

## *Editorial*

**A**fter a cold and thankfully wet winter the atmosphere of spring can be sensed. From discussions with colleagues there is a lot of positive feedback regarding the journal, its content and quality. Besides the positive response from veterinarians in Israel, I have been receiving emails from contributors all over the world with compliments regarding the editorial and review process and the contribution to the quality of their articles. I thank all the reviewers for their contribution in this regard. Furthermore, I have had a number of requests to translate published articles from the journal to foreign languages. In general, the response I have received is that the journal has taken on a more relevant role in regard to veterinarians who besides having a ready access to the journal through the internet are finding the articles applicable and interesting.

The present issue consists of a number of articles that will be of interest to a wide range of veterinarians and scientists. I am very proud to publish an article by a prominent group of researchers in the field of evaluation of medical devices in swine. This field of research is very active in Israel and I am sure many will find this article interesting and important. I highly recommend this article to all those using the pig as a model for their research.

Melamine toxicity has been recently the subject of interest both to scientists and the public. In this edition we present an interesting article by a research group from China on the effects of melamine and cyanuric acid, a byproduct of melamine synthesis, on the ultrastructure of organs in mice.

For the small animal practitioners, the research articles on High Rise Syndrome in cats (I never really understood why cats want to jump from buildings) and the application of novel equipment to prevent perioperative hypothermia in anesthetized dogs will be of interest and I believe applicable. Canine monocytic ehrlichiosis is a significant disease in our area. Prof. Harrus and I have presented an article which is intended to narrow the gap between known pathological findings of this disease and the clinical diagnosis, in the hope that early diagnosis will allow for early treatment and timely therapeutic success.

Other articles covering the diseases of domestic large animals include swine fever, hypodermatitis and diseases caused by enterobacteria, which will be of interest to large animal practitioners.

Wishing all our readers a Happy Passover and Easter celebrations.

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