



Secretary General's Report

Dear members

At the onset, let me express my sincere gratitude to my co-office bearers and all the members who have taken up the challenge of expanding our organization to new horizons. I am indeed proud to inform you that our membership is growing fast and presently our strength stands at: Founder Life Members (FLM)-42, Life members (LM)- 505, Honorary Members (HM)-6 and Associate Members(AM)-7. Thanks to Dr. V. Srinivas Rao, our treasurer for meticulously keeping our office in order.

It was an exhaustive task to conduct our 12th National Conference at Silver Oak Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 3rd and 4th July 2010 with the theme of “**joining hands for a rabies free India**”, but is gratifying to note that it gave visibility to the organization in the capital. I place on record my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. R. L. Itchhpujani, Director, NCDC and his team for playing the role of the host to the hilt. Thanks are also due to Dr. R. K. Srivastava, DGHS, Dr. V.M. Katoch, DG, ICMR and Dr. Deoki Nandan, Director, NIHFW for being the pillars of support. I am grateful to Dr. Sairu Philip, convener of the souvenir committee and the SDCMC team for managing the show colourfully.

World Rabies day was celebrated throughout the country on 28th September 2010 by our committed members with rallies, seminars and other initiatives.

Dr. Bhupinder Singh Prof. & Head of Community Medicine, Teerthanker Mahaveer Medical College & Research Centre, Moradabad, UP organized a CME programme under the aegis of APCRI (Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India) on 24th October 2010 in his college. The theme of CME was “Elimination of Rabies in India by 2020 – Issues & challenges”.

I wish to express my gratitude to Dr. C.S. Pandav, the national president of Indian Public Health Association of India (IPHA) who has motivated APCRI to come up with a position paper on rabies in India, which was presented during the 55th National conference of IPHA at Belgaum on 24th Jan 2011. Thanks are due to Dr. M. K. Sudarshan, President, RIAF who took the leadership in finalizing the paper and Dr. Ashwath Narayana, our former Secretary General who presented the paper at the conference.

Congratulations to Dr. G. Sampath, our dear president who was awarded the honorary fellowship of IPHA at the inaugural ceremony.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the convener of our editorial board, Dr. Amlan Goswami, APCRI is continuing to bring out two issues of the Journal and the Newsletter annually.

I solicit my colleagues that the enthusiasm should carry over to all our future endeavors. I look forward to meet you all on 9th July 2011 at Chennai for 13th National Conference of our prestigious organization. I sincerely thank each and every member of APCRI for giving me this wonderful opportunity to organize three national conferences in a row, at Trivandrum in 2009, New Delhi in 2010 and Chennai in 2011!

Thank you all once again-

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Place: Thiruvananthapuram

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