

inter sectoral co ordination we can develop a consensus control strategy, particularly to cut down transmission in the reservoir. By doing this we shall be able to prevent

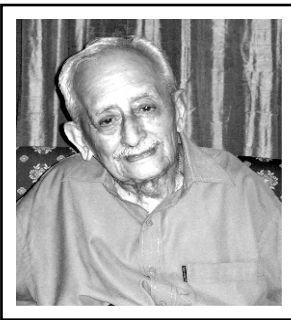
every single death due to Rabies, as why should any one be dying due to Rabies in the 21st century when we have all the means to defeat Rabies.

Dr. R.L. Ichhpujani, Additional Director, NCDC has a long association in the field of Rabies control. He has headed the WHO Collaborative Centre on Rabies Epidemiology at NCDC for over 5 years. He has also been actively involved with the activities of APCRI, Rabies in Asia Group and has represented India in many International meetings. He has been recipient of Louis Pasteur Oration of APCRI. He was one of the experts for latest WHO TRS on Rabies. He has very successful association with implementation of Pilot Project on Rabies in the country and an advocate of a National Rabies Control Programme building on the successful implementation of the Pilot project.

His contributions towards the discontinuation of the use of Nervous Tissue Anti Rabies Vaccine and introduction of cost effective intra-dermal route of Rabies vaccine in the country are well known.

He has actively participated in the formulation of National/Regional guidelines and participated in many CMEs on Rabies.

OBITUARY



Dr. C. V. Subramaniam, an Honorary Member of the APCRI and the Second Guest Editor of the APCRI Journal, has left for his heavenly abode on March 2011. Just prior to that date he was very sick and died of multi organ failure and other geriatric problems.

Dr. C. V. Subramaniam was born in Kerala in 1928. He had his preliminary education in the town of Trichur up to Intermediate and then joined the Madras Veterinary College in 1947 and took the B.V.Sc degree in 1952. Immediately after qualifying he went to the Federation of Malaya and joined the Veterinary Department as Veterinary Officer in the State of Kedah and worked until 1955. Then he joined the services in the British Colony of Sarawak and retired as Chief Veterinary Officer in 1965 when Sarawak joined Malaysia. He was immediately appointed in the next door Sultanate of Brunei as Head of Veterinary Services and served there until 1988. He had

post graduate training in London in 1968. He obtained the Membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons when he was in service as head of the Veterinary Services of the Sultanate of Brunei. During his service period he attended several FAO meetings on Animal Health especially the one mainly on Rabies in Singapore in 1956 and Bangkok in 1970.

At the start of his service Dr. Subramaniam, was grossly involved in the Rabies eradication in Malaya which was plagued by Canine Rabies and Hydrophobia. Under the advice and direction of the Chief Veterinary Officer U.K. the Rabies eradication campaign went on in full swing with mandatory vaccination of all pet dogs and compulsory elimination of all unvaccinated and stray dogs. Rabies was eliminated from Malaya in 1956 and remains so till date, he was promoted and transferred to Sarawak in 1956 and although the country was Rabies free thousands of stray dogs which were eliminated because the adjoining country was Rabies endemic. Similar procedure was followed in Brunei and these countries still remains Rabies free.

After returning to India he was very active in the "Fight against Rabies". He was the Founder President of an NGO, called "Stray Dog Free Bangalore". He used to contribute with "Articles" and "Letters to the Editor" in both the "APCRI Journal" and the "APCRI News Letter". He used to participate very actively in APCRI conferences and Meetings and Workshops, which he could manage to attend, considering his advanced age. He always made it a point to express his views on topics under discussion in conferences, meetings and workshops, which were of interest to him. We at APCRI will certainly miss him at our conferences, meetings, workshops, Journals and News Letters.

We pray to god for peace to the departed soul. We, the members of the Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India [APCRI] and everyone who came to be associated with him in the field of "Rabies Prevention" deeply mourn the sad demise of our respected Dr. C. V. Subramaniam, Honorary Life Member of APCRI and Guest Editor of the APCRI Journal. Our last salute to him is through this Obituary.