

Press Release

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Laboratory Quality Management Systems & Internal Auditor Training for Scientists & Laboratory Technicians of Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratories and Information Centre, IAH&VB, Karnataka under One Health Pilot Project

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A three-day training program on ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Laboratory Quality Management Systems & Internal Auditor Training was organised by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Govt. of India; Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science, Govt. of Karnataka; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF); and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) under One Health Pilot Project in Karnataka. This training was organised in the Conference Hall of Karnataka Veterinary Council (KVC) between 23rd to 25th of January 2023. A total of 21 participants attended the training program which included 10 scientists and 11 lab technicians from 16 laboratories, *viz.*, SRDDL (Southern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory), Bengaluru; CADDL (Central Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory), Bengaluru; ADDL & IC's (Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory & Information Centre) of, Belgaum, Mangalore, Sira, Bagalkot, Gulbarga, Shivamogga, Sirsi, Kolar, Bidar, Bannerghatta, Davanegere, Mysore, Hassan Veterinary College, and Shivamogga Veterinary College.

The training programme was graced by Dr P T Srinivas, Additional Director Livestock Health, Department of AH&VS, Karnataka; Dr M D Venkatesha, Director, Institute of Animal Health & Veterinary Biologicals; and Dr Satynarayan K, President, KVC, Hebbal; and Dr Sripad K, Joint Director, SRDDL. The training programme started with the welcome address by Dr Prakash T, State Lead, OHSU, Karnataka, followed by the session being presided by Dr Satynarayan K, President, KVC, Hebbal. Dr M D Venkatesha inaugurated the training program. The chief guest Dr P T Srinivas addressed the participants on the importance of training for improving the quality and reliability of the laboratories to benefit the livestock farmers thereby achieving the ambitious goal of One Health.

The objectives of organizing the training program for the lab professionals included developing understanding about ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards and implementation of

action plan to make the Labs ready for ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation by NABL and developing internal audit capabilities in the laboratory teams. The ISO/IEC 17025:2017 is the international standard used by laboratories in developing their quality, administrative and technical systems that govern their operations. The training was facilitated by consultant trainer of TUV, India Mr Brajraj Singh Sengar an expert trainer for Laboratory Accreditation. During the three-day training deliberations, he explained in detail about the requirements of the ISO standards, necessary documentations, records to be maintained in the laboratory required for NABL accreditation process. The participants were actively involved in various exercises and interacted with the trainer regarding various queries and issues faced in the laboratory. The trainer also highlighted about general and specific requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.

On the last day of the training program, valedictory session was graced by Dr Satynarayan K, President, KVC and Dr Thippeswamy, Registrar, KVC. It was opined that this training will certainly raise the standards of veterinary diagnostic laboratories in Karnataka. The outcomes of the training will not only help the livestock farmers by efficient early detection of disease but will also help in preventing disease outbreak and implementation of effective prevention and control measures, one of the important objectives of One Health pilot project in Karnataka. The participants gave positive feedback regarding the training. The certificates of participation were distributed to the participants. Training program ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr Chethan Sharma G, OHSU, Karnataka.