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**Minutes of the Research Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Mascot  
Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram**

**Members Present**

1. Dr. B. Ashok, Vice Chancellor, Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University.
2. Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Executive Vice President, KSCSTE
3. Dr. K. Kumanan, Director of Research, TANUVAS
4. Dr. A. Jalaludeen, Director of Academics & Research, KVASU
5. Dr. H. Subramanian, Dean, CVAS, Mannuthy
6. Dr. Leo Joseph, Dean, CVAS, Pookode.
7. Dr. Rajendrakumar, Dean, CDST, Mannuthy
8. Dr. P. I. Geevarghese, Professor, CDST, Mannuthy
9. Dr. K. A. Mercey, Professor and Head, Department of Statistics
10. Dr. Kuttinarayanan, Professor and Head, Department of Livestock Products  
Technology, CVAS, Mannuthy
11. Dr. George T. Oommen, Professor and Head, Department of Livestock Products  
Technology, CVAS, Pookode

**Special Invitees -**

1. Dr. K. P. Sreekumar, Registrar, Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University
2. Dr. S. Ramkumar, Director of Entrepreneurship, KVASU
3. Dr. P. Rajashekharan Nair, Chief (Agriculture Division), Planning Board
4. Dr. K. G. Suma, Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Kerala
5. Shri Isacc Thayyil, Deputy Director, Department of Dairy Development
6. Dr. K. Devada, Professor ( Research Coordination), CVAS, Mannuthy
7. Dr. P. C. Alex, Professor (Clinics)
8. Dr. E. A. Jayson, Scientist, Department of Wild life, KFRI
9. Dr. Asha K V, Professor, Department of Agadatantra
10. Dr. Joshua Allan

The meeting started at 10.30 am with the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. B. Ashok, IAS in the chair. Dr. A. Jalaludeen, Director of Academics and Research welcomed the members and special invitees to the Research Council meeting.

Dr. B. Ashok, IAS, emphasized the importance of quality research. He stressed upon the need for every faculty to undertake external aided projects as well as the need for field oriented need based research. He commended that about 20 researchers of KVASU ran most of the externally aided projects and that there is a need to bring in the rest of the

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faculty to undertake large research projects. In this regard, he emphasized in the importance of giving incentives for carrying out quality research and for bringing in funds for research. He also stressed upon the need to conserve native breeds of livestock and poultry.

Dr. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai lauded the KVASU for convening the Research Council meeting within a short span of its inception. He deliberated upon the importance of publishing research outputs in refereed journals and the conduct of Research Council meeting frequently for efficient review of ongoing and planned research.

Dr. K. Kumanan informed that about 150 externally funded projects are operating in TANUVAS and that they have got a two tier research review system. The Vice Chancellor reviews projects once every year and the Director of Research reviews projects once every 6 months. The importance of publishing articles in peer reviewed journals and value of carrying out patentable research towards increasing the outlook of the University was stressed upon. He also stressed on the need of University - Industry collaboration and on the need of animal testing laboratories.

Dr. A. Jalaludeen made a detailed presentation on priorities of research to be undertaken by the University with a brief note on some of the important ongoing projects and major achievements.

Dr. K. G. Suma emphasised on field oriented problems including infertility due to various causes including lowered conception rate by artificial insemination, metabolic diseases, lower production, poor immune response to vaccination, climate change and the importance of carrying out research on these areas.

Dr. Leo Joseph deliberated on the need for a review of crossbreeding policy and he opined that indiscriminate crossbreeding is taking place in the state. He stressed on the maintenance of separate sire line and dam line and establishment of pure bred stock. He also mentioned the need for evaluation of nutritional management for individual genetic make up should be taken up

Dr. P. I. Geevarghese emphasized on the importance of a proper breeding policy.

Dr. S. Ramkumar mentioned about a rethink on the crossbreeding policy of the state.

Dr. H. Subramanian, deliberated on the need to assess the quality of milk produced by crossbred cows.