

USDA Announces Funding, Issues Federal Order to Combat PEDv

Washington, D.C., June 5, 2014 – In response to the significant impact porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDv) and porcine deltacoronavirus (PDCoV) are having on U.S. pork producers, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced \$26.2 million in funding to combat these diseases. Additionally, USDA issued a Federal Order requiring the reporting of new detections of these viruses to its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) or State animal health officials.

The \$26.2 million will be used for a variety of activities to support producers and combat these diseases, including:

- \$3.9 million to be used by USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) to support the development of vaccines
- \$2.4 million to cooperative agreement funding for States to support management and control activities
- \$500,000 to herd veterinarians to help with development and monitoring of herd management plans and sample collection
- \$11.1 million in cost-share funding for producers of infected herds to support biosecurity practices.
- \$2.4 million for diagnostic testing
- \$1.5 million to National Animal Health Laboratory Network diagnostic laboratories for genomic sequencing for newly positive herds

APHIS' Federal Order requires producers, veterinarians, and diagnostic laboratories to report all cases of PEDv and other new swine enteric coronavirus diseases to USDA and State animal health officials. The industry is already seeing herds previously impacted by the virus become re-infected, and routine and standard disease reporting will help identify the magnitude of the disease in the United States and can help determine whether additional actions are needed.

The Federal Order also requires that operations reporting these viruses work with their veterinarian or USDA or State animal health officials to develop and implement a reasonable management plan to address the detected virus and prevent its spread. Plans will be based on industry-recommended best practices, and include disease monitoring through testing and biosecurity measures. These steps will help to reduce virus shed in affected animals, prevent further spread of the disease, and enable continued movement of animals for production and processing.

Please report these cases to either:

USDA APHIS, VS Assistant District Director IL/IN Dr. Frank Wilson (317) 347-3100	Illinois Dept. of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health & Welfare Dr. Mark Ernst, State Veterinarian IL (217) 782-4944
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Illinois medical professor Dr. Ramaswamy Kalyanasundaram wins prestigious grant from Fulbright Program

By Deepak Chitnis (The American Bazaar)



WASHINGTON, DC: University of Illinois medical professor Dr. Ramaswamy Kalyanasundaram has been named as a recipient of the Fulbright Award for 2014.

Dr. Ramaswamy Kalyanasundaram (courtesy of the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford)

Kalyanasundaram is the head of the department of biomedical sciences, professor of microbiology and immunology, and assistant dean for research at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford. His main area of research is in lymphatic filariasis, a parasitic infection that affects the lower limbs and other body parts of human beings, often leading to devastating long-term effects like amputation.

With his new grant from the Fulbright US Scholar Program, Kalyanasundaram will travel to high-risk villages across India during the 2014-2015 academic year. During his travels, he will conduct extensive surveys of infection areas within India, and will work alongside officers from the World Health Organization (WHO) to conduct disease testing and talk about prevention measures.

For over ten years, Kalyanasundaram has been working on a vaccine to treat the roughly 1.4 million people who suffer from lymphatic filariasis around the world. While the exact amount of Kalyanasundaram's grant was not disclosed by Fulbright, his trip to India will be facilitated by J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the US Department of State.

Originally from India, Kalyanasundaram holds a B.S. in Zoology, an MVSc (Masters in Veterinary Sciences) in Veterinary Parasitology, and a Ph.D. in Immunology. He also holds a DVM (Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine), and completed his post-doctoral fellowship at Cornell University.

Under Kalyanasundaram's gene mining project, which he oversees at his lab in Rockford, Kalyanasundaram and his colleagues have "identified more than 40 new functional genes from schistosomes and filarial organisms." He has two patents to his name, at least 12 publications as an author or co-author, and is a member of several organizations, including the Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology.

The Fulbright Awards was established by former US Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas in 1946. Since then, it has given grants to over 318,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists, scientists and other professionals to give them "the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns."

Hey, Golfers! Come Participate in a Tremendous Outing, Meet Celebrities and Support the ISVMA/OCSA One Health Initiative to Increase Awareness of the Symptoms of Ovarian Cancer

'85 Chicago Bears Super Bowl Champs to Support 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Benefiting The Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization's Veterinary Outreach Program

The Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization (OCSA) hosts its 2nd annual Golf Tournament and Dinner to benefit its awareness campaign at Boulder Ridge Country Club in Lake in the Hills, Illinois on Monday, July 14. Honorary chairman Rafer Weigel, ABC7 Chicago's sportscaster, will welcome '85 Super Bowl Champs and former Chicago Bears players, Jim Morrissey and Otis Wilson, and all will participate in the day-long activities.



