

Prof. S.J. Seshadri: Eminent Pathologist Passes Away (1931-2016)



Dr S.J. Seshadri (b15.11.1931-), M.V.Sc. FIAVP, formerly Professor & Head of the Department of Pathology, Head of the Division of Veterinary Sciences and Director of Instruction (Veterinary), University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore has passed away on 16th November 2016. Dr Sheshadri, was eminent Veterinary Pathologists. He was Fellow IAVP, Vice President and Secretary General, IAVP (1983-1987) and Organizing Secretary of First IAVP Conference held at UAS, Bangalore w.e.f. 9-11, March, 1983. He was Founder President of the STPI.

Dr Shehadari obtained B.V.Sc. and M.V.Sc. (Pathology, Microbiology and Parasitology) degree's with First Rank and Medal from Madras Veterinary College, University of Madras in 1954 and 1961, respectively. He served as Faculty in the Department of Pathology in different capacities viz. Assistant Pathologist, Disease Investigation Department, State Livestock Research Station, Composite Livestock Farm, Chettinad, Govt. of Tamilnadu (1958-1965); Assistant Research Officer, Respiratory Diseases of Poultry, in ICAR Project, Department of Pathology, Madras Veterinary College, Madras (1966); Associate Professor of Pathology, Veterinary College, Bangalore (1975-1983); Professor and Head of Department, Veterinary Pathology (1977-1985); Head of the Division, Vety. Sciences with the status of University Officer and Academic Council Member (1983-1985); Director, UAS.- KDDC and Co-ordinated Health Coverage Project with World-Bank Funding (1991); Director of Instruction (Vety.), University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. After superannuation he served as an Advisor to Health Care Management of Poultry Breeder Farms, Management of Sanitation and Hygiene in Food Handling Systems in Industrial Institutions; Consultant Histopathologist in Diagnosis of Animal & Poultry Diseases and Special Advisor to the Society of Toxicological Pathologists in India (STPI). He was Founder President of the STPI.

Dr Shehadari guided 25 students for Master of Veterinary Science (Pathology) and 6 students for the PhD in the UAS, Bangalore. He participated in animal health conferences at National and International levels, presented papers, chaired sessions and participated in discussions. He was Director of a Summer School on Disease of Wildlife in the year 1975 under the auspices of UAS-ICAR. He delivered guest lecturers in the Summer Institutes held in the various parts of the country during 1977 to 1991.

He had Membership in Academic and Professional Bodies viz. Member, Board of Studies, Veterinary and Animal Sciences, UAS, Bangalore (1969-1991); Chairman, Board of Studies, Veterinary and Animal Sciences, UAS, Bangalore (1991); Member, Academic Council, UAS, Bangalore (1985-1991); Member, Advisory Committees for Postgraduate Students UAS, Bangalore in the various disciplines; Expert Member in the ASRB for selection of Senior Scientists; Expert Member of the selection committee of State Agricultural Universities of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Orissa for selection of Postgraduate teachers viz., Associate Professor and Professors; Examiners (External) in Veterinary Pathology in State Agricultural Universities of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Haryana

etc. for examining postgraduate students and their theses at Master's and Doctoral levels; Life Member, Karnataka Veterinary Association and Indian Veterinary Association; Life Member, former Secretary General, former Vice-President, Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists; Member, Association of Veterinarians in Poultry Industry; Member, Animal Ethics Committee, Himalaya Drug Co., (R&D), Makli, Bangalore (1996-2004); Member, Chinmaya Mission-Karnataka, Bangalore; Member, formerly Society of Pathologists and Microbiologists of Karnataka, Bangalore; former Advisor on Animal Health Management and Disease Investigation Systems in the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biological (IAH&VB) Hebbal, Bangalore.

During his tenure UAS-KDDC Health Coverage Programme was funded by World Bank by Rs. 147 million during 1977 to 1983 as Principal Investigator and from 1983 to 1985 as Director. He published the outcome of the project in 6 volumes as printed reports and handed over to the Managing Director, KDDC, Bangalore. He served as Veterinary Advisor and Histopathologist to Himalaya Drug Co., (R&D), Makali, Bangalore; Advisor to Health Care Management of Poultry Breeder Farms (Bangalore, Hosur and Namakkal) and to Animal Health Care Systems in Dairy Farms, Karnataka; Advisor to Management of Sanitation and Hygiene in Food Handling Systems in Industrial Institutions, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu; Advisor to Toxicological Pathology to Postgraduate students handling Experimental Toxicities in Medical and Pharmaceutical Institutions, Consultant Histopathologist to Diagnosis of Animal and Poultry Diseases and Special Advisor to the Society of Toxicological Pathologists in India and Founder President of the STPI. Dr Sheshadari was stall wart of Veterinary Pathology profession. It is great loss to this profession.

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