

## EDITORIAL

As of January 2010 the position of Editor of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine(IJVM) has been passed on to me after serving a number of years as a co-editor. I want to thank Prof. Zeev Trainin for his valuable contribution as editor of the IJVM over the past six years.

I am proud to inform all our readers that Prof. Hylton Bark has agreed to join the journal as co-editor. Substantial changes have been made in the editorial board and the associate editors. I welcome the new editorial board members and associate editors and thank all those past-editors and reviewers who have served the journal so faithfully over the past years.

It is important for any journal to define its scope and aims so as to fill some niche and purpose in the field. I have chosen to devote our journal to veterinary science and medicine pertaining to the Middle East and Mediterranean Basin. This choice will result in the journal taking on a unique function in veterinary science not filled by any other journal. Articles from the Middle East and Mediterranean Basin will be given preference in publication, however this will not result in the exclusion of original research articles of interest from all over the world.

As editor of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine. I set myself a number of goals: Firstly, I am dedicated to improving the standard of the journal which should serve as a "mirror" of the excellent standard of veterinary science in Israel. I am not sure that everyone appreciates the capability of veterinary science in Israel with its excellent Veterinary School and Teaching Hospital along with the abundance of many specialists, both Israeli specialists and Diplomates of the European and American Colleges, representing a broad spectrum of specialties. Under these circumstances, with the cooperation of everyone, the journal should become the mouthpiece of veterinary science and medicine in Israel and a pride to every Israeli Veterinarian.

I intend to apply for recognition by the United States National Library of Medicine and the National Institute of Health (PubMed) as soon as the journal has gained in stature, which I hope we can achieve by the beginning of 2011. This must be accompanied by an improved citation index which I believe is possible taking into account our potential.

Dialogue between the IJVM and the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine of the Hebrew University has already lead to cooperation in encouraging students to actively participate in writing unique case reports and reviews. A section devoted to these student articles will be started in the next publication of the journal.

Finally, I look forward to receiving manuscripts of all categories for publication (including Review Articles, Original Research Publications, Short Communications, Case Reports, Letters to the Editor and "What is your diagnosis?").

With the support of veterinarians from all fields of veterinary medicine and science the journal will succeed. I appeal here for your cooperation.

I look forward to the challenge ahead of us and wish us all lots of cooperation and success.

Trevor Waner, Editor