

Proceedings of Executive Committee (EC) / General Body (GB) Meeting of XLII Annual Conference of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists and XVI Annual Meeting of Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists and National Symposium on “Bridging Conventional and Artificial Intelligence Based Digital Pathology for Maximum Outreach – A Futuristic Approach to Veterinary Disease Diagnosis” held during 04-06 December, 2025 at Ranchi Veterinary College and Animal Husbandry, Birsa Agricultural University, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India

The Executive Committee / General Body Meetings were held under the Chairmanship of Dr B.N. Tripathi, President, IAVP on 03rd and 04th December, 2025, respectively at Ranchi Veterinary College and Animal Husbandry, Birsa Agricultural University, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand. The meeting was attended by Vice President, the Secretary General, Joint Secretary, Web Manager, Zonal Secretaries, EC Members, and Life Members. Dr G.A. Balasubramaniam, Secretary General, IAVP welcomed all office bearers and EC/GB members. Dr B.N. Tripathi, President, IAVP & Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Jammu, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, India gave opening remarks and appreciated the efforts of office bearers for advancement of IAVP/ICVP.

1. He emphasized that all the Life Members should made sincere efforts to improve the NAAS rating of the Indian Journal of Veterinary Pathology.
2. Members should be encouraged to submit a greater number of quality research papers to improve the standard of the Indian Journal of Veterinary Pathology.
3. He reiterated that the Heads of the Department of Veterinary Pathology from various states should encourage their students to submit their MVSc and PhD thesis abstracts to the journal for publication without fail.
4. He also emphasized that a greater number of Veterinary Pathologists should be encouraged for appearing in the ICVP Diplomate examination.

Agenda No. 1: Approval of the minutes of the Proceedings of last Executive Committee / General Body meeting held at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Jammu, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, India

1. The Secretary General informed the members about the action taken report (ATR) based on the Proceedings of 41st IAVP Conference, 2024 held at SKUAST-Jammu.
2. The Proceedings have been circulated among the EC members and all the members agreed with the same.
3. The approval of minutes of the 41st Proceedings of IAVP held at SKUAST-Jammu was proposed by Dr Pankaj Goswami, Executive Committee Member and seconded by Dr Saminathan M., Joint Secretary, IAVP. The minutes were approved by EC/GB and Life members.

Agenda No. 2: Report by the Secretary General

Letter to all the Zonal Secretaries to collect all the HoDs addresses from their respective zones: The communication was sent to all the six Zonal Secretaries to collect the addresses of all the Heads of the Department of Veterinary Pathology who come under their respective zones in order to request them to submit the MVSc and PhD thesis abstracts to Indian Journal of Veterinary Pathology (IJVP) for publication and to enrol the PG students as Life members of the society. As per the request, all the Zonal Secretaries had responded promptly and the HoDs in concerned zones were addressed accordingly for the above actions and they all took initiative promptly. As a result, total of 29 abstracts were submitted to IJVP for publication.

New IAVP Life Members: A total of 54 new Veterinary Pathologists had been enrolled as Life Member of IAVP in 2024-25. As on date, there are around 1651 life members in the society. All the HoDs were requested to take this process of enrolment seriously to strengthen the society.

Zonal Activities: Letter to all the Zonal Secretaries to organise an event in their respective

