



NEWSLETTER

Association of Indian Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians

Message from the President

The Association of Indian Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians (AIZWV) is dedicated to advancing veterinary science for the care and conservation of India's wildlife, both in captivity and the wild. Our mission is to foster collaborations, nationally and internationally among zoo and wildlife veterinarians, promote knowledge exchange, and advocate for the highest standards in wildlife health management.

The AIZWV has achieved several milestones, witnessed the work of stalwarts and created an extensive knowledge repository. AIZWV organized a national workshop on "Innovative Techniques in Chemical Immobilization and Translocation of Wildlife," attended by veterinarians, wildlife biologists, and forest officials from across India. The workshop included practical demonstrations, case studies, and discussions on mitigating risks during wildlife handling. The Indian Wildlife Yearbook has featured significant works from people of repute in the field. AIZWV has also facilitated veterinary interventions in national parks to address challenges such as tiger-human conflict, elephant musth management, and post-release monitoring of rehabilitated wildlife.

Looking ahead to 2025, AIZWV has planned an international conference for zoo and wildlife health. This prestigious event will bring together global leaders, researchers, and practitioners in wildlife healthcare and conservation. It is an unparalleled opportunity to learn, share knowledge, and network with experts from around the world. Looking ahead, AIZWV plans to expand its initiatives by hosting specialized training programs for young veterinarians, enhancing field-level collaborations, and supporting research that addresses emerging threats to wildlife health. We encourage members to contribute articles, case studies, and success stories to our newsletters and journals. We invite members to contribute articles, case studies, and experiences for upcoming newsletters and journals.

We believe that, together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of wild animals, protect India's rich biodiversity, and strengthen the role of veterinarians in conservation. Join us at the International Conference on Zoo and Wild Animal Health this April to be part of these transformative efforts.



Dr. Avadh B. Shrivastav
President
Association of Indian
Zoo and
Wildlife Veterinarians



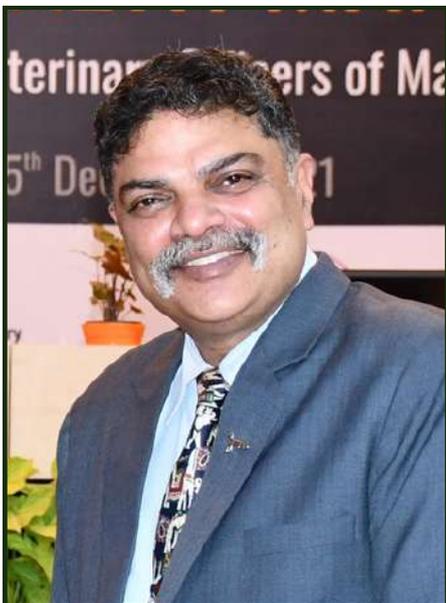
Message from the General Secretary

Dear Fellow Professionals,

As General Secretary of the Association of Indian Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all. As wildlife and zoo veterinarians, we face unique challenges in our daily work, from managing animal health to navigating complex conservation policies. It is imperative that we unite to share our experiences, expertise, and concerns to foster a supportive community that promotes excellence in our profession.

Our association aims to provide a platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and advocacy. We strive to address the gaps in our profession, including the need for standardized protocols, continuous education, and research opportunities. I am thrilled to invite you to our upcoming 15TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AIZWV AND THE International Zoo and Wildlife Health Conference, where we will WISH TO bring together renowned experts and professionals to discuss the latest advancements and challenges in our field. This conference will provide a unique opportunity for networking, learning, and collaboration WHILST RENEWING OLD FRIENDSHIPS AND FORMING NEW ONES.

Let us come together to strengthen our profession, enhance our skills, and promote the welfare of the animals under our care. I look forward to welcoming you to the conference and working together to advance our profession.



Prof. (Capt.) Parag Nigam
General Secretary,
Association of Indian Zoo
and Wildlife Veterinarians

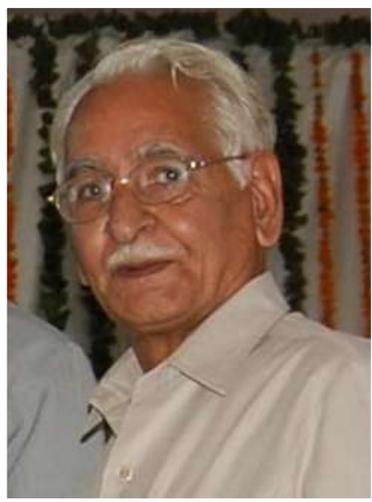
Message from the Ex-President

As I remember the beginning of Association and Late Dr B.M. Arora In November 1991, the "International Seminar on Zoo and Wild Animal Medicine" was held at the Veterinary College in Hebbal, Bengaluru. The event brought together zoo and wildlife veterinarians, veterinary faculty, forest officials, and wildlife professionals from across India. During the plenary session, a recommendation was made to establish a forum for zoo and wildlife veterinarians, as none existed in India at the time. Dr. B.M. Arora, then Principal Scientist and Head of the Centre for Wildlife Conservation at IVRI, Bareilly, was given the responsibility to work on that idea.