Event co-chairs, Dr. Cindy Charlier and Dr. Kurt Klepitsch are coordinating the charity golf

tournament to raise much-needed funding to expand the unique awareness program OCSA has developed, the Veterinary Outreach Program (VOP), with key partners in the veterinary community, the Illinois Health Department and the One Health Commission.

Statistics show that ovarian cancer is diagnosed in one of every 55 women and is the number one gynecologic cancer killer. More than 22,000 women are diagnosed with this cancer every year. The VOP exponentially spreads awareness surrounding the silent symptoms of this disease through the conversations pet owners have with their trusted veterinarians, important public health protectors.

Highlights of the event charity golf tournament include: Krank It Hole's \$100,000 shoot out and \$5,000 putting green plus Krank it Hole Driver contests, unique at-the-hole entertainment including spirits tasting with Blaum Bros. Distillery and competitions to win signed sports memorabilia provided by Auction Merchandise Source, plus numerous auction items including luxury travel packages, original art, dining packages from Chicagoland restaurants Ovie Bar & Grill, Cyrano's Farm Kitchen and more.

Registration: 10 a.m.; Lunch: 11 a.m.; Shot Gun Start: 12 noon; Cocktails, Dinner and Auction: Beginning at 4:30 p.m.; Live Auction: 7 p.m.

Foursome pricing for golf, lunch and dinner: \$950; Single golfer, lunch and dinner: \$250; Dinner only tickets: \$80. To purchase tickets, visit: www.ovariancancersymptomawareness.org/events.

Veterinary industry sponsors to date include: Henry Schein Animal Health, Midmark Corporation, Fox Valley Veterinary Dentistry & Surgery. Additional sponsors are welcome. Contact OCSA executive director, Vallie Szymanski at vallie.szymanski@ocsachicago.org for information.

The Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization is a Section 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. Donations to OCSA are deductible as a charitable gift.

AVMF Seeks Veterinarians in Indiana to Volunteer or Visit Animal Connections: Our Journey Together Exhibit

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) have partnered with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and Zoetis to create "Animal Connections: Our Journey Together," a custom-built exhibition housed on an 18-wheel truck that introduces visitors of all ages to the complex bond between humans and animals. The exhibit's tour kicked-off at the 2013 AVMA Convention in Chicago, in July, it is now traveling throughout the USA.

The exhibit will stop at Fair Oaks Farms, 856 N 600 E, Fair Oaks, IN, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 14, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 15. The exhibit will be free with paid admission to the farm. The AVMF invites all local veterinary students, faculty, veterinarians, their clinic staff, clients and families to visit the exhibit.

AVMF is seeking Veterinarians and Veterinary Students to volunteer for one of several two hour shifts to work with the public within the exhibit. Volunteers will interact and engage with the public about the veterinary field and the human-animal connection.

Anyone interested in volunteering or additional information should contact:

Laura Roth at AMVF: (847) 285-6689 or lroth@avma.org.

ISVMA Monthly Legislative Report

In an effort to keep ISVMA members more aware of Illinois politics and legislative and regulatory actions that impact their practices, ISVMA publishes a monthly legislative report. Please read the [May Legislative Report](#).

It is ISVMA membership renewal time! Pay your ISVMA membership renewal dues online!

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2. Once you have logged in, you will see a link called "Member Renewal" in the floating orange box on the right hand side of your screen. Click on that link to pay your dues.

ISVMA member dues invoices will be mailed next week and are due on June 30, 2014. Please pay your dues before the deadline to avoid any interruption in your membership status. When you pay your dues this year, please notice that the invoice form allows you to make an additional contributions to the Veterinary Medicine Political Action Committee (VMPAC) and the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF).

VMPAC supports the lobbying activities of the ISVMA and, with the significant turnover in the legislature, we will need more PAC funds to help our members get to know their legislators better by attending fundraisers paid for by VMPAC.

Donations to the IVMF, a 501(c)3 charity, are used to provide scholarships and to develop and support charitable programs related to the veterinary profession. 100% of every dollar contributed to IVMF is spent on the scholarships and programs established by the organization's mission. All administration for the IVMF is donated generously by the volunteer board members and ISVMA staff. All contributions are tax deductible.

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Thank you for your continued support and participation!

Prospective veterinarians and CVTs can join now and get 3 weeks of ISVMA membership free!

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SVMA membership continues to grow and we set new membership records every year. We want all veterinarians and CVTs to join 3000 of their colleagues and become an ISVMA member today! Please encourage your colleagues to take a moment and fill out the [online membership application](#) and pay your dues with your VISA or MasterCard.

Do you know about ISVMA's tremendous success lobbying state government on your behalf? Have you seen the new Epitome magazine that is mailed to every DVM and CVT member? Have you participated in ISVMA's high quality, affordable and accessible CE programs? Has your practice saved money through one of our sponsored benefit programs?

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