

**Prof. Dr. Suraj Unniappan, visited CUK under the University of Saskatchewan**

**Global Ambassadors Program** the Department of Animal Sciences (currently being renamed as Zoology), and the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, both under the School of Biological Sciences.

**Days and Duration of the Visit:** July 21 – August 2, 2019; 13 days (including travel)

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Main Activity = Teaching (MSc Students):** prof. Suraj.U taught Endocrinology to MSc Biochemistry and MSc Animal Sciences (20 hours; excluding exam marking) students (~70). An additional two hours were spent leading a discussion on higher education and career planning in science. A test based on the contents delivered was administered at the end, marked, tabulated and grades were submitted to the respective Departments. I was very impressed with the quality of students.

**Other Activities**

- Reviewed one PhD thesis draft from Animal Sciences, and provided detailed feedback on contents and presentation by meeting with the student and supervisor.
- Conducted several meetings throughout my stay with Deans, Chairs, faculty members, and students on a wide range of topics including curriculum contents and revisions, accreditation, future collaborations, joint funding applications, student and faculty exchange, and future visits. We agreed to pursue all avenues to make these shared goals possible in the future.

**Impact:** This visit to the campus to teach was a very meaningful to the CUK, especially its students and myself. I was told that this is the second visit of a “foreign” faculty member to the School of Biological Sciences to teach in its 10 year history. Both students, and faculty enjoyed my presence, and utilized my availability. Overall, it was a very positive experience, and my belief is that I was able to motivate at least some of the students to consider science, research and the UofS in their future plans. I am keen t

o return to the CUK in future to continue these activities.

**Representative Photos (as requested) with Captions:**



**Right:** In front of the Administration Building with Drs. Rajendra Pilankatta (Associate Professor and Dean, School of Medicine and Public Health) and Divya Lekha (Assistant Professor, Animal Sciences). They were my co-hosts for this visit.

**Bottom:** The Godavari building where the Department of Animal Sciences is housed.





**Above:** Views of the Central University of Kerala campus, from the Administration Building.



**Above:** With Dr. Gopa Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of the CUK, and Dr. Divya Lekha, my host.



**Above:** One of the lectures on endocrinology. Attendees are MSc students from the Departments of Biochemistry and Animal Sciences.



**Above:** Meeting with Dr. Gopa Kumar, Vice Chancellor to discuss the goals of the visit and future plans.



**Above:** From another lecture on endocrinology. Attendees are MSc students from the Departments of Biochemistry and Animal Sciences.