

## EDITORIAL

Three months ago we sadly took our leave from Dr. Israel Glass, a colleague and a prominent figure on the veterinary scene in Israel, who died of cancer at the age of 72. Dr. Glass was the immediate past-president of the Israel Veterinary Association, a position he held for three terms. For four decades he had served as head of the department of veterinary municipality services of the twin towns of Kfar-Saba and Raanana. At a moment of crisis, he was recruited for a period of two years by the Israeli Veterinary Services to lead veterinary surveillance on public health issues, conducted by all municipalities throughout Israel.

Dr. Glass was a fearless fighter for matters close to his heart, and most of all public health issues. Dr. Glass was the 'Protector' of colleagues who were sometimes under "cross fire" because they insisted in implementing the state laws concerning veterinary control and public health matters.

Dr Glass served for many years as an associate editor of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine, besides editing "Igeret", The Israel Veterinary Medicine Association's Bulletin (in Hebrew).

His passing is a great loss to the veterinary community in Israel.

In the current issue I would like to draw your attention to selected abstracts from the latest Annual Symposium of the Israel Veterinary Society of Microbiology and Immunology. These interesting abstracts reflect the essence of the current research activity on these topics in Israel. We recognize with satisfaction the increasing research interest in veterinary microbiology and immunology in Israel.

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