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Workshop on Bone Plating in Dogs – 2nd January 2020



Open reduction and internal fixation of fractures using bone plates and screws are a common and effective modality of treatment for fracture management in small animal practice. Correct application of technique and having proper instrumentation are critical for a successful outcome. Internal fixation with bone plates reduces the fracture morbidity, enables patients to return to function earlier, and reduces the incidence of non-union and malunion. This one-day training course consisted of series of discussions and practical sessions for small animal practitioners to help improve their skills and knowledge on bone plating. Pre-operative planning including selecting appropriate implants, principles of application and peri-operative management were discussed. The practical sessions allowed all the participants to apply a bone plate on a created fracture in a cadaver.

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Short Course on Scientific writing (20 Hrs)

The SLVA organized a short course on Scientific Writing for its members who are interested in research publication. There was an enthusiastic response from members to follow this course which covers the relevant topics on scientific writing which is facilitated by

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Continuation of discussion on Eradication of Rabies

The 4th meeting on eradication of rabies was held on 6th January 2020 and the committee studied critically the strategic framework prepared by DAPH in 2013 and cabinet papers approved in this regard for establishing Veterinary Public Health Unit in the DAPH. The committee made suggestions to improve the plan and prepare the execution plan at the next meeting.

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Television program – ITN on veterinary profession

The Independent Television Network invited Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA) for a one hour television program 'Meet your doctor' to discuss on the contribution of veterinary profession to the wellbeing of human and animals in the country. The president, Dr. Niranjala de Silva and the Secretary, Dr. Suneth Disnaka participated in the program which was telecasted on 25th January 2020. The SLVA representatives briefed about the veterinary profession and its contribution for the livestock, pet animals and public health sectors of the country.



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Short Course on Scientific writing (20 Hrs)

Prof. Neil Alles who is a Vice President of 72nd Executive Committee. The first series of lectures were held from 10th February to 06th March at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science (FVMASc), University of Peradeniya. The topics covered and the resource persons were as follows.

1. **Basics on research Methodology (2 hrs) 10th February 2020;**
Prof. Kalana Maduwage MBBS, Mphil, PhD, Professor in Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya
2. **Introduction to research methodology and basic statistics (2 hrs) 11th February 2020**
Prof. Sampath Tennakoon MBBS, Mphil, PhD, Professor in Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya
3. **Writing up & publish your research (2hrs) 12th February 2020**
Prof. Sudeera Kalupahana MBBS, Mphil, PhD, Head/ Physiology , Professor in Physiology Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya
4. **How to write a research abstract (2 hrs) 6th March 2020**
Prof. Kalana Maduwage MBBS, Mphil, PhD, Professor in Biochemistry Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya



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Total of 22 veterinarians participated in the workshop and gained hands-on experience. Small animal practitioners, veterinarians from Departments of Wildlife & Conservation and National Zoological Gardens participated in the workshop and they were presented with a certificate of attendance at the conclusion of the program. Dr. Bhagya Don from Avenue Hospital, Melbourne, Australia was the resource person who extended his service free of charge which was highly appreciated. The SLVA donated an Orthopaedic drill to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) from the donations made by participants.



A Seminar on Management and Disease prevention in Poultry

SLVA organized a seminar for veterinary undergraduates in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya on 'Management and Disease prevention in poultry'. Dr. Pratap Ragavaran participated as the resource person representing H&N International, which is a leading poultry breeder company in the world. The session was very productive and more than fifty students participated in the seminar.



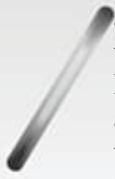
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Upgrading cattle in Eastern province – Technical discussion – 11th February 2020

