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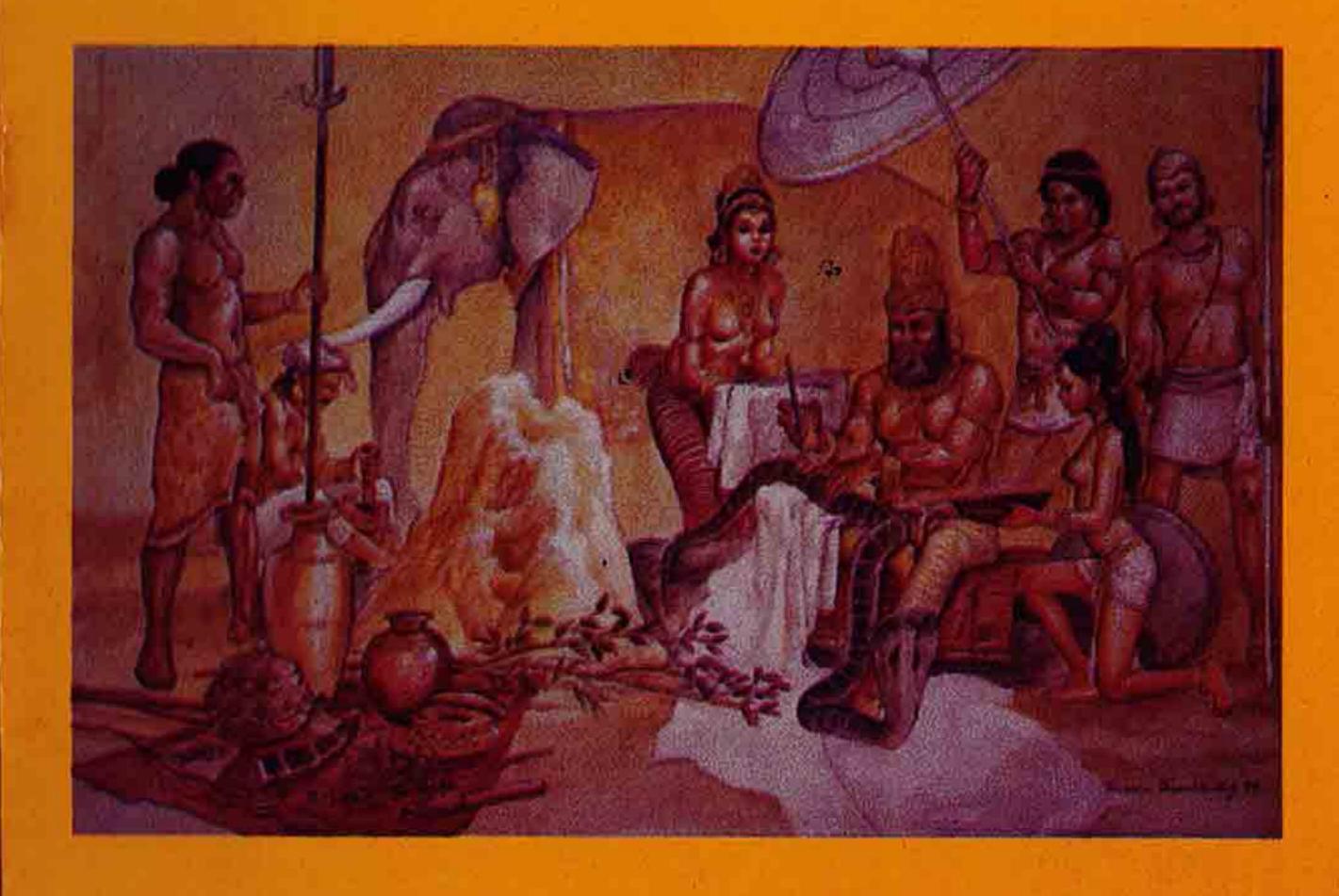








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#### In collaboration with:

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Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Peradeniya
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<sup>\*</sup> The cover picture depicts King Buddhadasa (340-68 AD) performing surgery on an ill snake, a king renowned in Sri Lankan history for his knowledge and prowess, especially in treating sick animals. He was known for his kindness towards animals and interest in animal welfare.

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#### Message from the Director, Institute for Research & Development

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I would also take this opportunity to thank all the resource persons, collaborators and the organizing committee for making this programme a success.

