

**I**LAF (Israel Laboratory Animal Forum), an organization which supports and organizes the continuing education of veterinarians and technicians working with laboratory animals has invited Prof. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz to lecture on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December in Rishon LeZion on the subject of the “Veterinary transformation of Human Medicine”. I met Prof. Natterson-Horowitz in Prague at a veterinary meeting and I am delighted that I was able to convince her to visit us in Israel and lecture on the subject of “Zoobiquity: The Astonishing Connection between Human and Animal Health”.

Prof. Natterson-Horowitz is a cardiologist in the UCLA Division of Cardiology and in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She also serves as a consultant to the Los Angeles Zoo. Her academic passion is the evolutionary connection between human and animal bodies and minds. The field of study and enthusiasm merges with the concept of “One Medicine”. Prof. Natterson-Horowitz has written a bestselling book in 2012 together with Kathryn Bowers, which has won a number of important acclaims.

Prof. Natterson-Horowitz has agreed to write a review article for our journal. It is an honor for us that she has agreed to do so. In her article she reiterates the advantage of veterinarian experience and claims that by “applying a comparative perspective to any biomedical question can generate novel hypotheses and spark creative solutions to intractable challenges”. Veterinary Medicine is by nature a decidedly comparative field putting us into a very special situation in relation to our patients and medical science. I recommend everyone to read her review article and you will see why everyone of us veterinarians can feel proud of our profession and our contribution to medicine. Our education and experience in treating a wide range of animals gives us, according to Prof. Natterson-Horowitz a special perspective in medicine.

I am also pleased that ILAF, in the spirit of the organization’s continuing professional education program has invited Prof. Natterson-Horowitz to lecture. ILAF continues to be a beacon of light in its ability to give its members, working with laboratory animals, the highest quality of continuing education by inviting experts from all over the world to help expand, replenish and refresh their knowledge in the significant field in which they are responsible. To ILAF, its governing board and to its Chairman Dr. Amir Rosner, well done. May your example be a light to other fields in veterinary medicine in Israel.

The journal also has a broad variety of interesting articles covering varied fields of veterinary subjects including bovine fertility, feline herpes virus infections, bovine mastitis, a porcine viral disease, imaging in ferrets, Toxoplasmosis in ducks, hemophilia in dogs, Brucella in humans and two articles on toxicology, one in a dog and the other in sheep. An article on the morphological structure of the syrinx in the Sparrowhawk is an interesting article that sheds light on how birds display their distinctive songs.

There is a lot for everyone to read. The journal is improving and I once again encourage all to play a part to the success of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine by contributing an article, review or case report to our journal bearing in mind our special role as veterinarians in the global field of medicine.

From one proud veterinarian to another.

I wish our readers a pleasant winter and Seasons Greetings.

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