

Industry-Academia Interface Review Meet 2024 organized at ICAR-IVRI Bengaluru Campus on 23rd October 2024

The ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bengaluru campus organized a follow up Industry-Academia Interface Review Meeting with Industry partners on 23rd October 2024. Major focus of the meet was to promote public-private partnership. Inaugural session was graced by Dr Triveni Dutt, Director & Vice Chancellor, ICAR-IVRI; Dr S K Singh, Joint Director (Research); Dr Pallab Chaudhuri, Joint Director, ICAR-IVRI Bengaluru Campus; Dr. Rupasi Tiwari, Joint Director (Extension Education); Dr S. K. Mendiratta, Joint Director (Academic); Dr G Saikumar, In-charge PME; and Dr Bhanuprakash, Dr BP Srinivasa, Dr BHM Patel, and Dr KN Viswas, Dr Bablu Kumar, Incharge-ABI and Dr Anuj Kumar, In-charge ITMU, ICAR-IVRI.



Morning session of IA interface meeting was attended by Indian Immunologicals Ltd, represented by Dr K Anand Kumar, Managing Director and Dr Priyabrata Pattnaik, Deputy Managing Director.

In the opening remarks, Dr Triveni Dutt, Director cum Vice Chancellor of IVRI, Izatnagar highlighted the major aim of the IA interface meet and urged for greater Industry-Academia collaboration. He informed about the establishment of IVRI Bengaluru Academic Hub for PG and PhD programs, PG Diploma and Vocational training courses. He also highlighted the major achievements of IVRI such as development of negative marker and thermostable FMD vaccines, and alternative model for QC testing of vaccines. To keep in pace with the advancements in academy and research sectors, the Director, IVRI emphasized on creating modern teaching facilities and research infrastructure at IVRI Bengaluru Campus. He noted that establishment of BSL3 pilot plant, upgradation of ABSL3 and renovation of teaching block for newly established academic hub are among the most prioritized activities. Director, IVRI acknowledged and thanked IIL for sponsoring the National Professor Chair at IVRI Deemed University.

Dr Priyabrata Pattnaik, Deputy Managing Director, IIL presented brief profile of IIL, Hyderabad which highlighted the journey from its establishment to the recent achievements and its product portfolio. He also highlighted IIL as One Health organization serving animal, human and environment. Dr Pallab Chaudhuri, JD, IVRI Bengaluru Campus presented the ongoing research & development, and academic hub activities at IVRI Bengaluru Campus. He also highlighted the areas of potential collaboration with Industry partners. Dr K Anand Kumar, Managing Director, thanked Director IVRI for invitation and arranging IA interface meet. He appreciated the role of IVRI in animal health sector and noted the previous association of IIL with IVRI for major vaccine technologies. He also focused on the importance of research innovation and development of IVRI in self-sufficiency and nation development. He expressed the interest of IIL in the potential collaboration with IVRI and extended all the possible support for developing research infrastructure.

Second session was attended by Biovet Pvt Ltd, represented by Dr Sreenivasulu Kilari, Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Gopalsamy and Dr. Bhanukumar, Scientists R&D. Dr Kilari highlighted the activities and product portfolio of Biovet, and mentioned that Biovet is keen on companion animal vaccines such as canine parvovirus, canine distemper, oral rabies vaccine, parainfluenza, *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, *Brucella canis*, Leptospira, Leishmeniasis etc. He also emphasized the requirements of new generation vaccine technologies including marker, genome edited and vectored vaccines, and pet nutrition.

Dr S K Singh, JD (Research), IVRI emphasized the research innovations and technologies available with IVRI including canine distemper vaccine technology. He mentioned the recent establishment of ARCC (Advance Research Center on Canines) at IVRI Izatnagar for innovative research and development on canines. Dr Rupasi Tiwari, JD (Extension Education) highlighted that ICAR has formulated new policy to tap CSR grants from Industry partners for development of research and academic facilities. She urged the Biovet to extend such support to IVRI Bengaluru campus. Dr SK Mendiratta, JD (Academic) stressed on industry exposure of students of ICAR-IVRI Deemed University. Dr G Saikumar, Incharge, PME emphasized on stronger collaboration of industrial partners with ICAR-IVRI.