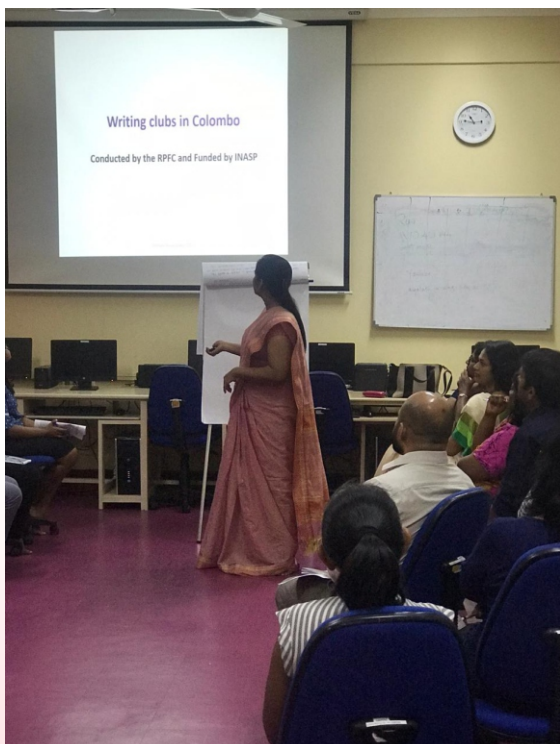
The SLVA organized a technical discussion on upgrading cattle in Eastern province for all veterinary surgeons in the province. The session was held on 11th February 2020 at the Training Centre, Uppuweli and Dr. Nimal Samanaranayake (Director-Animal Breeding), Dr. P.G.Senevirathne (Deputy Director-Animal Breeding) and Dr. Usha Wanigasekara (Veterinary Surgeon/ Animal Breeding Division) participated as resource persons. The session was organized by Dr. M.A.M. Fazi, Provincial Director of the DAPH-Eastern Province, and Executive Committee members of 72nd of SLVA. More than 65 veterinarians participated in the program and the participants actively contributed to the session making the program a success.



The Workshop on Writing Club



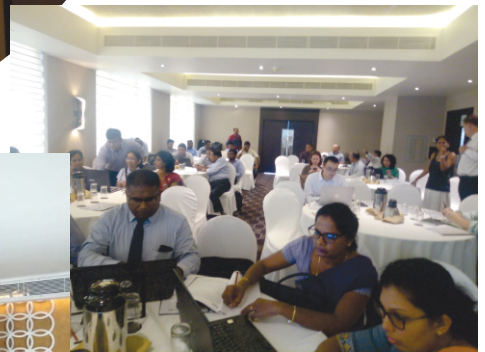
The SLVA organized a workshop on writing club for its members who are interested on scientific writing. The program was conducted by a team from Research Promotion and Facilitation Centre, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science Mwas coordinated by Dr. Tharanga Thoradeniya who is a Senior Lecturer of the Colombo university and an Asst. Secretary of SLVA. It was held on 6th March 2020 at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science with the participation of more than 30 veterinarians.



Workshop towards increasing fresh milk production in Sri Lanka – 2nd March 2020

A one day workshop for dairy veterinarians was organized by Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA) with collaboration of Market Oriented Dairy (MOD) project. It was held on 2nd March 2020 at Hotel Renuka, Colombo 03. Two resource persons from University of Florida conducted the session. About 35 veterinarians participated in the workshop which covered the following topics:

- Dry cow management, Body condition scoring exercise, Transition cow management, DM measurement demonstration - Prof. Geoffrey Dahl
- Ration formulation basics, NRC exercise (Transition cow and lactating cow feeding) Penn State shaker box and sampling methods (Demonstration) – Dr. Diwakar Vyas



Continuation of discussion on Eradication of Rabies

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The 5th round meeting on the same was held on 10th February 2020 to formulate an execution plan for implementation of the strategic plan prepared. Following activities were identified as key actions with a time frame for each activity.

- Formation of National steering committee
- Establishment of National Technical Committee
- Establishment of Provincial Admin & Tech Committees
- Establishment of Veterinary Public Health Division
- Regular dog population survey program
- Rabies vaccination program in animals
- Public awareness program on rabies
- Dog population management
- Surveillance of rabies in animals
- Strengthening facilities for rabies diagnosis in animals
- Implementation of rabies ordinance & dog registration
- Establishment of Quarantine facility
- Promotion of pre-exposure prophylaxis.



Discussion on overcoming Human Elephant Conflict (HEC) – Collaborative Effort

The 'Viyathmaga' group, a volunteer group consisted of different professionals and acts as a pressure group has invited SLVA and veterinarians working closely with matters related to elephant human conflict for a series of discussions. The objective of the deliberations is to explore the current 'state of affairs' and proposing long lasting solutions to the HEC. The SLVA has requested veterinarians working in Dept. of Wildlife Conservation and few other related experts to participate in the discussion with the representatives of SLVA. The first discussion was held on 3rd January 2020 in Colombo. This discussion will be an important initiative for finding a long lasting solution to the said issue which has a bearing to the veterinary profession. A series of discussion will be planned in future having idea of preparing a long lasting proposal



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