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About the cover

DR. H.L. SHIVAPRASAD (1947)

Dr. Shivaprasad, commonly known as “Prasad,” was born on October 2, 1947, in Kolar, Karnataka, India. He received his BVSc degree from the University of Agricultural Sciences in Bangalore, India in 1969 and his MVSc in Animal Breeding from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Pantnagar, India in 1971. He returned briefly as an instructor to the Department of Animal Husbandry and Hygiene, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. In 1973, Prasad moved Columbus, Ohio where he received his MS and PhD degree in Physiology and Genetics from The Ohio State University in 1977. Prasad continued his formal education at Purdue University with a MS degree and residency training in veterinary pathology in 1980. He is a diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians. In 2019, he was elected an honorary member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists based on his extraordinary contributions to the advancement of veterinary pathology.

Prasad was a faculty member in the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL (1980–1985) and the Department of Avian and Aquatic Animal Medicine at Cornell University (1985–1989). In 1989 Prasad joined the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHFS), School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis as an assistant professor. He was subsequently promoted to associate professor in 1995 and full professor in 2000. Dr. Prasad retired on July 1, 2022. During his years at CAHFS, he has trained over 100 international and national students, residents, veterinarians, pathologists, and professors in avian and diagnostic pathology.

Dr. Prasad has been involved in avian diagnostics, teaching, and research for over 40 years. His research interests include the identification of novel disease etiologies and the pathogenesis of infectious and noninfectious diseases of poultry and other species. He has published over 185 papers in peer reviewed journals and contributed to 44 book chapters. Prasad was frequently asked to give short courses on avian pathology, and present invited lectures at national and international conferences. Many of us will remember fondly the presentations he organized during the annual AAAP meetings as Chair of the Histopathology and Case Report interest group of the AAAP. He has served on the editorial boards of several journals including *Avian Diseases*.

Dr. Prasad has received numerous awards recognizing his contributions to avian pathology. Some of the important awards he received are the Lasher-Bottorff Award in 2015 and the Special Service Award in 2019 from the AAAP. In 2017, Dr. Prasad was inducted in the AAAP Hall of Honor. In addition, the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association recognized him in 2018 as the Scientist of the Year.

He has been married to his wonderful wife, Kathy for more than 47 years. They have three children, Sheela, Anand, and Arun and one grandson. Prasad enjoys playing golf, national and international travels, and photography.

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