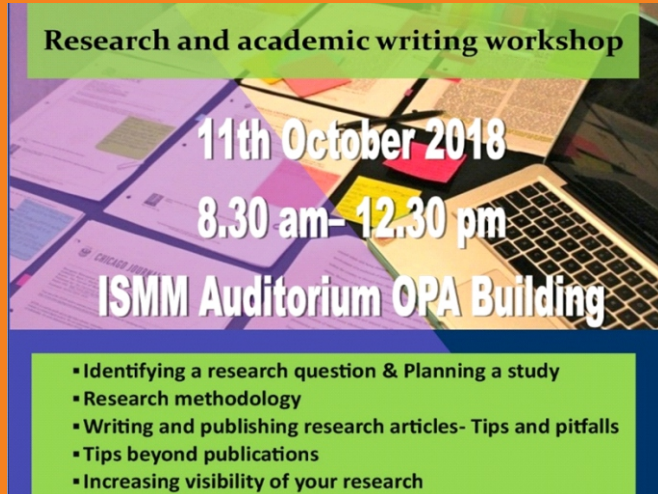
Fixation of pelvic body fracture in a cat: a case study
W.S. Gothami*, S. Pemachandra, P.G. Eshwara, L. Ranasinghe and D. Rajapakse



Announcements

The SLVA organizes a workshop on “Research and Academic Writing” with the collaboration of Research Promotion and Facilitation Center of Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. The workshop will be important for veterinary research officers, academicians and any other veterinary professionals who are interested on publishing their research papers, abstracts or articles in peer reviewed journals.

A workshop on “Creative Innovations through Design Thinking” which is organized by SLVA with the collaboration of “Ennovate” institute. This workshop aims to support creative and innovative thought process to face the unknown challenges in future. The workshop is being scheduled to be held in the afternoon of the same



Research and academic writing workshop

11th October 2018
8.30 am- 12.30 pm
ISMM Auditorium OPA Building

- Identifying a research question & Planning a study
- Research methodology
- Writing and publishing research articles- Tips and pitfalls
- Tips beyond publications
- Increasing visibility of your research



Creative Innovations through Design Thinking

EMPATHIZE → DEFINE → IDEATE → PROTOTYPE → TEST → IMPLEMENT

UNDERSTAND EXPLORE MATERIALIZE

Venue: ISMM Auditorium, OPA Building
 Date: 11th October 2018
 Time: 1.30 pm - 5.30 pm

For registering above workshops, contact Secretary, SLVA or Nayana, 070-2741145

Application for Life membership of SLVA is attached with this newsletter and any ordinary member can apply for the life membership by following instruction given along with the application.

Calendar of Event in future to be organized by SLVA

Year	Month	Events to be organized by SLVA	Venu&Province
2018	October	Workshop on scientific writing and design thinking “Vets in wild” presentation for professionals	Central province Colombo
	November	Workshop on Dairy Production for dairy vets Soft skill development workshop for vets	Central province Central Province
	December	Veterinary week exhibition Workshop Dairy Nutrition for field veterinarians Workshop on Pathology	Colombo Central province Central Province
2019	January	Workshop for small animal practitioners CPD program with VCSL for field vets	Western Province Southern Province
	February	Workshop for veterinarians in poultry sector	NorthWestern Province
		Workshop for dairy veterinarians	Uwa province
	March	Workshop for field veterinarians	Northern Province
		Workshop for field veterinarians	Eastern province
	April	Workshop on public health	Central province
		Workshop for field veterinarians	Sabaragamuwa Province
May	Workshop for field veterinarians	NorthCentral Province	
	CPD program with VCSL for field vets	Central Province	
June	Scientific sessions of SLVA	Kandy	
July	AGM of SLVA	Colombo	

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