Dr D.K. Basak Passes Away in May, 2020



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Dr D.K. Basak (79), MVSc, PhD, retired Head cum Reader, Department of Veterinary Pathology, West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Kolkata; passed away on dated 1st May, 2020. He was born on 30th May, 1941. Dr Basak obtained his BVSc&AH degree from Calcutta University in 1963 and MVSc (Veterinary Pathology) degree from, Agra University (IVRI) in 1968 and PhD degree from Calcutta University in 1979. He was awarded IVRI Merit scholarship during 1966-1968 for doing masters studies. He also obtained prestigious WHO fellowship and visited Denmark, Netherland, England, Iran, Malaysia and Thailand in 1974. Dr Basak started his career as Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (1964-66), served as Veterinary Pathologist in various districts (1968-1972) and Lecturer in Veterinary Pathology (1972-1975) under Department of Veterinary Services, Government of West Bengal. During 1976-1982, he served as Lecturer in Veterinary Pathology followed by Reader (1983-1994) at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Calcutta and Reader at WBUAFS, Kolkata till his retirement. He served as HOD, Department of Veterinary Pathology for two tenure's viz. 1983-1985 and 1999-2001, respectively. He had 28 years of rich undergraduate and postgraduate teaching experience. His expertized was in areas of histopathology, clinical pathology and systemic pathology. He guided 12 MVSc and 3 PhD students in Veterinary Pathology for their thesis's. Dr Basak was also member of students advisory committee of 64 MVSc and 5 PhD students of different disciplines and evaluated their histopathology slides. He published more than 54 research papers in reputed journals. He discharged University Committee responsibilities in academics and administration viz. Member, faculty council, admission committee, academic subcommittee, election committee, board of studies in Veterinary Pathology etc. He acted as paper setter and external examiner in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in State Agricultural Universities. Dr Basak actively helped in organization of scientific exhibitions of University. He was member of Indian Science Congress Association and Life Member of IAVP. He attended a number of National Conferences in different parts of country. Dr Basak passed away on 1st May, 2020. He is survived by his wife Mrs Ramana Basak and two daughters. IAVP conveys deep condolences to bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss and prays almighty God for eternal peace to departed soul.