

A letter from the editor

Dear members of ISOCARD, colleagues and Camelid Scientists,

Since its founding in 2008, the *Journal of Camelid Science* has devoted itself to publishing quality information and supporting ISOCARD members and camelid researchers. The journal has achieved an international recognition, Scopus indexing with current impact factor of 0.5 for 2020-21 and a record of 15 issues. However, the road toward success was not smooth, and these achievements did not come easy. While moving forward and thriving toward improvement, we have had to address some serious challenges, mainly issues related to publishing quality work and processing time of submitted manuscripts. Our journal is just like many others that are setting high standards and trying to adhere to that standard under pressure from competitors, especially the predatory journals who provide fast publications for money. Unfortunately, most of these commercial journals are recognised by many educational institutions in countries with noticeable camelid research activities. We need all the help and support from our ISOCARD members and camelid researchers worldwide to consider the *J Camelid Sci* for publications and to devote some of their precious time to support the journal in the review of submitted papers.

I would like to take this opportunity and acknowledge the great help and support we received from members of the editorial board, colleagues, associates and above all from researchers who have chosen the journal for publication of their quality papers.

Authors should be proud of their contributions which have served to brace the worth of this journal. I strongly encourage all camelid researchers to submit your work for consideration for publication in the *J Camelid Sci*. 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 *J Camelid Sci* for publication, for their patience, diligence and dedication to the journal, and understanding.

Thanks again to all of you and I hope that you and your families remain safe during this difficult time of COVID-19, wishing you all peace, health and prosperity.

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