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Professor Indira Silva started her profession as a Veterinarian after graduating with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science with Second Class Honours from the University of Peradeniya in 1978 at the age of twenty four. She was recruited to the academic staff in Veterinary Clinical Studies and she proceeded to USA in 1982 to pursue a PhD degree program in Comparative Pathology at University of California, Davis (UCD), where she specialized in Veterinary Hematology under the supervision of world renowned hematologists, Dr. Nemi C. Jain, Dr. Joe Zinkl and Dr. Bernard Feldman. She was a Fulbright Scholar (1982-84) and an Austin Eugene Lyons Fellow of the University of California, 1986/87. She returned with PhD qualifications to the academic career in 1988 and in early 1990s established the first veterinary diagnostic laboratory in Sri Lanka at the University of Peradeniya. Subsequently, she had postdoctoral training in Clinical Pathology at Murdoch University in Western Australia and in Veterinary Cardiology at UCD in USA.



Professor Silva's contributions to the veterinary professions are many. She was a member of SLVA since 1979 and held positions in executive committees in the past as Vice president 1992/93, Treasurer 1989/90, committee member. She was a member of the Working Group to Formulate a Plan of Action for Establishing a Sri Lanka College of Veterinarians in Sri Lanka. She had also contributed to the Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal as a member of the Editorial Committee. Professor Silva has many publications on veterinary medicine and was awarded the prestigious President's Research Bonus Awards thrice by the Honourable Presidents of Sri Lanka, the Hector C Perera Memorial Award on four occasions for outstanding clinical communications from the Sri Lanka Veterinary Association, and the Perumal Pillai Award on three occasions for the outstanding publications in the Sri Lanka Veterinary Journal. She is a Life/Associate member in the Sri Lanka College of Hematologists since 1999.

She was promoted to the post of Associate Professor in Veterinary Clinical Sciences at the age of 42 and Professor in Veterinary Clinical Sciences of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka at the age of 47. As the Head of Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, she managed the only teaching hospital for animals in Sri Lanka. She is currently the Senior Professor in Veterinary Clinical Sciences at the University of Peradeniya. She considers her introduction of lectures on wellbeing of animal patients to veterinary students as one of her greatest achievements as a teacher in Veterinary Medicine and has published articles on "The Mind and Veterinary Practice" in international journals. She has contributed to the preparation of "Guidelines for Ethics Review of Research Proposals Involving Animals in Sri Lanka" in May 2009 by the Forum of Ethics Review Committee, Sri Lanka. She has been a member of the Governing Board of the Center for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR) at the University of Peradeniya since 2003. She was a co-researcher in a study on Awareness on basic concepts of human rights among a sample of university students, which is available at the Main Library of the University of Peradeniya. She is also the Assistant Secretary of the Executive Committee and Life Member of the Society for the Integration of Science and Human Values (SISHVa), at University of Peradeniya. She is a Life Member of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Section A (SLASS-A), since 1994, and was an Executive Committee member in 1994 and 1995.