

The International Society of Camelid Research and Development



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A letter from the chairman

Dear colleagues, friends, members of ISOCARD

I hope this finds you well.

During the period 12-16th March, 2023, the 6th international scientific meeting of ISOCARD was held at King Faisal University, Al-Hassa, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It was good to see many friends and to meet new colleagues, though many of our regular participants and active members of ISOCARD were unable to make it to the meeting and therefore were missed. I hope that we can all meet in the near future or at the coming 7th international conference in 2026, somewhere and hopefully the conditions will be better. However, during the meeting a new Executive Committee was elected following ISOCARD traditions, with three new members to join the new committee. The new EC members are Dr Pamela Burger as Vice-Chairman, Dr Moufida Atigui as General Secretary, and Dr Yili Imau as Scientific Officer. Both Dr Abdelmalek Sghiri, the Treasurer, and Dr Asim Faraz, the Public Relations Officer, have been re-elected. We had our first meeting on Thursday April 6, 2023, and I am pleased to say that all are excited to serve ISOCARD as members of the EC and fully committed toward achieving the objectives and the mission statement of ISOCARD.

I would like to take this opportunity and thank Dr Bernard Faye, Dr Wael Khamas and Dr Faisal Almathen, who served ISOCARD as EC members for the last two terms. Their contribution was deeply appreciated.

As my first letter to you as the new Chairman of ISOCARD, I would like to assure you of my commitments to the objectives and mission statement of ISOCARD. I would like to invite all those who haven't renewed their membership to do it please. With the current small number of active members, the society will struggle to survive. Please encourage colleagues and friends to join.

I would like also to take this opportunity and invite our colleagues from South America to join ISOCARD and participate in our activities. In order to be able to reach camelid scientists, a new initiative has been launched by establishing a liaison officer position that will be filled by an active member from each country. The liaison officer will be working closely with the EC to encourage participation in ISOCARD activities and attract membership.

Finally, a call to support our journal, "Journal of Camelid Science", by submission of your future work, and please encourage your colleagues to consider the journal for publication. We are open for suggestions and any ideas that would make the journal better.

Wishing you all the best of luck,

Regards

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