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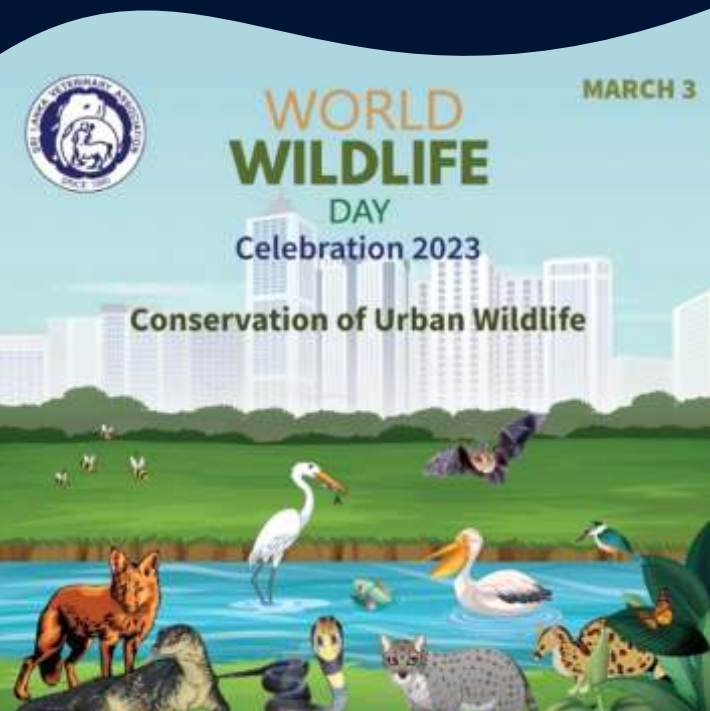
International Conference on Animal Welfare Research and the Annual General Meeting of Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA): South Asia was held on 17 and 18 January 2023 in Bangalore, India.

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Wildlife Day Celebrations

The World Wildlife Day falls on 3rd March each year.

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Intervention on the Egg Importation Matter

A Media Conference on egg importation matter from Bird Flu Endemic Countries, jointly conducted by the SLVA and the World Poultry Science Association (WPSA) SL Branch was held on 11th January 2023. The event was held at the OPA, Colombo 07. All electronic media had been invited to the event, and subsequently a wide publicity was gained.

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Strategic Planning Session



A two-day brainstorming and strategic planning session was held in Kalawana, Rathnapura with the participation of the members of the 75th Executive Committee on 22 and 23 January 2023. The annual plan was discussed and a rough time line was also established for the activities for the year. The event was financed by the individual ex-co members.

International Presence of SLVA *Cont. from pg. 1*



ImmEDIATE past president Dr. Susantha Mallawarachchi and the immediate past secretary Dr. Chamari Kannangara represented Sri Lanka, as they were invited and fully sponsored by the CVA.

Having dinner with Nepali Veterinary Association President, Vice President, General Secretary and the wives of the President and General Secretary. From the SLVA, the secretary, Dr. Kaundika Wanigasundara and the immediate past president, Dr. Susantha Mallawa-arachchi participated. Immediate Past President financed the event.



The SLVA also took the lead and instrumental in raising awareness on this egg importation matter among the general public. The 75th Ex-Co managed to secure numerous newspaper article publications in an array of print media.

SLVA urges government to import eggs strictly from DAP&H-approved nations

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They stated this is in response to a move by the Cabinet of Ministers approving the importation of eggs without restrictions to ensure affordability to the general public due to escalating egg prices in the local market.

"Sri Lanka is a country free from bird flu. Due to this move, there is a high chance of it spreading here. Sri Lanka is in the process of exploring its poultry-exporting markets, spread of bird flu in the country will be a major factor in our export market contracting further," SLVA President Dr Dilan Satharasinghe said.

Sri Lanka's bird flu-free



Dr Dilan Satharasinghe

status has given the island a competitive edge in global poultry export markets. This reputation can undoubtedly help drive Sri Lanka as a leading poultry exporter in the region and globally. Risking this opportunity will not only hamper the industry but also a much-needed avenue through which Sri Lanka can earn much-needed foreign exchange.

It is important to note that the Department of Animal Production and Health (DAP&H) which works closely with the SLVA, having recognized the risks, is yet to approve the importation of eggs from non-bird-flu-free nations.

THE SLVA PRESSES FOR ETHICAL AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO SOARING EGG PRICES

The Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA) has issued a public statement urging the government to import eggs strictly from DAP&H-approved nations, which have had bird-flu outbreaks in the last six months will have dire consequences as the move will risk the avian influenza virus entering and spreading in the island which is currently bird-flu free.

