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Message from the President

Dear members of the profession,

The general body of the Indian veterinary Association's Kerala chapter in its annual convention bestowed the responsibilities of the President of the organization on me. While I turn back and reminisce the gallantry of personalities who had lead IVA, Kerala in the past, I feel overwhelmed and humble. I accept the honour in all humility and gratitude. I consider the task of IVA as a combined professional body of veterinary professionals challenging. But there are opportunities that lie ahead of us during year 2006 and beyond.

The Samanua Yam 2005 is just behind us and I am tempted to hang on to the spirit of the convention for IVA's mission for 2006. Let us coin this year's slogan as **Love and dignity**. Let us work for the love of our animal subjects and their right to live in dignity. Let us also cultivate love among professionals and work for the dignity of our profession. We have seen during Samanuayam-2005 that there is immense potential in animal resources as a tool to income earning, stress reduction of the community, companionship & security to children and aged, gender equity, pest control, disaster management etc. IVA would endeavor to organize discussions at grass root level as a follow-up of Samanuayam- 2005. Let us make animals useful and indispensable to the community. By making an animal useful to the community, we ensure that they seek veterinary care

and by this ensure the animals' welfare. In nutshell, we seek animal welfare through human welfare. Veterinarians must ensure the well being and welfare of all animals irrespective of the species they belong.

I, on behalf of the executive committee request the district associations of AHOK, KVSSA, and other professional (social and scientific) organizations to converge their efforts for the professional efficiency development. Through the 'Veterinarians' Oath' we are committed to a lifelong obligation of the continued improvement of our skill and knowledge.

WE have already drawn our calendar of activities for 2006. Let us explore the immense opportunities of the diverse animal resources of Kerala for the benefit of the community and to the glory our profession. I appeal for your support in my endeavor. I appeal for the whole hearted co-operation and the participation of every professional of KERALA, irrespective of where they work and spare a few hours in a month to work for the veterinary community.

Yours truly,

Robin D. Culas

President IVA