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

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.

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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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.

Immediate past president Dr. Susantha Mallawarahchi 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-arachchichi 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.

Digital Media Presence of the SLVA

Hathweni Peya, 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.

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.

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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.
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 Sonnadara 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.
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.

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).

Ex-Co meetings

5th January 2023
22nd February 2023
31st March 2023
US Scanning of Ruminants: Workshop in Kandy

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 Rajanayake, 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.

A 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.

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