	<p>zones: The communication to all the Zonal Secretaries requesting to organise Zonal level symposium/ workshop was sent on dated 20.03.2025 individually. Among the all, the South Zone took initiative and organised a South Zonal IAVP Conference-2025 and the National Symposium on “Synergising Academia, Industry and Clinical Practice: The Role of Pathology” in the Department of Veterinary Pathology, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER), Puducherry, India on 12th-13th September, 2025. A total of 150 delegates including faculty, scientists, veterinarians, and postgraduate students from various institutions and contract research organizations participated. While appreciating the organisers of the South Zonal Conference, the President, IAVP insisted all the Zonal Secretaries should come forward to organize at least one Conference/ Symposium/ Workshop event each year in their respective zone in order to motivate the youngsters as well as to strengthen the society. Further, it was decided that each Zonal Secretary should organize two webinars for each year.</p>																										
	<p>Database Updating: Updating of the addresses of Life Members of the IAVP was discussed and the Zonal Secretaries were requested to expedite the process and complete the work at the earliest.</p>																										
<p>Agenda No. 3: Report of the Chief Editor, IJVP</p>																											
<p>Dr A. Anand Kumar, Chief Editor, IJVP, could not turn up for the EC/GB meeting due to personal reasons and expressed inability to attend the same in advance. On his behalf, Secretary General briefed the house about the IJVP report and informed that:</p>																											
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3.	All four issues of IJVP of 2025 were published well in time and uploaded in ICAR and IAVP websites.																										
4.	The acceptance and rejection rate of the articles were 86.21% and 13.79%, respectively.																										
5.	<p>Provision for issue of Reviewers certificate: After extensive discussion, it was decided to issue the soft copy (e-copy) of a Reviewer certificate to all the reviewers.</p>																										
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	initiated with Indian Journals.com to finalize the guidelines and publication cost for open access. Further, it was decided that the newly inducted Life Members must create an account in Indian Journals.com to access and download the articles.	
	Reducing the hard copies of the IJVP: The Managing Editor and Editor were proposed to reduce the hard copies of the IJVP journal from 500 to 300. After extensive discussion, it was decided to reduce the IJVP journal to 300. Further, the Editorial Team should send one hard copy of the journal to all the Heads of the Department of Veterinary Pathology and Libraries in Veterinary Colleges/Universities.	
Agenda No. 4: Non-return of the advance/seed amount (Rs. 50,000/-) received by Dr M. Lakshman, Organizing Secretary of XXXIX Annual Conference of IAVP during 17-20th November, 2022 held at Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary and Animal Science, Rajendranagar, PVNRTVU, Hyderabad, Telangana.		
The Secretary General explained in detail about the action taken so far in this regard. The first letter was sent on 28.08.2024 to Dr M. Lakshman requesting to refund the long pending issue of seed money (Rs. 50,000/-) and the 20% of the registration fee of the Conference he organised in PVNRTVU, Hyderabad in 2022. He requested for exemption from the refund of the said amount by citing various reasons. But the association did not accept his request. Subsequently, based on the proceedings of the IAVPCON2024 that held in Jammu, Dr. M. Lakshman was again requested through many reminder (Dt:25.02.2025, 08.07.2025 &14.11.2025) to refund the seed money (Rs.50,000) alone and after the receipt of the seed money, the possibility for exemption for the 20% of the registration fee may be considered. However, there was no reply for that also. After a long deliberation on the issue, the EC/GB members were in the view that Secretary General should send a letter to Dr M. Lakshman to refund the seed money alone (i.e. Rs.50,000/-) to the society. If he fails to do so, the General Body of the society will be free to take any decision including the suspension of Dr. M. Lakshman from the association.		
Agenda No. 5. Treasurer, IAVP Report		
	Dr Pawan Kumar, Treasurer presented the Audit Report of the income and expenses of the IAVP for the year 2024-25. He informed the house:	
1.	Opening Balance for the year 2024-25	Rs. 2,97,961.00
2.	Income during the year (Subscription fee, membership fee, publication charges, financial assistance from ICAR, interest earned from FDR, Award processing fee etc.)	Rs. 12,23,516.00
3.	Expenditure during the year (Printing IJVP charges, remunerations and salary, award mementoes purchase, website maintenance, postal stamps, zonal conferences, audit fee, etc.)	Rs. 12,96,043.00
4.	Excess Expenditure	Rs. 72,527.00
5.	Total Balance	Rs. 55,16,820.00
6.	Cash in hand	Rs. 1,893.00
7.	Fixed deposit in SBI	Rs. 46,05,288.00
Treasurer's Report was accepted by EC/GB members.		
Concerned IAVP office bearers should make attempt to enhance income of by making new LMs, sale of journal and other measures.		
Agenda No. 6: Web Manager Report		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr R. Somvanshi, Web Manager informed that IAVP website (https://www.iavp.org/) is regularly updated and functioning smoothly. • He also informed that The Lesion, 2025 was published and circulated to life members at Ranchi and also uploaded in IAVP website. 		
Agenda No. 7: Others		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Returning Officer to conduct the Election for selecting the next Executive Committee for 2026-28: 		

