

## **A letter from the editor**

Dear members of ISOCARD, colleagues and Camelid Scientists,

Welcome to the new issue of the *Journal of Camelid Science (JCS, Issue 11, 2018)*, which confirms our commitment to maintaining this important source of information for the benefit of camelid researchers and the advancement of knowledge. Our journal continues to enjoy an increase in popularity among readers and camelid researchers and, as stated by the Scopus Title Evaluation Team, “*the number of citations of articles published in this journal as cited by other journals already indexed in Scopus is excellent*”. This is also reflected in an increase in the volume of submissions during 2018.

The focus of our journal has and continues to be the dissemination of knowledge and assisting camelid researchers to communicate their findings with the wider camelid research community worldwide. While doing this, the journal has maintained its well-recognised high standard of scientific excellence. The journal, authors and reviewers share a responsibility to advance the quality and the standard of the journal, and all should be proud of what has been achieved.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all camelid researchers, including our counterparts in South America, to consider the *JCS* for publications. We would like to read more about the new camelids and learn about the progress made in better understanding the different aspects of their biology. A special thanks to members of the editorial board, colleagues and associates who have contributed to the journal through their intellectual input and precious time spent reviewing the submitted papers.

I would finally like to thank all authors, who have chosen the *JCS* for publication, for their contribution and dedication to the journal.

Thanks again to all of you and I wish you all a happy and successful 2019.

Rafat Al Jassim

Editor-in-Chief