

Dear Readers,

The June Edition of the IJVM presents some interesting and novel articles which should be of interest to a broad spectrum of veterinarians.

Firstly, thank you Prof. Türkyılmaz for drawing our attention to a very interesting article on microbiological resistance of a 5,000-year-old bacteria *Psychrobacter* SC65A.3, isolated from an underground glacier from the Scarisoara cave in western Romania of 13,000 years. Surprisingly the bacteria were found to be resistant to 10 modern antibiotics used to treat diseases such as urinary tract infections and tuberculosis. The most important scientific message is not that a 5,000-year-old bacterium is resistant to modern antibiotics. Rather, it reinforces a growing body of evidence that antibiotic resistance genes existed long before humans began using antibiotics clinically.

A special thanks to Prof. Türkyılmaz for her continued highly esteemed contributions to the IJVM on the subject of Bacterial resistance in the field of veterinary medicine.

Prof. Türkyılmaz's team has also contributed to this journal's edition an informative article covering Phenotypic and Genotypic Characterization of *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis* and *Staphylococcus aureus* subsp. *anaerobius* from abscesses in small ruminants. The findings indicate that both caseous lymphadenitis and Morel's disease continue to be relevant for small ruminant health and production.

Dr. Michael Etinger's review article on Brucellosis introduces a novel approach, presenting the medical and legal aspects of the disease. The article emphasizes the importance of this disease among veterinarians and discusses from a medical point of view the legal implications for the diseased individual from both an acute and chronic prospective. The article is well written and provides a wealth of information about Brucellosis.

Dr. Blum and his team have presented an important article on the re-emergence of Bovine Tuberculosis in Northern Israel. The article has been written in great detail with reference to the historical diagnosis and presence of the bacteria in the north of Israel. The article is of importance not only to Veterinarians in Israel but should also be read and studied by our Northernly neighbours who could certainly learn a lot from this article and apply the information in order to contain this zoonotic disease in their settings.

I look forward to receiving more articles from our Israeli veterinarians.

Wishing all our readers all the very best of health and happiness.

Sincerely,

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