Later, Dr. Arora, along with his colleagues from IVRI and students from the PG National Diploma in Wildlife at IVRI, took this initiative seriously, as I learned from Dr. Arora himself. Dr. R.K. Samantaray, a PG diploma student at that time from Orissa, was actively involved in the process. In October 1999, during a workshop on "Health and Management of Zoo Animals for Zoo Veterinarians" at the College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara, Guwahati, key wildlife professionals such as Dr. Arora, Dr. L.N. Acharjyo, Dr. Pradeep Malik, Mr. S.C. Sharma, Mr. P.R. Sinha, Mr. Pushp Kumar, and Ms. Sally Walker gathered to discuss the formation of the proposed forum. At this meeting, the final details were ironed out. Finally in December 1999, the Association of Indian Zoo & Wildlife Veterinarians (AIZWV) was officially registered in Bareilly, with its headquarters there. Dr. Arora was elected the founder President of the association and continued to lead until 2019.



**Dr Apurba
Chakraborty,
Ex-President , AIZWV**



**Late Dr B M Arora,
Founder President,
AIZWV**

I first met Dr. Arora in April 1985 at the "Wildlife Health for Veterinarians" workshop at the Wildlife Institute of India in Dehradun. The following year, in 1986, I attended a month-long Summer Institute at IVRI, where Dr. Arora was the Course Director. During the course, our shared passion and zeal for wildlife health brought us closer, and since then, we've crossed paths at various occasions of our interest. Dr. Arora also involved me in AIZWV activities, assigning me the responsibility of editing the Wildlife Information Bulletin Vol. IX (I & II) in 2005. I witnessed his relentless dedication to gathering wildlife health information from all his Indian colleagues and publishing valuable compilations of the documents, which became key resources for wildlife health. Our interest led to the publication of the "Colour Atlas of Diseases & Disorders of Wildlife" in 2009.

Dr. B.M. Arora was a distinguished and dedicated wildlife veterinarian whose contributions towards the field of wildlife are immeasurable. He spent his life improving the health care of captive animals and made significant contributions through over 100 research publications and 11 books. Sadly, we lost this great wildlife veterinarian on May 14, 2021.

Past Conferences of AIZWV :

26-28 April 2001

First Annual Convention, Basics of Captive Wild Animal Management, New Delhi.

25-27 April 2002

Workshop, Progress in Wildlife Conservation and Management in India, Thiruvananthapuram.

4-5 February 2004

Asian Congress & 3rd Annual Convention, Quarantine, Restraint, and Translocation of Wild Animals, Lucknow.

25-26 October 2005

National Symposium & 4th Annual Convention, Wildlife Health and Husbandry Constraints, Guwahati.

26-27 April 2007

International Congress & Symposium, Advances in Zoo and Wild Animals Health and Management & Impact of Diseases on Conservation, Jammu.

10-21 June 2008

National Seminar, Advances in Management and Diseases of Wild Animals, Bangalore.

3-5 June 2010

International Conference, Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Vis-à-Vis Climate Change, Srinagar.

15-16 September 2011

NCWHF-2011 Annual Convention, National Congress on Wildlife Health and Forensics, Jabalpur.

19-21 April 2013

National Symposium, Newer Approaches in Welfare and Health Management of Wild Animals, Bhubaneswar.

19-20 November 2015

International Symposium, Ecology and Health Management of Asiatic Elephant, New Delhi.

6-7 January 2017

National Congress & Annual Convention, National Congress on Wildlife Health, Bareilly.

29-30 September 2018

12th Annual Convention, Wildlife Health Management vis-à-vis Prospect of Mitigation of Extrinsic Influences impinging their Conservation, Pantnagar.

13-15 November 2019

13th Annual meeting, Advancements in Veterinary Sciences for Wildlife Conservation, Hyderabad.

18-20 December 2020

WILDCON 2020, Wildlife Conflicts, Rescue, and Rehabilitation: Challenges and Opportunities for Conservation, Nagpur.



A list of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarian associations in the world:

AAV

Association of Avian Veterinarians

Website: <https://www.aav.org/>

AAWV

American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians

Website:

<https://www.aawv.net/>

Country: USA

AAZV

American Association of Zoo Veterinarians

Website:

<https://www.aazv.org/>

Country: USA

ACZM

American College of Zoological Medicine

Website:

<https://www.aczm.org/>

Country: USA

AEMV

Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians

Website: <https://aemv.org>

ARAV

Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians

Website: <https://arav.org/>

ASZWM

Asian Society of Conservation Medicine

Website:

<https://www.ascminfo.org/>

AVA

Australian Veterinary Conservation Biology Group

Website:

<https://www.ava.com.au/about-us/ava-groups/conservation-biology/>

Country: Australia

AWHN

Australian Wildlife Health Network

Website:

