

Dr M Rosalind George, who has joined as Dean Fisheries, KUFOS was working as Professor and Head, Department of Fish Pathology and Health Management at FCRI, Thoothukudi, TNJFU. She started her career as the Junior Merit Teaching Fellow in the Department of Fishery Microbiology at College of Fisheries, Mangalore for almost two years during 1988-1990. In 1990 she joined as Assistant Professor in Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, where she served as Associate Professor and later as Professor from June 2008. A native of Paisakari, Kannur district, she graduated in Fisheries Science from College of Fisheries, Panangad and did her MFSc from College of Fisheries, Mangalore. She completed her PhD from the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University by working on vibrio pathogenesis. She secured Gold Medal for the First Rank in BFSc and MFSc from Kerala Agricultural University and University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore respectively. She was also the recipient of Dr. Richard Masillamony Gold Medal from Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University for her PhD programme.

Dr Rosalind bagged the Young Scientist Award from the Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch and later won international recognition by winning the Young Scientist Research Fellowship from the Asian Fisheries Society, Manila. She was instrumental in developing Fish Disease Diagnosis unit in the Department of Aquaculture, FCRI, Thoothukudi in early nineties with the help of the Asian Fisheries Society research grant and Microbial Biotechnology Laboratory with research funding from various external agencies. She has also undergone international training in Culture Fish Disease Management in the Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling, UK under the FAO fellowship.

She has been a member of the team in developing fish cell lines from tropical fishes and characterisation of new viral agents from infected tropical cultivable fishes. She has operated different research projects including international collaborative projects from external funding agencies like DST, DBT, ICAR, NICRA, NFDB and industry institute collaborative funding. She was instrumental in establishing the TNJFU referral laboratory for fish and shellfish disease diagnosis in the Fisheries College and Research Institute Thoothukudi. Her work among others included, DNA fingerprinting and genomic plasticity of virbio strains, development of vaccine candidates and immunostimulants for shrimp disease control and pathogenicity variations in white spot syndrome virus subjected to environmental stress. She had published over 80 research publications and several popular articles for the benefit of farmers and entrepreneurs. She is a reviewer for different national and international journals and various funding agencies. She is the recipient of various other research awards including travel grants and best research

paper awards. She has visited Australia, Norway, UK and Bangladesh for academic purposes.