

## **A letter from the editor**

Dear members of ISOCARD, colleagues and Camelid Scientists,

It gives me great pleasure to release the 9<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Journal of Camelid Science*, which confirms our commitment to continue delivering quality information and support ISOCARD members and the camelid research community worldwide.

The journal adheres to its aims and continues to disseminate knowledge and help researchers communicate their research findings with the wider camelids research community. The journal has maintained its high standard that we established over the years and continues to thrive towards a better future.

The production of an international peer-refereed scientific journal has never been an easy task. Our journal is not an exception as it is becoming increasingly difficult to produce the journal with the decline in the number of paper submissions and the pressure on researchers to publish in high impact journals. We are trying hard to deal with these challenges but the pressure will not ease until we get our journal indexed. Regarding this, our application for indexing is still under review by both Thomson Reuters and Scopus, which will take at least another six months before a decision is made.

To increase the chance for our journal to be indexed, we need to maintain regular release of the journal, ensure high quality of published papers, maintain the multidisciplinary nature of the content, attract international submission, and maintain a world-class editorial team. To achieve this we need your help, firstly by considering the journal for publication and secondly by providing support in responding to reviewing requests by the journal. Without your help and support, it is unlikely that the journal will be able to continue into the future.

Authors should be proud of their contributions, which have served to strengthen the worth of this journal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the editorial board for their help and support and to the ad hoc reviewers and colleagues, whose reviews were greatly appreciated by me and the authors.

I would finally like to thank all authors, who have chosen the JCS for publication, for their patience, support and understanding.

Thanks again to all of you and I wish you all a happy, successful and prosperous 2017.

Rafat Al Jassim

Editor-in-Chief