- In the EC meeting, for conducting the election for the new Executive Committee Members for 2026-28 was discussed. In the GB meeting, after the detailed discussion, **Dr Desh Deepak Singh, DUVASU, Mathura, UP** was confirmed to act as the Returning Officer to conduct the election for the new EC members. Further, it was decided to complete all the election processes within 6 months by the Returning Officer.

- **Starting the online and offline Continued Professional Development (CPD) in Veterinary Pathology:**
- It was decided that no separate programme is required. The training programmes organized by Veterinary Colleges may be utilized by the faculties for this purpose.

Agenda No. 8: Venue for the IAVP Conference 2026

- The venue for the IAVP Conference 2026 was discussed in detail. Department of Veterinary Pathology, College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, DUVASU, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh was proposed as the venue for the Veterinary Pathology Conference- 2026. Dr Desh Deepak Singh, Professor and Head was proposed to be the Organizing Secretary of the Conference. Further, it was decided to organize the conference in the month of November, 2026.

Agenda No. 9: Miscellaneous

- **Increasing the Life Membership Fee of IAVP and Article Processing Charges (APC) of IJVP:**
- After extensive discussion in the GB meeting, it was decided to increase the Life Membership Fee of IAVP from Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 4,000/- to enhance the financial status of the society. The Life Membership Fee of IAVP for the non-Indian citizens was also modified for the pathologists of the SAARC countries and other than North America, Europe and Australia from \$500 to \$200 considering their low income status. Further, it was also decided after extensive discussion in the GB meeting, to increase the Article Processing Charges (APC) of IJVP from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 3,000/- for Life Members of IAVP to enhance the financial status of the journal and to cover the charges of open access to have wider reach among the academicians, scientists and research scholars. Both the change viz. Life Membership Fee of IAVP and Article Processing Charges (APC) of IJVP will be effective from 1st January, 2026 onwards.
- **Renaming of the award:**
Dr M.K. Gupta, University Professor & Chairman, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Ranchi College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, BAU, Ranchi donated Rs 1.00 lakh to IAVP to initiate a new award in the honor of Dr H.V.S. Chauhan. Henceforth, the existing IAVP-Best Poultry Pathologist Award may be named after Dr Chauhan viz. IAVP-Dr H.V.S. Chauhan-Best Poultry Pathologist Award w.e.f. 2025.
- **IAVP Achievement Awards in Specialty Subjects:** To promote and recognize pathologists working in specialty fields that are not currently mentioned in the IAVP Constitution or approved by the IAVP General Body (GB) meeting, such as the Best Aquatic Animal Pathologist Award, it was decided to constitute a committee. The committee will formulate appropriate criteria to either incorporate these awards into the existing award structure or to create new biannual awards, thereby avoiding confusion among pathologists.

Agenda No. 10: Condolence for Deceased IAVP Members

- The house was informed that 7 eminent Veterinary Pathologists viz. **Dr M.C. Prasad** (05.12.2024); **Dr Gopal Yadgirkar** (23.12.2024), **Prof. C.R. Lalitha Kunjamma** (11.02.2025), **Dr Anil Purthi** (16.02.2025), **Dr Lakshmi Narayan Acharjyo** (30.04.2025), **Dr J.L. Vegad** (29.08.2025), and **Dr M. Jeevana Latha** (20.10.2025) have passed away. The house appreciated the significant contributions and services of the above individuals to the profession and IAVP and a silence condolence was observed for peace of departed souls.

Agenda No. 10: Vote of Thanks

- **Dr G.A. Balasubramaniam**, Secretary General proposed the Vote of Thanks to all the members of the EC/GB for their contributions in fruitful discussion in the meeting.