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#### Message from Universities Federation for Animal Welfare

It is with pleasure that I accept the invitation to participate in this workshop on veterinary ethics. The very large and growing human population frequently presents threats to the welfare of animals and, increasingly also, to the viability of wildlife species. I look forward to discussing and sharing experiences about these issues and considering how, in striving to meet the needs of humans into the future, biodiversity and the welfare of sentient animals can best be protected.

Professor James Kirkwood
Chief Executive and Scientific Director
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#### Message from Royal Veterinary College

It is a privilege to participate in this workshop to explore animal welfare and ethics in Sri Lanka. Animal welfare and veterinary ethics are increasingly being introduced to the veterinary undergraduate, postgraduate and continuous professional development programmes and this workshop is a timely opportunity explores how this can be achieved within the veterinary community in Sri Lanka. I look forward to sharing my experiences and to explore future developments in this field.

Ayona Silva-Fletcher
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#### Message from Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya

On behalf of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science of the University of Peradeniya, I welcome you all to our midst, to attend the important workshop on Animal Welfare and Bioethics. In this world, animals are becoming our companions – there is especially so in nations with low birth rates and when the elderly population is expanding. Hence I do congratulate you all for organizing this event and hope that these deliberations will pave the pathway for enhancing animal welfare and bioethics in our nation and the region.

Prof. Preeni Abeynakaye
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#### Message from the Department of Animal Production and Health, Sri Lanka

Veterinarians are unique as they have to work with animals which cannot talk. Proper understanding of the animals and their owners is needed in dealing with animals. When treating an animal the veterinarian's responsibility lies both on the patient and the owner. Even if it is a wild animal without a proper owner, the veterinarian has a big responsibility on the life of the animal. Veterinarians are also involved in culling of animals due to various reasons. He or she should have a better understanding on what is right and wrong. Under such situations the veterinarians should be fully aware of veterinary ethics. Doing a wrong thing will not only affect the veterinarian's personnel career but also will have a bad effect on the whole veterinary profession.

Veterinarians in Sri Lanka have less exposure to veterinary ethics. Very little is taught at the university level. Opportunities to discuss veterinary ethics are also very much limited in Sri Lanka. Under this situation this kind of workshop is timely planned. The topics which will be covered at the workshop are highly relevant and will be useful to the local veterinarians who have less exposure to the subject of veterinary ethics.

I take this opportunity to thank the organizers of the workshop and the resource persons for their commitments and valuable contribution.

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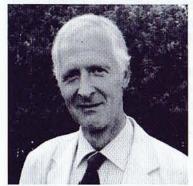
#### Message from the organizing committee

Veterinarians are professionals who must make ad hoc decisions that influence the fate of animals and affect the lives of the people who own or look after them. They also have to address various issues such as conflict between food quality and the ethical treatment of animals, the moral conflict between environmentalism and welfarism, and the ethical review process in the use of animals in science etc. Under these circumstances, as an organizing committee it is our pleasure to actively engage in organizing of this workshop and bringing the veterinary professionals of various sectors to the initiation of development of veterinary ethics policy for Sri Lanka. We are sure that this workshop would be thought-provoking event for every participant.

Dr. Vijitha Perera
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#### Resource persons

#### **Prof. James Kirkwood**



James graduated from Bristol University Veterinary School in 1975. He is Chief Executive and Scientific Director of the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) and of the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA); Visiting Professor in the Department of Pathology and Infectious Diseases at the Royal Veterinary College; and Editor of the quarterly scientific journal Animal Welfare. For 12 years, prior to taking up his present posts in 1996, he was Head of the Veterinary Science Research Group at the Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London. He was President of the British Veterinary Zoological Society 94-96. He is Chairman of the Zoos Forum and Deputy Chairman of the Companion Animal Welfare

Council. He has published some 150 papers in the scientific literature on aspects of the biology, diseases, conservation and welfare of animals.

#### Prof. Neville Gregory



Neville graduated from Aberdeen University in 1973. He is Professor of Animal Welfare Physiology at the Royal Veterinary College, University of London. He is Editor of the quarterly scientific journal Outlook on Agriculture and scientific adviser to the International Meat Secretariat. For 10 years, prior to taking up his present post in 2003, he was Director of Flaxley Agricultural Centre in South Australia, science director at the Meat Industry Research Institute of New Zealand, and AGMARDT Professor of Animal Welfare at Massey University. He has published over 150 peer reviewed papers, and six student textbooks. Most of his research work has been on animal welfare, with the main

emphasis on methods used for killing livestock and wild animals, and the causes and suffering associated with injury and disease.

