Indian Division Holds Annual Meeting in Bhubaneswar

The Veterinary Pathology Congress-2013 was held November 21 – 23rd in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India. The Congress included the 30th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists (IAVP), the 4th Annual Meeting of Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists (ICVP), and the 8th C.L. Davis Satellite Seminar presented in India.

The 8-hour seminar, ‘Pathology of diseases of poultry, avian wildlife and pet birds’, was presented by Dr. Cynthia Bell, Diagnostic Pathologist at the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Covering gross pathology of infectious and non-infectious diseases of birds, the seminar was intended to provide an opportunity for trainees to prepare for the certification examination conducted by the Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists. The satellite seminar was co-organized by the Indian Association of Veterinary Pathology (www.iavp.org) and the CL Davis Foundation through its representative & Officer in India, Dr. Vipan K. Gupta.

Subsequent to the Congress, Dr. Bell toured small-holder poultry operations in the area, where she was invited to perform diagnostic gross examinations on the daily mortality. Her visit was graciously hosted by Dr. Susen Panda, Professor of Veterinary Pathology at the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), where Dr. Bell had the privilege of becoming acquainted with many of the veterinary students and faculty. Other highlights included visits to the beautiful Nandankanan zoo (including a post-mortem exam on a jackal) and to many of the temples* that are a distinctive feature of the state of Odisha, India.

*No post-mortem exams were conducted at holy places, although some of the naughty temple monkeys toed the line between life and death.