

Our History

For more than fifty years the Malaysian Society of Animal Production (MSAP) has brought together the people who work in animal production in Malaysia: researchers, veterinarians, academics, students, government officers and industry.

MSAP was registered on 24 September 1973. A Protem Committee of ten founding members, mainly staff of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Malaya, prepared its Constitution. The Committee was chaired by the late Tan Sri Dr. Anuwar Mahmud, with Professor Syed Jalaludin as Secretary/Treasurer. The inaugural meeting in 1974, at the Selangor Veterinary Office, elected Tan Sri Dr. Anuwar Mahmud as the first President, and in 1975 the Secretariat moved to the Department of Veterinary Services.

The Society's first major undertaking was the international symposium *Feedingstuffs for Livestock in South East Asia*, held in Kuala Lumpur in 1977, which began its tradition of published proceedings. In 1978 MSAP introduced book prizes for the best animal production students at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, UPM.

In 1980 MSAP led the First Asian-Australasian Animal Science Congress at Universiti Pertanian Malaysia, Serdang. The congress founded the Asian-Australasian Association of Animal Production Societies (AAAP), with Malaysia among its eight charter members and Professor Syed Jalaludin as its first President.

Today MSAP continues to hold an annual conference, publish the *Malaysian Journal of Animal Science* and recognise outstanding students. Its purpose is unchanged: to give animal production its due status as a profession, and to keep the people who work in it talking to one another.

