This issue’s Editorial eagerly looked forward to the conduct of the 18th Indian Veterinary Conference scheduled to be held at Bhubaneswar, during the first week of November, 1966. The write up also mentioned the need for a membership badge with the Insignia of the IVA in the form of a medal. The cost of such a medal was worked out at that time as Rs. 1.50 per piece. The medal was proposed to be released at the IVA conference scheduled for November, 1966.

There was a detailed Obituary Note on the passing away of Dr. K.S. Nair, former Director of Animal Husbandry, Tamil Nadu, on 4th August, 1966 at Trivendrum. Dr. Nair served in all the southern states of the country with distinction. He was Superintendent of Serum Institute and Principal, Madras Veterinary College later. He also served as the Principal of University College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Hyderabad. He became Principal, Kerala Veterinary College and presided over the scientific session of the 16th Indian Veterinary Conference at Trivendrum. He also ably conducted the Extra-ordinary Session of IVA, at a critical juncture, at New Delhi in August, 1964. It may not be out of place to mention that Dr. M.N. Menon, former Director of Animal Husbandry, Kerala and later Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India happened to be his son-in-law.

This issue also carried some pertinent letters to the Editor dealing with subjects such as transport of sheep by rail and road, operative procedures of patellar desmotomy and occurrence of Artyfechinostome flukes in canine. Helminthic fauna of rats have been enumerated in one of the letters. One letter addressed to the Editor requested for the Hindi version of IVJ to the benefit of non-English knowing people who possessed keen interest in veterinary and animal husbandry development in the country. There were book reviews on ‘Basic facts about cattle wealth and allied matters’ (Harbans Singh and Y.M. Parmaker) by Dr. TVM and a rather critical review on ‘Veterinary Microbiology’ (K.C. Mahanta) by Dr. U.K. Menon. Abstracts of research papers which appeared in various professional journals of international repute have also been published in this issue.

Professional articles were related to isolation of Proteus morgonii from cattle, goat mastitis in United Arab Republic, testicular hypoplasia in a bull, occurrence of Eimeria bukidnonensis Tubangui, 1931 in cattle, Babesia motasi in sheep, occurrence of a haemoglobin variant, Hb khillari in cattle, composition of buffalo saliva, mineral levels in the serum of Gir cattle, effect of solar radiation on sheep, reproduction studies in Malvi cattle and Murrah buffaloes, breeding season in buffaloes, internal egg quality of White Leghorn birds, poultry feed formulations and nutritive value of tree fodders such as Timla and Kharik. However, there was no clinical article of field interest in this issue.

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