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Front Cover: **THE HOODED CROW** (*Corvus corone cornix*)

The hooded crow is a Eurasian bird species in the genus *Corvus*. Widely distributed, it is found across Northern, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe, as well as parts of the Middle East. It is an ashy grey bird with black head, throat, wings, tail, and thigh feathers, as well as a black bill, eyes and feet. The Hooded crow is abundant in Israel in the North and Central Israel, preferring human settlements. It can also be found in the south of Israel near human settlements. The suggested place for viewing these birds is in the region of the Golan. The hooded crow is omnivorous. It drops molluscs and crabs to break them. On coastal cliffs, the eggs of gulls, cormorants, and other birds are stolen when their owners are absent. The hooded crow often hides food to feed on later, especially meat, nuts and insects.

Mr. Moshe Tachnai generously provided the pictures for the covers of this issue.

Dear Readers,

I am happy to bring to your attention special aspects of the June 2022 edition of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine. We are fortunate that our new President, Dr. Michael Etinger, of the IVMA, is enthusiastic about the journal and is making substantial efforts to give support.

For some time now the “Egeret” section of the Journal has been lacking content. In view of the number of cases of food contamination and poisoning which we have been experiencing in Israel over the last few months, Dr. Etinger has prepared a summary of the events and recommendations for the future. Food hygiene is an important aspect of our daily lives. With three cases over a short period of time, this is the opportunity to take note and do something.

I find the current journal rather exceptional. From Turkey two articles on staphylococcal mastitis are presented, one in goats and the other in sheep. The articles are both well documented allowing the reader to study mastitis in both these species together in the present issue of the IJVM.

Also from Turkey is an article on the mite, *Varroo destructor* in Bees. The IJVM has not published articles in the past few years on bees and I am happy to publish this interesting and informative article.

The first outbreak in Israel of the European Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Virus in Swine is presented by Prof. Shaul Pozzi. It is pleasing to publish this first occurrence in Israel. This is what the journal is intended for, to disseminate information such and this. This article will be followed in the September 2022 Edition of the IJVM, by a well-documented review article on recommendations for the vaccination of swine in Israel, by Prof. Pozzi.

I continue to look forward to receiving articles from our readers. I remind you that the scope of the journal covers Israel and all the geographic region of the Mediterranean Basin. This is our environment, interest and future.

Wishing our readers all the very best,

Sincerely,

Dr. Trevor (Tuvia) Waner

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