



Secretary General's Report

Dear members

Let me express my sincere gratitude to each and every member of APCRI, who have made APCRICON 2011 a big success and also for giving me the wonderful opportunity to organize three annual national conferences of APCRI in a row-Thiruvananthapuram (2009), Delhi (2010) and Chennai (2011).

The landmark WHO-APCRI National Survey conducted in 2003 revealed many facts about the situation in our country. Almost 10 years have lapsed since this survey was conducted and there is a change in the situation in our country. More animal bite victims have access to Rabies biologicals which are available in the government sector apart from the private sector. Use of CCVs, IDRV and RIGs has helped in prevention of Human Rabies to a great extent in our country. **There is a need to re-assess the situation in our country.**

Since July, we had three EC meetings, 28th at Hyderabad on 14th August 2011, 29th in Delhi on 10th December 2011, 30th on 22nd January 2012 at Kolkata and also 12th Special GB meeting at IMA Convention centre, New Delhi on 11th December 2011. All these meetings were conducted under the dynamic leadership of our new President, Dr. S. Abdul Rahman with the support from Dr. G. Sampath, immediate past president and Dr V Srinivas Rao, our treasurer.

I thank Dr. Sumit Poddar, Zonal representative East & the organizing secretary APCRICON 2012. and Dr. Amlan Goswami, Editor for taking up the challenge of organizing the APCRICON 2012 on 7th and 8th July in Kolkata.

Right now, I am busy organizing the National Conference of Indian Public Health Association, IPHACON 2012 at Kochi, Kerala, from 9th to 12th February 2012, where we will be putting up a stall and there will be a special session on animal bites with international experts, Dr. David A Warrell, Dr. Mary J Warell and Dr. M.K. Sudarshan highlighting the cause of rabies prevention and control. Let us continue to work together to achieve the goal of a **Rabies free India.**

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