

Symposium Report SOCDAB-2010

A National Symposium on “**Challenges to Domestic Animal Biodiversity and Action Plan for its Management and Utilization**” was jointly organized by Anand Agricultural University, Anand and Society for the Conservation of Domestic Animal Biodiversity (SOCDAB) on 10 – 11 February, 2010. The Symposium was inaugurated by **Dr. Amrita Patel**, Chairperson, NDDB, Anand as Chief Guest. The Inaugural Function was presided over by **Prof. M. C. Varshneya**, Hon. Vice-Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University, Anand. **Dr. J. V. Solanki**, Principal and Dean, College of Veterinary Science and A. H., Anand welcomed, all the dignitaries, guests and delegates and gave glimpse of the College activities. **Dr. A. M. Shekh**, Director of Research and Dean P. G. Study presented a profile of AAU. **Dr B. Prakash**, Secretary, SOCDAB appraised the audience about the Society and its activities. He informed the house that the number of life members of the society has crossed the figure of 500. **Dr. D. N. Rank**, Organizing Secretary of the Symposium proposed vote of thanks. Inaugural session ended with National anthem.

Three national level stalwarts were felicitated by offering a shawl and SOCDAB-2010 memento during the inaugural session. Dr. A. E. Nivsarkar, founder president, SOCDAB and Consultant, NDDB; Dr. R. K. Shukla, founder HOD and Professor, Dept. of Animal Genetics and Breeding, College of Veterinary Science and A. H., Anand and Dr. M. M. Patel, Professor (Retd.) Dept. of Animal Genetics and Breeding, College of Veterinary Science and A. H., Anand.

The inaugural session was followed by four technical sessions conducted in parallel spread over 2 days. A total of 18 lead papers and 38 oral presentation were made. The symposium also included a poster session and Young Scientist Award. It is heartening to note that Dr. P. G. Koringa, Dept. of Animal Biotechnology was judged as Young Scientist Award and awarded with a citation and cash prize of Rs. 2500 Cash prizes of Rs. 1000 and Rs. 800 for best and second best poster presentation respectively in each category were also awarded.

The symposium received an overwhelming response and more then 170 delegates from National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, National Research Centre on Equine, National Research Centre on Yak, Central Institute for Research on Buffalo, Central Institute for Research on Goat, Min. of Agriculture and Dairying, GOI, SAU, Dairy Co-Operatives as well as farmers delegates from NGO (Sahjivan Trust) attended the symposium. Deans of four Veterinary Colleges and Directors of two National Institutes and a Joint Commissioner (LP) of Gov. of India were the special delegates.

Very useful recommendations emerged out of discussion during various technical sessions were presented during the plenary session.

Lead speakers, Chairmans, Co-chairmans and Rapporteurs of various technical sessions and Judges of Poster and YSA presentation were felicitated.

All the arrangement including session management, food, travel, accommodation etc. were highly appreciated by the delegates.