

Dear Readers,

The world seems in turmoil. To add to all the worldwide events affecting millions of people, a particularly severe earthquake has affected our neighbors in Türkiye and Syria on 6 February 2023.

I am frequently in contact with Veterinarians and Scientists from Türkiye who contribute to the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine by publishing high quality articles documenting their findings and research relating to Veterinary Medicine in Türkiye. As the “scope” of our journal covers the “**Mediterranean Basin**”, articles from this geographic region are important and relevant to veterinarians living and working in this part of the world and are welcome contributions to our Journal. These countries, including Israel, have similar climates, fauna, flora, therefore binding all of us living in the region of the Mediterranean Basin.

As Editor of the IJVM I have written to some Turkish authors, expressing our sincere condolences and sympathies as a result of this tragedy, which has befallen the Turkish people.

In reply, three letters from authors from Türkiye are presented in the “Letters to the Editor” section.

*On behalf of the Israel Veterinary Medical Association,
we send our sincerest sympathies, support
and prayers to the Turkish People.*

Sincerely,

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