



## **DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT**

### **CALICUT UNIVERSITY BOTANY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (CUBAL)**

The first meeting of the Calicut University Botany Alumni Association (CUBAL) was held on 28-01-2006 at the Seminar Hall of the Department of botany. This foundation meeting was inaugurated by Prof. K. S. Manilal, former Head of the Department and attended by 68 members. The first Executive meeting was held on 23.09.2006 and resolved to hold a General Body meeting and family get together, to honour retired teachers, to print department brochure, to provide financial assistance to economically backward students and to print a directory of old students.

The second General Body meeting was held on 11.11.2006 in the Seminar Hall of the Department of Botany, and 70 members were attended. An eight members Executive Committee and Office bearers were selected. Prof. Nabeesa Salim was elected as the President and Dr. A K Pradeep was elected as the Treasurer.

The Executive committee meeting held on 09-03-2007 at the Dept. of Botany ratified the action of the President providing aid to financially backward students of MSc programme. Ms. Dhanya a third semester MSc student was given Rs.500/ month for 12 months as a sponsorship by Dr. Nabisa Salim. Ms. Poornima and Ms. Shyni were given Rs. 250/ for 12 months as sponsorship by Prof. Leelavathy, Retd. Professor, Botany Department.

Executive Committee meeting held on 31.11.2007 at the Department of Botany decided to conduct a get-together in January 2008. The meeting decided to officially name the Association as “Calicut University Botany Alumni Association” and to elect Secretary and Treasurer separately and to operate bank account jointly.

The third annual General Body meeting and get-together meeting of CUBAL was held on 12.01.2008 in the seminar hall of Botany Department. A total of 78 members were attended the meeting.

The fourth general body meeting was held on 06-01-2010 at the Department of Botany in which 31 members participated. Lunch was provided at the Botanical Garden. Prof. KV Mohanan was elected as the President and Dr. Yusuf as Secretary.

The fifth general body meeting was held on 13-11-2010 at the Department of Botany in which 16 members participated. Dr. Babu Ambat, Director CED, Thiruvananthapuram inaugurated the function followed by his speech on the topic "Ecology and sustainable development". Endowment was distributed to meritorious students. Lunch was provided at the Botanical Garden. Eight member Executive Committee and office bearers (Secretary Dr. Yusuf, President Dr. K V Mohanan and Treasurer Dr. Sunoj kumar) were selected.

Executive Committee meeting held on 31.10.2013 at the Department of Botany decided to conduct Alumni meeting and get-together on 14-12-2013. Also resolved to honour retired teachers of the department.

The sixth annual General Body meeting and get-together meeting of CUBAL was held on 11.01.2014 in the seminar hall of Botany Department. Altogether 32 members attended the meeting. Eight member Executive Committee and new office bearers were selected. Dr. Santhosh Nampy was elected as the Secretary and Dr. M. Shamina as the Treasurer. The meeting accepted Rs.25,000/ contribution from Prof. Neelakandan to institute scholarship to meritorious and needy students.

Executive Committee meeting held on 22.02.2016 at the Department of Botany resolved to conduct the seventh 'Alumni meet' on 19-03-2016 together with Dr. Unnikrishnan endowment function. The meeting resolved to collect Rs.1000/ as life membership and Rs.200/ as annual membership. Also resolved to distribute mementoes to Ph.D scholars of the department and to give Rs.2000/ as scholarship to one student each from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> semester MSc programme.

The seventh annual General Body meeting and get-together meeting of CUBAL was held on 12.03.2016 in the seminar hall of Botany Department. Altogether 69 members attended the meeting. Prof. Unnikrishnan endowment function was held at the meeting in which Prof. P V Madhusoodanan delivered the memorial lecture. Dr. K V Sankaran, former Director, KFRI Peechi made an invited talk on "Invasive alien plants in Asia problem and remedies". Eleven member Executive Committee and new office bearers was elected. Dr. Santhosh Nampy was elected as the Secretary and Dr. Sunojkumar as the Treasurer. The meeting resolved to institute endowment in the name of retired teachers and to conduct alumni meet every year.

