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Welcome New TAHC Laredo Region Director Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi

AUSTIN – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is pleased to announce the new Laredo Region Director, Dr. Muzafar Makhdoomi.

Dr. Makhdoomi was born and raised in Kashmir, India where he obtained his Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. Upon graduation, he completed a rotatory internship with a focus in livestock medicine. Later he received a master's degree in Veterinary Microbiology and Immunology, where he successfully developed a vaccine against footrot in sheep.

Makhdoomi then pursued a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom, with special focus on molecular epidemiology and genomics of *Dichelobacter nodosus*, the causal agent of ovine footrot.



Following Makhdoomi's doctoral degree, he pursued an additional master's degree in Preventive Veterinary Medicine at University of California Davis, while also completing his residency in Livestock Herd Health and Reproduction. During his residency, he gained vast experience in population medicine, veterinary epidemiology, disease surveillance and monitoring, and management of infectious diseases at an individual and a herd level.

"I'm very excited to serve as Laredo Region Director," said Dr. Makhdoomi. "With my background and a strong belief in teamwork, I am dedicated to offer my support to my team to ensure progress and continued growth. As a leader, my goal is to strive for excellence and develop a team of dedicated individuals committed to safety, excellence and innovation."

Dr. Makhdoomi is married to Sheema and they have a two-year old daughter Alvina. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, fishing and playing cricket.

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