

# Alumni Newsletter

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## ALMA-MATER: SPECTRUM OF ACTIVITIES

### The Veterinary Alumni Meet 2004

The Veterinary Alumni Meet 2004 was organized on November 27-28, 2004. The inauguration of the meet was held on 27.11.2004 in Dr. Ratan Singh Auditorium of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar with great enthusiasm and fervour. About 150 alumni from UA, UP, Delhi, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Punjab and Gujarat representing teaching and research institutions, pharmaceutical industry, army, government and semi-government organizations and private practitioners participated in the meet.

The inaugural function of the meet was presided over by Dr. Amresh Kumar, Dean, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and the alumnus of the first batch of the College. Dr. P.L.Gautam, Vice-Chancellor, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Dr. S.N. Maurya, President of the Veterinary Alumni Society of Pantnagar (VASP) welcomed the guests and the participants and highlighted the aims and objectives of the society. Dr. Amresh Kumar during his presidential address narrated the formative history of the College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences since its inception in 1960 and recounted its achievements and contributions towards societal welfare and national progress. Dr. Gautam, during his inaugural address, laid emphasis on technological intervention especially information and bio-technology in education in order to develop a cutting edge technologies for livestock development. Designating the alumni as ambassadors of their alma-mater, he called upon them to actively participate in social service and farmers welfare for national prosperity. Dr. Gautam also released "Alumni News letter", an official publication of the VASP. On this occasion, Dr. V.K. Singh, Director, CSWRI, Avikanagar and Vice-President, VASP, Dr. V.D. Sharma, Ex-Professor, Veterinary Microbiology, Dr. Rajvir Singh, Director, CARI, Izatnagar and Dr. C.B. Singh, Canine and Poultry consultant Chandigarh narrated the reminiscences of their student days. The old teachers Dr. A.N. Terwari, Ex-Prof. & Head, Vety. Anatomy, Dr. D.S. Mishra, Ex-Prof. & Head, Vety. Public Health and Dr. S.P. Pachauri, Ex-Prof. & Head, Vety. Clinical Medicine were honoured on this occasion. The function concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. G.K. Singh,

Prof. & Head, Veterinary Anatomy and General Secretary, VASP.

The interactive session of the meet began with the formal introduction of the alumni. Dr. Atul Joshi, G.M. Marketing, Lyka Animal Healthcare Division, Vadodara, made a presentation underlining the role of pharmaceuticals and livestock sector in transforming national economy. Dr. C.B. Singh, Private Practitioner, stressed the need for strengthening the mutually beneficial relationship and the suitably revising and updating the veterinary curriculum keeping in view the national perspective and limited job opportunities available for Veterinary graduates in Government institutions. Following suggestions emerged out of the discussion during interactive session.

1. The specialty areas viz Large Animal Medicine, Small Animal Medicine or Avian Medicine etc. should be identified and the course curriculum should be redefined, with special focus to prepare the graduates in defined specialty areas with a view to adequately address the specific problems of that particular sector.
2. The students should be given choice to opt for specific field of study during the internship / 5th year.
3. Necessary emphasis should be given to practical oriented courses with a view to promote professional and entrepreneurial skills.
4. Courses relevant to Livestock Business Management, Economics and IPR should be appropriately incorporated in the curriculum.
5. The alumni located in State capitals and other big cities should be identified and encouraged to develop local alumni chapters/units. They should organize get together and professional activities and liaise with the office bearers of the Society at the Head Quarters.
6. The office bearer or alumni from the Head Quarter visiting the places of local chapter should meet the alumni and apprise them about the progress and on-going college welfare/activities.
7. The annual meet of the Society should be organized preferably in 2nd or 3rd week of November every year. The evening witnessed a colorful musical programme staged by the students as well as the alumni. The cultural items presented by the old students acclaimed wide appreciation. The

meet was followed by a gala dinner attended by the Vice-Chancellor, old and new students, staff and their families.

On 28th November, the alumni visited the College, Animal Instructional Farm, Instructional Dairy and Poultry Farms, hostels and university campus. The Alumni Meet-2004 provided golden opportunity for the old students to see the progress of their alma-mater and interact with fellow colleagues.

