

**ISOCARD** proved itself as a successful entity of camelids scientists since its establishment in 1999 in Morocco. The recent successful conference of 2023 in Al Ahsa, Saudi Arabia is an excellent indication of the continuous successes ISOCARD achieved since its establishment.

The progression of successes in recognition of ISOCARD Journal of Camelid Science (JCS) for example is the inclusion within SCOPUS list and other scientific venues. That inclusion resulted from the effort of the editor in chief Dr. Rafat AL Jassim through his communications and establishments of scientific relationship with considerable number of camelid scientists throughout the world in addition to the support of the journal by most of the members and their collaborators submission of manuscripts for publications. The journal accepts original and review articles focusing on camelids (camels, alpacas, llamas, vicunas, and guanaco) sciences in the areas of interest of anatomy, physiology, nutrition, genetics, production, reproduction, management, and diseases.

JCS continues to excel and compete despite the vast number of predatory journals. However, it is still mandatory that supporters and members of ISOCARD need to publish their better-quality research findings to show their support to the journal. The needed manuscripts/papers should come from our active researchers and their collaborators to boost the journal's international recognition which will result in improving the journal visibility and reflect on its impact factor.

It is understandable that researchers looking for a higher impact factor compared to JCS which appeared at first glance as a legitimate reason. However, it is well known that impact factor is a poor metric and not a perfect measure for judging publications because it has its own limitations. One of these limitations is that it focuses on the average number of citations to recent articles in a journal, which may not accurately reflect the quality or scientific impact of individual articles. However, each of us researchers can support JCS from time to time and submit our superior quality research to be considered for publication. This approach will result in improving the impact factor of the journal, if that is what we are looking for, and will encourage young scientists in addition to the established researchers to consider the journal through improving its visibility.

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2024 as the International Year of CAMELIDS (IYC 2024). FAO is the leading agency for celebrating the year in collaboration with other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system. IYC 2024 is an opportunity to highlight and raise awareness among the public of the economic and cultural importance of camelids and to foster the consumption of the goods produced from these mammals, including edible goods, to contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. Taking that in consideration, we all need to support ISOCARD to enhance the understanding of the importance of camelids especially for the vulnerable people around the world through our research and publications.

Let us be together for this goal and try to support our journal by sending case reports on clinical issues, congenital abnormalities, effect of pollutants, new surgical approaches in addition to one of your excellent quality bench type of research to ISOCARD journal (JCS).

We wish you a very productive year and looking forward to receiving manuscripts from you in the near future.

May you all have a happy and productive new year.

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