

Letters to the editor

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This letter refers to your inspiring, thought provoking Editorial in IJVM Vol. 69 (2) June 2014. Indeed you have voiced feelings of a true veterinarian. Veterinarians all over the world are ordained by God to be in the noblest of all noble professions! I fully agree with you that veterinarians, irrespective of where they are working in this global village must, as you rightly emphasized should inculcate “writing experience” and develop this as a new art form. Chronicled clinical experiences of field veterinarians will be immense benefit to the profession transcending national borders.

In my own personal experience, I continued scientific

writing (along with teaching as a guest in the faculty) after my superannuation on Feb. 29th, 1992 at the age of only 60. I feel, I have still a long way to go; learning is a continuing process! I would like to share with some of personal anecdotes as a veterinarian who had the privilege of learning under some of the greatest teachers and researchers of their time.

With best wishes for continuing success of the IJVM under your dedicated stewardship.

Thanks for bearing with me,

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I am an Israeli and American veterinarian and I have one publication in IJVM and have since been publishing in other peer reviewed journals.

I would like to submit more papers to IJVM in the future, but am troubled by the fact that the journal papers are not searchable in Pubmed.

I have read the requirements listed by pubmed for a journal, and it seems that our Israeli journal should qualify. I was interested in knowing if you foresee the future inclusion of the IJVM in those searchable journals.

This would definitely contribute to the status of the journal and encourage more authors to submit to the paper.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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REPLY:

Dear Dr. Billie Beckwith Cohen,

I have given a lot of thought to your letter and I want to add a response to my previous one. Building a journal's reputation is a long and difficult task. I am in the process of doing so and believe I am succeeding. The number of citations for 2014 has already reached record numbers and I believe this is only due to the quality of articles being published and appreciated worldwide.

I will apply to the PubMed in 2015 but I have learnt that searches on the internet are carried out more and more though “Google” and not necessarily on Medline itself. I think that our success is proof of this.

Still I agree we must be accepted to PubMed. In this regard I am constantly dealing with the phenomenon of the “Chicken and the Egg”. If I were to receive good high quality

articles our changes of acceptance would greatly increase. In this regard I have had some limited success in convincing some of my senior colleagues who still insist on writing all their articles to overseas journals. Their contribution (of just a few each year) to our journal would greatly aid in getting us into PubMed.

In this spirit, I invite you to write a review article of your choice of subject for the journal. Your contribution is important and will help to continue to generate a quality Israeli journal of veterinary science.

I hope I have convinced you.

Best regards

Dr. Trevor Waner

Editor in Chief

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