### Felicitation

Being received the Uttaranchal Ratna Award, Vice Chancellor, Dr. P.L.Gautam was felicitated by the college on July, 31, 2004. On the occasion Dean of the College Dr. Amresh Kumar acknowledged his contribution in making the college as leading institution in the country.

### Veterinary Graduation Oath

The oath taking ceremony for the 39th batch of graduating Veterinarians was organized on 3rd July, 2004. Fifty seven students took oath. On this auspicious occasion Dr. Kiran Singh, Ex-Director, IVRI/NDRI, Ex- Dy. Director General, Animal sciences ICAR and Chief Guest of the function administered Veterinarians' oath to the graduates. In his address to the graduates, Dr. Singh stressed upon the responsibilities and challenges of veterinarians in their respective field of activities.

Mr. Rajiv Ranjan was awarded with the best male veterinary student award and Miss. Kavita Dhiman as the best female veterinary student award for excellent performance in academics as well as in co-curricular and extra curricular activities. They were presented a certificate and a cash award of Rs. 5,000/-, sponsored by M/S Bayers India Ltd. On the occasion the lunch was hosted by M/s Indian herbs and M/s Intas polivet.

### Brain storming session

A two days' brain storming session on "How to make teaching and evaluation of veterinary students effective and efficient" was organized in the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences on July, 30-31, 2004. Various issues of making teaching effective were discussed by the faculty and recommendations formulated, which are being implemented in the college.

### Annual research review

The Annual Research Review of the on-going research projects in the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences for the year 2003-04 was undertaken from August 9-14, 2004. In all, progress of 63 projects funded by different funding agencies was reviewed. The objectives, salient achievements and future plan of work were presented by the respective Principal Investigators. Each presentation was followed by a thorough discussion.

Dr. P.L. Gautam, Vice-Chancellor, in his remarks appreciated the faculty for taking lead in this regard. Dr. Amresh Kumar, Dean, Veterinary and Animal Sciences emphasized the importance of periodical review of research projects. It helps not only in appraisal of the progress/ achievements of different projects but also in making mid-term amendments, if needed, in the plan of work.

### Welcome fresher function

The Veterinary Society organized *Welcome Fresher* function on

14th Aug., 2004 to integrate the newly admitted students in the main stream. The function was presided by Dr. A.P.Singh Dean, C.V.A.Sc., HAU, Hisar (Haryana). Dr. Singh shared his views and experiences about the early days as a student of the college and blessed the new entrants on this occasion. Dean C.V.A.Sc., Registrar and Dean Student Welfare of the Pantnagar also addressed the students. At the end of the function a small entertainment programme was staged by the freshers, which fascinated all those who were present in the function.

### Symposia Organized

\* The National Symposium on "Quality Assurance in Veterinary Education in India : Issues and strategies" sponsored by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, was organized from Sep., 24-25, 2004 by the College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences. The symposium was presided over by Honourable Vice-Chancellor Dr. P.L.Gautam while Dr. J. C. Katyal, Dy. Director General ICAR was the chief guest. Dr. A. Ahmad, Ex-Dy.DG (Education) ICAR & Ex-VC Sher-E-Kashmir Uni. Agril. Sciences & Technology J&K, and Hamdard University, New Delhi. Dr. M. P. Yadav, Director IVRI, Izatnagar were the guest of honour. On this occasion, 3 publications of the college were released. Dean, College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences and Chairman organizing committee Dr. Amresh Kumar briefed about the theme of symposium and highlighted the important issues related to Veterinary Education in the university. Dr.P.L.Gautam Vice-Chancellor, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar in his address emphasized the need of quality assurance through well organized input and transparent system. Dr. Katyal dwelt upon the different issues concerning quality education viz. standards, indices, self employment, educational technology and satellite education. Dr. Ahmed stressed upon value added education and creation of a cell for educational technology programme in the university systems. Dr. Yadav in his speech said since education is one of the subjects for discussion in WTO regime we have to look for quality assurance which is possible through accreditation. Dr. D.C. Thapliyal proposed a vote of thanks. A Cultural programme during the symposium was organized by the veterinary students in the honour of delegates. Dr. J. S. Bhatia Ex- ADG, ICAR appreciated the efforts of students in staging the Cultural extravaganza.