#### Dr. Ayona Silva-Fletcher



She qualified as a veterinarian from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, and then did an MSc in Animal Nutrition and a PhD at the University of Aberdeen UK. Following this, Ayona spent several years in postdoctoral and teaching appointments at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, the University of London (Royal Postgraduate Medical School), University of Leiden, Netherlands and finally at the Open University, UK. In 2003 Ayona joined the Royal Veterinary College, UK, as the Director of Distance Learning and played a major role in expanding the programme with the development of a new MSc and a short course framework. In 2008 Ayona moved to her current position

as the Director of Veterinary Education at the Royal Veterinary College to take a leading role in developing a new MSc in Veterinary Education. Ayona is currently involved in several overseas projects funded by the FAO, European Union and the British Council, involving Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Ayona is passionate about veterinary education and the continuous professional development of veterinarians.

#### Prof.Preeni Abeynayake



She is the current Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science of the University of Peradeniya. She had been involved in administration since 2002 as Head of the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology and Chairperson of the Faculty Curriculum Development Committee. She was a Veterinary Graduate of the University of Peradeniya who commenced her academic career in 1978 after a short spell in the State Sector. She completed the Ph.D. in the area of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology at Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand. She has a keen interest in

chemotherapy, regulatory Pharmacology and regulatory toxicology. In addition to her current academic and administrative commitments she has been the pioneer member in establishing a food safety programme for livestock, poultry and aquatic products. She had strengthened the academic programme in Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety by adding new components including rural sociology, environmental safety, animal welfare and bioethics to the syllabus.

#### Dr. Athula Sumathipala



He is a Sri Lankan who originally graduated and trained in Sri Lanka. He obtained MBBS, Diploma in Family Medicine and a MD (research on Medically Unexplained Symptoms) in Sri Lanka. Then he re-qualified in UK, undergoing postgraduate-training in Psychiatry at the prestigious Maudsley and Bethlem Royal hospitals and also obtaining Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) in the UK. He also has a PhD from University of London to his credit. He was then based at the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College, University of London (Section of Epidemiology) but spent a considerable part of his time in Sri Lanka conducting various health research in the

country. He co-founded the Institute for Research and Development, in Sri Lanka which is dedicated both to capacity building and establishing an ethical research culture. He is the Director of IRD.

#### Dr. A.D.N. Chandrasiri



He qualified as a veterinarian from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka in 1978. Then he did a Diploma in Animal Husbandry and a MSc in Animal Breeding (1987) in Agricultural University of Norway. Dr. Chandrasiri completed his Ph.D. in Animal Reproduction at University Putra, Malaysia (1998). He served as a Government Veterinary Surgeon from 1978-1989 and joined to the Veterinary Research Institute as a Veterinary Research Officer in 1989.

Dr.Chandrasiri became the Director of Veterinary Research Institute in 2006, May and worked there as the Director until 2008, January. Then he moved to the position of Director, Animal Breeding in January, 2008. Following this, Dr.Chandrasiri was promoted as the Additional Director General of the Department of Livestock Production in June, 2008 and he became the Director General in March, 2010. Currently he is working as the Director General of the Department of Livestock Production, Sri Lanka. He has published about 90 papers in refereed journals and many public articles and also possesses publications in text books and monographs.

#### Dr. Vijitha Perera



He graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of Peradeniya in 1995. He has working as a wildlife veterinarian at the Department of Wildlife Conservation since 1998. He has followed a Diploma in Endangered species management in the Durrel Wildlife Conservation Centre at Jersey, UK and has done MSc in Biodiversity Conservation Management in Post Graduate Institute of University of Peradeniya and MSc. Wild Animal Health, Royal Veterinary College, UK. He has followed the "Basic and Intensive Courses on Bioethics, Conducted by the Forum for Research and Development. Sri Lanka, He serves as a

visiting lecturer of wildlife ecology for the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Peraderiya. Currently he is the secretary of Sri Lanka Wildlife Veterinary Association and assistant secretary of Sri Lanka Veterinary Association. Vijitha is passionate with wild animal welfare.