The statement states: "The Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA) stresses that resorting to importing eggs from non-bird-flu-free nations, which have had bird-flu outbreaks in the last six months will have dire consequences as the move will risk the avian influenza virus entering and spreading in the island which is currently bird-flu free."

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Digital Media Presence of the SLVA



Hathweni Peysa, a Popular TV program on the Independent Television Network (ITN) was represented by the SLVA Secretary, Dr. Kaundika Wanigasundara and Prof. Indunil Pathirana. The program was broadcast on 13th February 2023. It addressed some timely industry issues.



WEBINAR

Dermatology and Small Animal Surgery

Discussion on:

- Immune-mediated skin diseases in dogs
- Managing atopic dog
- Managing feline (cat) dermatology aspects

Monday 23rd January 2023

SL Time 1.30 - 3.30 pm

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99173266125?pwd=TjRwTVJpUzNubEVxNHVJUUpEVVpBdU9F>

Meeting ID: 991 7326 6125 Passcode: 048104

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Dermatology and Surgery Webinar

A webinar on Dermatology and Small Animal Surgery was held on Monday, 23rd January 2023 by Dr. Arunasalam Sithamparanathan. This was held under zoom technology.

Meeting with the Minister of Agriculture

A meeting was held with the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Mahinda Amaraweera on 22nd February 2023 to discuss a few important and timely matters to the profession, and also to introduce the 75th Executive Committee. The minister and a few high ranking officials from the ministry participated in the discussion, and the SLVA was represented by the President, Secretary and a few executive Committee members.



The matters discussed were

- (1) A 20-year National Dairy Plan
- (2) Development of Buffalo and Pig industry
- (3) Timely matters to the poultry industry, including not-importing eggs from bird-flu countries, removal of egg-price controls etc.

The discussion was very fruitful.

Social Media Webinar

A Webinar on Social Media for Veterinary Professionals was held on 22nd March 2023, conducted by Mr. Amitha Amarasinghe, Co-Founder/CEO of Asia Pacific Institute of Digital Marketing. This was a very novel experience for all participants, and they learnt a lot from the event.



WEBINAR SLVA Webinar Series 2023

Social Media for Veterinary Professionals

Amitha Amarasinghe
Co-Founder / CEO of Asia Pacific Institute of Digital Marketing

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 SL Time 12.00 - 1.30 pm

Join us through this zoom link to participate in this important discussion,
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The 2023 event to celebrate this was held at S. de S. Jayasinghe Central College, Dehiwela. The aim was to educate the school children on Urban Wildlife Conservation. Lectures followed by group activities were conducted, and this increased participant enthusiasm. Dr. Suhada Jayawardena, Dr. Ganga Wijesinghe and Dr. Kalani Samarakoon from the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) and Dr. Kashmiri Sumanasekera from the Zoo were the resource persons. Dr. Dinuka Sonnandara from the Zoo helped in the initial coordinating part of the event.

Snacks too were provided to participant children. Moreover, a collection of books on Wildlife biology/ conservation/ management was donated to the library of the school. The president SLVA and the Principal of the school too were present at the occasion.



Poultry Workshop in NW Province



A Workshop on Poultry Nutrition, Poultry Disease diagnosis & Biosecurity was held on 24th March 2024 at Wannigama Training Center, North Western Province, jointly organized by the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association (SLVA) & One Health Poultry Hub (OHPH).

The target audience was range veterinarians and small/medium scale farmers in the North Western Province. The resource person was Dr. Nimal Priyankarage, Animal Feed Registrar, Department of Animal Production and Health, Peradeniya.



Ex-Co meetings

5th January 2023

22nd February 2023

31st March 2023

US Scanning of Ruminants: Workshop in Kandy

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Workshop on Ultrasound

Scanning Techniques in Ruminants and Practical Points in Detection of Pregnancy, Uterine Pathology and Anomalies, conducted by Dr G.D.R.K Perera, Senior Lecturer; Department of Farm Animal Production & Health, FVMAS, University of Peradeniya was held at the Faculty Teaching Farm on 30th March 2023.



This was held for field Veterinary Surgeons of the Kandy District. Prof. Anil Pushpakumara, Dean Faculty of Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science, Dr. (Mrs.) R.M.KP Rajanayeke, Provincial Director; Central Province and Dr Dilan Satharasinghe, President SLVA, together with a few Ex-Co members participated in the event. The participants learnt a lot from the lecture and the practical session.



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