



Congratulations to Prof. A.K. Misra



Prof. A.K. Misra takes over as Chairman, ASRB

The members of the Indian Dairy Association (IDA) will be pleased to know that Prof. Aditya Kumar Misra, a noted Animal Scientist, has joined as the Chairman, Agricultural Scientist Recruitment Board on 18 March, 2019. He completed his BVSc, M.V.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees with great distinction and received 'Jawaharlal Nehru Award' of the ICAR, for his PhD work on embryo bio-technology in buffalo. He has worked in several prestigious capacities as Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU), Nagpur, Vice-Chancellor, GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPUAT), Pantnagar and Vice-Chancellor (additional charge) in Uttarakhand, University of Horticulture and Agro-forestry, Pauri Garhwal. Earlier Prof. Misra has been the Director of ICAR Institute on Cattle in Meerut, Professor and Head, Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar; besides working as General Manager (CEO) of Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala of the National Dairy Development Board.

Prof. Misra has been engaged in the development of Embryo Transfer and Frozen Semen Technologies in cattle and buffalo and produced the first buffalo calf by successful freezing of embryos and their transfer. While at NDDB, he established the famous Embryo Transfer Lab at Bidaj besides setting-up 19 ET Labs in different states of India to produce many thousand cattle calves and over 120 buffalo calves. As Vice-Chancellor of MAFSU, he demonstrated his innate qualities of leadership and honesty and over-came many impediments in the recruitment of senior faculty, promotions of university teachers and implementation of sixth pay Commission recommendations in a very transparent manner. He also introduced online admission system for various courses and established Ultra-Modern Veterinary Hospitals in Maharashtra beside a Wildlife Research and Training Centre at Nagpur in collaboration with the Forest Department. He has been the member of the Editorial Boards of 'Journal of Buffalo Science' 'Indian Journal of Animal Science' and 'Indian Journal of Dairy Science'. He was selected as the consultant at the International Atomic-Energy Agency (IAEA) Vienna-Austria and provided leadership in the Integrated Watershed Development Project, Solan funded by World Bank Project and NABARD. He has published 71 scientific research papers in International and National journals of great repute and 150 scientific papers/articles. He has acted as Chairman of innumerable scientific sessions at the national and International conferences held in India and abroad.

Prof. Misra has been the Chairman and Member of various 'Search Committees' for the selection of Vice-Chancellors of Veterinary Universities and also served as Chairman of the Research Advisory Committees of several ICAR institutes. He has served as Board Member of different Agricultural and Veterinary Universities, "Task Force on Biotechnology of the Department of Biotechnology Govt. of India and the National Meat and Poultry Processing Board of Ministry of Food Processing Industry during his 37 years of distinguished career. He has earned many Awards from multiple organizations and National Academies for his outstanding contributions and achievements. He has been conferred with the Fellowships of National Academy of Agriculture Sciences, National Academy of Veterinary Sciences, Indian Society for the Study of Animal reproduction and Indian Society for the Advancement of Canine practice.

Prof. Misra is a Life Member of IDA. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of IDA Publications. He is one of invited members on the committee for selection of fellows and patrons of IDA. The IDA welcomes Prof. Misra to this coveted position and wishes him great success in the new assignment.