# **Organizing Committee**

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#### Initiative Workshop for Policy Development of Veterinary Ethics in Sri Lanka

# First Day – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Module / Task	Time	Title of the lecture topic	Resource person
1. Inauguration/ Philosophy and principles of medical ethics	9.30 -10.45	Why do we need this initiative? Presentation and discussion	Dr. Athula Sumathipala
Tea break 10.45-1	11.00		
2. Overview of status of veterinary ethics in Sri Lanka.	10.45-11.15	Presentation (Ethics in vet curriculum, Veterinary contribution in ethical review committees, Concerns of veterinary ethics in animal production, companion animal practice, zoo and wildlife management and animal research.	Representative of Sri Lanka Veterinary Council (SLVC) or Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
3. Veterinary ethics policy in Sri Lanka	11.15-12.15	Low and legislation relevant to veterinary ethics/ animal welfare in country.  Presentation and discussion	Mr.Senaka Weerarathne and Dr. Athula Sumathipala
12.30- 13.30 Lund	ch		
5. Respect for Animals	13.30-15.30	Why animal suffering matters morally / Animal welfare why should we concern it?  Presentations and discussions	Prof. James Kirkwood
Tea Break 15.30-	15.45		No. Parket
5. veterinary eth <mark>ics</mark>	15.45-17.00	The basics and essential ingredients  Presentation with Discussion	Prof. Neville Gregory

# Second Day – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Module / Task	Time	Title of the lecture topic	resource person	
6. Veterinary ethics policy	9.30- 10.45	How does policy support for better animal welfare and quality veterinary profession  Presentation and discussion	Prof. Neville Gregory	
Tea break 10.45-	11.15	ICP for Holes has see	The second	
8.International experience	11.15 – 12.30	Overview and trends of veterinary ethics in the world/ Animal ethics and welfare organizations in the world Presentation and discussion	Prof. James Kirkwood	
Lunch 12.15-13.0	00	gentant delicated but	n landada	
9. Discussion on selected case studies on medical ethics	13.00- 14.00	Case study to be decided  Discussion	Mr.Senaka Weerarathne and Dr. Athula Sumathipala	
10. Discussion on selected case studies on veterinary ethics (International experience)	14.00-15.15	Case study to be decided  Discussion	Prof. James Kirkwood and Prof. Neville Gregory	
Tea break 15.15	15.30		*	
11. Discussion on selected case studies on veterinary ethics (local experience)	15.30-17.00	Case study to be decided  Discussion	Representative of Sri Lanka Veterinary Council with Prof. James Kirkwood and Prof. Neville Gregory	

# Third Day – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Module / Task	Time	Title of the lecture topic	Name of the resource person
12. Conflicts of interest	09.30-10.45	Veterinary ethical and welfare issues associated with day today practice (Euthanasia, breeding control, intervention on wildlife health)  Presentation with Discussion	Prof. James Kirkwood and Prof. Neville Gregory
Tea break 10.45-1	L1.00		
13. Conflicts of interest and policy for veterinary ethics	01.00-12.15	Ethics on animal research, Control of zoonotic diseases, ethical review committees, clinician versus administrator	Prof. James Kirkwood and Prof. Neville Gregory
Lunch 12.30-13.1		Discussion	
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14. How can we develop sound veterinary ethic policy	13.15-14.15	Sri Lankan context  Group works (04 groups), identification of strategies and gaps	Prof. James Kirkwood and Prof. Neville Gregory Representative of SLVA Dr. Athula Sumathipala
15. How can we develop sound veterinary ethic policy	14.15-15.15	Group presentations and discussion	Prof. James Kirkwood and Prof. Neville Gregory Representative of SLVA Dr. Athula Sumathipala
15.15-15.30 Tea E	Break		
16. Summary of the workshop	15.30 – 16.45	Discussion	Prof. James Kirkwood and Prof. Neville Gregory
17. closing sessions	16.45-17.00	Evaluation and feedback	Dr. Athula Sumathipala

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#### List of Invitees

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- 5. Director Livestock Planning, Dr. P. Wijewantha
- 6. Director Breeding, Dr.D.R.T.G. Rathnayaka
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   University Grant Commission
- 8. Dr. S.S.E Ranawana, Former Director General, Department of Animal Production and Health
- 9. Dr. A Dangolla, President, Sri Lanka Veterinary Association
- 10. Prof. K.K Pathirana, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna
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- 26. Dr. C. Rajapaksa, Department of National Zoological Garden of Sri Lanka

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- 9. Dr.K.D.Ariyapala-Deputy Director, Livestock, planning and economics
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- 14. Dr. Chamith Nanayakkara- Private practitioner
- 15. Dr. Sirimewan Gunawaradana-Private practitioner
- 16. Dr. Dayani Siriwardane- Private practitioner
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