

Dear Readers,

This will be my 10th year as Editor-in-Chief of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine. My first journal was published in 2010. Editorship of the Journal has had its highlights and setbacks. In my first Editorial in March 2010, I set out a number of aims: most I have attained and unfortunately some of which were simply not in my power.

I “dedicated myself to improving the standard of the journal”: This I believe has been achieved, although I would have had been more satisfied if more of the articles would have originated from Israeli veterinarians. Proof of the improved standard of the journal lies firstly in our upgraded “citation index” and in the fact that two veterinary organizations have included the IJVM in their library, The “Veterinary Information network” (VIN) and the “International Veterinary Information Service” (IVIS). Besides, we are also included in the “Web of Science” database. All these are available on-line.

One of the outstanding successes of the journal lies in the introduction of our own website (www.ijvm.org.il), which has proved to be a great success. All the articles are available on-line and there is now a proposal to add the entire past journal articles to this website. I hope this will be accomplished in the near future.

Of special mention in the drive towards progress and advancement of the Journal, I want to thank Dr. Gad Simon who is both a member of the editorial board and a past Editor-in-Chief of the journal. His inspiration and assistance has been indispensable during these last ten years, without which I am not sure I could have continued.

Since 2010 a change in direction has been achieved through the cooperation from the “Koret School of Veterinary Medicine”. In particular, I want to call attention to Prof. Itamar Aroch who has been a source of support and encouragement. There is still a need to boost the interest of other senior members of the Veterinary School, and at this time their contribution is sorely lacking. The other potential source of scientific articles would be from the Kimron Veterinary Institute. With the exception of a few scientists, among them Dr. Irit Davidson from the Poultry Department and Dr. Shlomo Blum, Head of the Department of Bacteriology, only a few articles have been forthcoming. However, on the brighter side, the Committee for the specialization for large animals in Israel has decided that future specialists will be required to submit articles for peer review to the IJVM as a requirement for their recognition as specialists. I am striving to implement this requirement in Israel for all specialities in veterinary medicine.

This editorial would not be complete without mention and thanks to our Turkish colleagues’ contribution to the IJVM. The scope of the journal covers the “Mediterranean Basin” and information published from Turkey is regarded as integral to the knowledge of the region we live in. The articles received and published are of a high standard and are appreciated.

I will continue to apply for recognition to the United States National Library of Medicine and the National Institute of Health (PubMed) for recognition and inclusion. Again, this will depend on the contribution of Israeli veterinarians to the Journal. In this regard, I continue to believe that Israel needs a strong and recognized Veterinary Journal that should serve as a mouthpiece of veterinary science and medicine in Israel, and be a pride to every Israeli veterinarian.

I encourage veterinarians to support our journal and I look forward to receiving manuscripts for publication. I anticipate the challenge ahead and wish us all lots to cooperation and success.

Best wishes to all our readers.

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