About 75 scientists related to veterinary and animal sciences and allied disciplines from all over the country participated and presented the views on quality assurance in veterinary education in the symposium.

\* A National Symposium on Application of Molecular Biology in Parasitic Diseases for Rural Development and XV Annual Congress of Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology" was organized from 25th to 27th October, 2004 at the College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Pantnagar. Dr. C.L.Yadav, Professor & Head of Deptt., Parasitology was the Organizing Secretary of the symposium.

The conference was inaugurated by Sh. Tilak Raj Bahar, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Uttaranchal and presided over the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. P.L.Gautam. Welcoming the delegates Dr. Amresh

Kumar, Dean of the College highlighted the contributions made by the Deptt. of Parasitology and hoped that the deliberations in the Congress will help in chalking out research strategies in the area of Parasitology to maximize animal production by reducing mortality and morbidity caused by parasitic diseases. Speaking on the occasion, Sri. Behar, emphasized the importance of parasitic diseases in the national economy and the health hazards being caused by some parasites to human being. Dr. P.L.Gautam, Vice-Chancellor in his presidential address, stressed upon the need of exploration of alternative parasite control strategies using bio-insecticides, herbal formulations and biological control methods. He also stressed that molecular biological tools should be exploited for the development of vaccines and immunodiagnosics against parasites.

Six technical sessions covering all the contemporary issues in research on parasites and parasitic diseases were organized from 25-27th Oct., 2004. Ten invited lectures, 65 oral presentations and 18 poster presentations were made during the Congress. Presentations were truly in time with the focal theme of Congress.

Valedictory function of the Congress was organized on 27th Oct., 04, Dr. S. K. Garg, Vice-Chancellor, Veterinary University, Mathura (UP) was the chief guest and Dr. Lal Krishna, ADG (Animal Sciences) ICAR was the Guest of Honour. The session was presided over by Dr. Amresh Kumar, Dean, College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Pantnagar. During the conference a colourful cultural evening was also staged by the students of the college on 25th Oct., in Dr. Ratan Singh Auditorium.

### Training Programmes

- ❖ 10 day's training on pig production for rural youths under self-employment programme from July 20-29, 2004
- ❖ Four 10 days trainings of Livestock Extension Officers and Veterinary Pharmacists of Uttaranchal state from July 22-31, August 3-12, Sept. 9-18 and Oct. 28-Nov. 6, 2004
- ❖ 6 days training of para-vets of Uttaranchal state from August 2-7, 2004
- ❖ Three, 3 days trainings on dairy farming for unemployed youths, women and farmers from Oct. 14-16, Oct. 19-21 and Nov. 1-3, 2004

## BEST STAFF/STUDENTS AWARD, 2003-04

<b>a. Best Teacher Award</b>	<b>Basic Science</b> : Dr.S.P.Singh, Assoc. Prof., Veterinary Pharmacology
	<b>Animal Science</b> : Dr. R.K.S.Bais, Assoc. Prof., Genetics & Animal Breeding
	<b>Clinical Science</b> : Dr.R.S.Chauhan, National Fellow, Veterinary Pathology
<b>b. Best Researcher award</b>	Dr. Rajesh Chandra, Professor, Vety. Microbiology.
<b>c. Best worker award</b>	i. Sri. R.D. Pandey, Sr. Clerk, Surgery and Radiology
	ii. Sri. G. S. Karki, Sr. Clerk Deptt. of pharmacology
	iii. Sri. Sabir Khan, Research Assistant Deptt. of Parasitology
	iv. Sri. Bishan Singh, Sr. Lab. Assistant, Deptt. of Microbiology
	v. Sri. M.S. Pandey, Driver, College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences
	vi. Sri. Ganga Ram, Animal Attendant, Deptt. of Microbiology
	vii. Sri. Omveer, Field man, Instructional Dairy Farm
	viii. Sri. Raghunath, Agriculture labour, Instructional Dairy Farm
	ix. Sri. Netram, Gwala, Instructional Dairy Farm
	x. Sri. Vakeel, Helper, Instructional Dairy Farm
<b>d. Best students Award :</b>	1999 batch: Ms. Snehal Nirwan Id.No. 26103
	2000 batch: Ms. Shefali Gupta Id No. 26101
	2001 batch: Mr. Saket Yadav Id.No. 28108
	2002 batch: Mr. Bhaskar Ganguli Id.No. 29113
	Best Cultural Talent: Mr. Lovekush Gupta Id.No. 28198
	Best Sportsman Mr. Surendra Yadav Id.No. 28216

## INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Dr. R.P.Tiwari, Senior Lecturer, Murdoch University, West Australia, visited the college and delivered a lecture on Innovative Methods for Effective Training on July, 15, 2004

Dr. A.K.Misra, Professor, Animal Reproduction, Gynecology & Obstetrics attended a short term training on Transgenic in Animal Production at Center for Regeneration Biology, University of Connecticut, Storrs (Connecticut) and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg (Virginia), U.S.A from Sept. 8 to Dec. 7, 2004.

Dr. Suresh Kumar, Assoc. Prof. Veterinary Clinics attended VII World Buffalo Congress on Biotechnology of Reproduction held at Makati, Manila, Philippines from Oct. 20-23, 2004

## ....ALUMNI SERVING THE ALMA-MATER.....

**Dr. Stuti Vatsya** (1989), Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Parasitology.  
**Dr. Anu Rahal** (1990), Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology.  
**Dr. Rajesh Kumar** (1991), Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine.  
**Dr. Seema Agrawal** (1992), Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Pathology.  
**Dr. P.S. Banerjee** (1992, Ph.D.) Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Parasitology.

**Dr. Prakash Bhatt** (1993), Assistant Professor, Veterinary Clinics.  
**Dr. S.K. Rastogi** (1993, Ph.D.), Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Physiology.  
**Dr. Sandeep Kumar Singh** (1995), Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Public Health.  
**Dr. Singini Sharma** (1995), Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Biochemistry.  
**Dr. Suresh Dabas** (1996, Ph.D.), Associate Professor, Veterinary Clinics.

## HONOURS & AWARDS

Dr. Suresh Kumar, Assoc. Prof. Veterinary Clinics	Appreciation Certificate, 2004 VII World Buffalo Congress on Biotechnology of Reproduction at Makati, Manila, Philippines
Dr. C.L.Yadav, Prof. & Head, Vet. Parasitology	President, Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology Outstanding contribution award in the field of Veterinary Parasitology on University Foundation Day (16.11.2004)
Dr. P.S.Banerjee, Assoc. Prof., Vet. Parasitology	IAAVP Best Poster award, 2004
Dr. Rajat Garg, Asstt. Prof., Vet. Parasitology	
Dr. V.S.Singh, Ph.D. Scholar, Vet. Parasitology	
Dr. S.K.Shukla, Professor. Clinical Medicine	
Dr. C.L.Yadav, Prof. & Head, Vet. Parasitology	
Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Prof. and Head, EPM	Outstanding contribution award in the field of Preventive Medicine on University Foundation Day (16.11.2004)
Dr. G.K.Singh, Prof. & Head, Anatomy	Fellow, Indian Association of Veterinary Anatomist IAVA Best poster award, 2004
Dr. Balwinder Singh Dhote, Assoc. Prof., Vet. Anatomy	IAVA Best poster award, 2004
Dr. Prabhakar Kumar, M.V.Sc. scholar, Vet. Anatomy	IAVA Young Scientist Award, 2004
Dr. N.S.Jadon, Professor, Surgery & Radiology	ISVS Appreciation Award, 2004
Dr. Amresh Kumar, Dean, V.A.Sc	
Dr. Manjul Kandpal, Asstt. Prof, Surgery & Radiology	

## APPEAL TO ALUMNI

Dear alumni,

Through this Newsletter we try our best to reach our professional colleagues. It is in this regard we request you to communicate the addresses of those alumni known to you, who are not yet receiving the copy of the Newsletter. In fact this Newsletter was started with a view to establish a two-way channel between the College and its alumni. Hence, your views, experiences and the events around you may please also be communicated to us in the form of news items with illustrations, if possible, for wider circulation and sharing among the alumni through this Newsletter.

-Editor

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