<http://www.flockandherd.net.au/other/reader/awhn.html>

Country: Australia

AWV

African Wildlife Vets

Website:

<https://africanwildlifestvets.org/>

BVZS

British Veterinary Zoological Society

Website:

<https://bvzs.co.uk/>

CAZWV

Canadian Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians

Website:

<https://cazwv.org/wp/>

Country: Canada

CWHC

Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative

Website:

<https://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/>

Country: Canada

EAZWV

European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians

Website:

<https://www.eazwv.org/>

ECZM

European College of Zoological Medicine

Website:

<https://www.eczm.eu/>

IAAAM

International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine

Website:

<https://www.iaaam.org/>

IZVG

International Zoo Veterinary Group

Website:

<https://www.izvg.co.uk/>

JSZWM

Japanese Society of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine

Website:

<https://www.jjzwm.com/>

Country: Japan

SAVA

South African Veterinary Association Wildlife Group

Website:

<https://vets4wildlife.co.za/>

WDA

Wildlife Disease Association

Website:

<https://wildlifedisease.org/>

Country: USA

WHA

Wildlife Health Australia

Website:

<https://wildlifehealthaustralia.com.au/>

Country: Australia

WVI

Wildlife Vets International

Website:

<https://www.wildlifestvetsinternational.org/>

Wildlife Health Courses:
Intervention in Wild Animal Health
Wildlife Research Training Institute,
Naivasha, Kenya, 17th February –
6th March, 2025
Wildlife Health and Disease Control
Website: alison.com



Upcoming conferences of different associations

IAAAM Annual Conference

Biloxi, Mississippi, May 4-8, 2025

Website: <https://web.cvent.com/event/cfac3e36-04e2-4643-a6dc-9c620728910d/summary?RefId=2025IAAAMConference>

Zoo and Wildlife Health Conference

Győr, Hungary, May 14-17, 2025

Website: https://www.eazwv.org/page/2025ZWHC_info

73rd Annual International Conference of the Wildlife Disease Association

Victoria, BC, Canada, Jul 27 - Aug 1, 2025

Website: <https://wda2025.com/>

Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians - Exotics365

Seattle, WA, August 24-28, 2025

Website: <https://www.exoticscon.org/>

57th AAZV Annual Conference

Kansas City, MO, USA, August 25-29, 2025

Website: <https://www.aazv.org/page/A5>

46th Annual AAV Conference & Expo

Gila River Resort & Casino - Wild Horse Pass, Phoenix, Arizona, USA, October 3-6, 2025

Website: <https://www.aav.org/mpage/cfp2025>

18th Asian Society of Conservation Medicine

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK), Oct 14-16, 2025

Website: <https://www.ascminfo.org/ascm-2025-malaysia/>

Important News on Wildlife health

Why wildlife health is the missing link in conservation (20 March 2024)

<https://www.weforum.org/stories/2024/03/wildlife-health-conservation/>

Wildlife Health Industry Trends, Opportunity & Forecasts, 2019-2029F: Increasing Zoonotic Disease Threats, Technological Advancements, Growing One Health Approach (13 May 2024)

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2024/05/13/2880650/0/en/Wildlife-Health-Industry-Trends-Opportunity-Forecasts-2019-2029F-Increasing-Zoonotic-Disease-Threats-Technological-Advancements-Growing-One-Health-Approach.html>

Mapping the pathways to advance global wildlife health surveillance (5 June 2024)

<https://www.fao.org/animal-health/news-events/news/detail/mapping-the-pathways-to-advance-global-wildlife-health-surveillance/en>

New guidelines for disease surveillance released to better protect wildlife (1 October 2024)

<https://www.woah.org/en/new-guidelines-for-disease-surveillance-released-to-better-protect-wildlife/>

Royal Veterinary College research identifies new model for wildlife health management (12 December 2024)

<https://www.rvc.ac.uk/research/news/general/rvc-research-identifies-new-model-for-wildlife-health-management?page=20>

One Health in Action: What Wildlife Health Surveillance Can Tell Us About Pandemic Prevention (16 December 2024)

<https://www.who.int/westernpacific/newsroom/feature-stories/item/one-health-in-action--what-wildlife-health-surveillance-can-tell-us-about-pandemic-prevention>

Central Zoo Authority Organizes a Workshop on Development of the National Wildlife Health Policy: Stakeholder Consultation (17 December 2024)

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2085404>

CDFW offers guidance on how to help wildlife during wildfire emergencies (17 January 2025)

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/cdfw-offers-guidance-on-how-to-help-wildlife-during-wildfire-emergencies>





Important Readings on Wildlife health

Wildlife health is essential for life on Earth

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/wildlife-health/>

Achieving One Health by protecting wildlife health

<https://www.report2020oie.fr/en/protecting-wildlife-health/>

Vaccination of endangered wildlife as a conservation tool: Hindsight and new horizons in the pandemic era (December 2024)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S000632072400404X>

An operational framework for wildlife health in the One Health approach (December 2024)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352771424002489>

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