The eighth annual General Body meeting and get-together meeting of CUBAL was held on 17.01.2018 in the seminar hall of Botany Department. A total of 66 members attended the meeting. Prof. Unnikrishnan endowment was distributed. Thirteen-member executive committee and new office bearers (Secretary Dr. A K Pradeep and Treasurer Dr. Sunojkumar) was elected. Dr. Rajesh suggested starting an endowment in the name of Prof. B K Nayar.

The ninth annual General Body meeting and get-together meeting of CUBAL was held on 23.03.2019 in the seminar hall of Botany Department. Altogether 32 members attended the meeting. The function was inaugurated by the Hon. Vice Chancellor of Calicut University Dr. Muhammed Basheer. Retired teachers were honoured at the function. The GB resolved to elect six-member Executive Committee and new office bearers. Dr. Sunojkumar was elected as the Secretary and Dr. M. Shamina as the Treasurer.

Executive Committee meeting held online on 17.09.2021 at the Department of Botany resolved to conduct the tenth 'the first virtual Alumni meet' on 19-03-2016. Also resolved to honour National Award winning teachers and former teachers of the department and to distribute mementos to Ph.D. completed scholars.

The tenth annual General Body meeting and first virtual get-together meeting of CUBAL was held on 26.09.2021 Altogether 92 members from different countries joined the meeting using Webex platform. The function was inaugurated by the Hon. Vice Chancellor of Calicut University Prof M K Jayaraj. The Vice Chancellor declared the endowment winners. National award-winning teachers (Padmashree Prof. K S Manilal, Prof. M. Sabu, Prof. Santhosh Nampy, Dr. A. K. Pradeep) were honoured at the function. Thirty two Ph.D. scholars were honoured with mementos. The GB resolved to elect new Office bearers and Executive Committee as per the norms of Calicut University Alumni bye-law.

The online executive committee meeting held on 13.11.2021 had taken the following major decisions:

1. On par with the byelaws of the Calicut University Alumni Association, the following changes were affected in the panel of office bearers:

President: Prof. P. V. Madhusoodanan

Vice President: Dr. Manju C. Nair

Secretary: Prof. Jos T. Puthur (HoD)

Treasurer: Dr. Pramod C.

2. The following Endowments/Awards proposed by various divisions were accepted:
  - a. **Prof. P.S. Krishnan Endowment** (2 awards for M.Sc. Students, one for top scorer in Physiology paper, one for top scorer in Biochemistry paper – Physiology & Biochemistry Division).
  - b. **Prof. B.K. Nayar Endowment** (M.Sc., top scorer in Pteridology paper – Pteridology Division).
  - c. **Prof. K.S. Manilal Endowment** (M.Sc.– Taxonomy Division)
  - d. **Prof. John E. Thoppil Award** (M.Sc., top scorer in Cell biology paper – Cell & Molecular Division)
  - e. **Prof. P.V. Madhusoodanan Award** (Pteridology)
  - f. **Gregor Mendel Award** (Genetics and Plant Breeding)
3. Resolved to deposit the money contributions towards the proposed endowments/awards as Fixed Deposits in the Calicut University Employees Housing Co-operative Society. The interest amount arising out of these deposits can be used for expenses related to the concerning awards.
4. Decided to complete the process of constituting the above awards by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
5. Decided to utilize the interest amount of existing Endowments equally for awarding the endowments.
6. Decided to support poor students (M.Sc.) using the general contribution received in CUBAL. Also decided to start a special fund collection drive for this purpose.
7. Resolved to conduct the endowment function after the publication of Semester III result itself.
8. Decided to constitute token awards (mementos) for those M.Sc. students qualifying UGC/CSIR JRF/NET while studying in the Department.

With the institution of new Endowments/Awards, the total number became Eight.

1. **Prof. V.V. Sivarajan Endowment** (Taxonomy)
2. **Prof. Unnikrishnan Endowment** (Applied Plant Science)

3. **Prof. Sailas Benjamin Endowment** (Genetic Engineering)
4. **Prof. P.S. Krishnan Endowment** (Physiology)
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7. **Prof. K.S. Manilal Endowment** (Taxonomy)
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9. **Prof. P.V. Madhusoodanan Award** (Pteridology)
10. **Gregor Mendel Award** (Genetics and Plant Breeding)