**Dr.P.Mathialagan, Ph.D. Dated: 16 June 2018**

**Organising Secretary**

INVITATION FOR LECTURE

Sir,

Sub.: International Symposium on “Animals in Disaster Management” – Participation / Invited Speech- requested – Regarding.

I am happy to inform you that we are organizing an International Symposium on “Animals in Disaster Management” at Madras Veterinary College, from 26th to 27th September 2018. This two days symposium will bring together veterinary and animal husbandry professionals, disaster management practitioners, government officials and animal welfare organizations under one roof to discuss their experiences and plans for effective protection and management of animal welfare needs during disasters across the regions of the Indian subcontinent and also on global scenario.

This symposium will highlight the issues, gaps, challenges and also the opportunities and recommendations for effective management of basic needs of animals during disasters *viz.,* feed, water, shelter and veterinary care and also the academic and institutional framework required during all stages of disaster management cycle.

It is my pleasure to invite you to deliver a lecture in your area of specialization in any of the following themes and depute the persons from your organization to represent/ participate in the symposium. I have enclosed the brochure for your reference.

Themes of the Symposium

1. Understanding Disaster Risk on Livestock & Livelihood (Disaster’s Impact & Existing Challenges).
2. Scope & Opportunities for Veterinary Institutions in the Disaster Management phases (Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery).
3. Experiences, Lessons Learnt & Best Practices Adopted by Veterinary Institutions in Protecting Animals from Disasters.
4. Veterinary Institutions Role in Implementation of Sendai Framework, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) & Climate Change Adaptation (CCA).
5. Mechanisms & Recommendations to Strengthen the Veterinary Institutions Regional Cooperation in South Asia.

I request you to confirm your participation and topic of your presentation at the earliest for further process.

Thanking you.

With regards

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