

Editorial

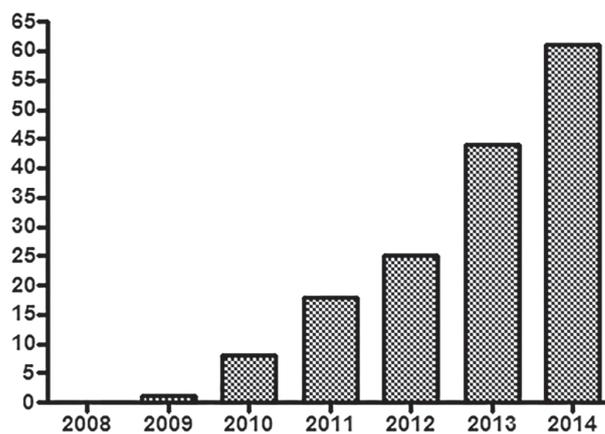
Since my commencement as editor of the Israel Journal for Veterinary Medicine (IJVM) in 2010 I have chosen a species of animal each year to be portrayed on the cover of the journal. For example in the year 2010 different breeds of horses appeared on the cover, in 2011 dogs and in 2013 cats. The year 2015 has been declared the “Year of the Sheep” by the Asian communities and it is just by chance that I also decided to choose this species. The sheep ranks in the eight position of animals in the Chinese zodiac and represents solidarity, harmony and calmness. I welcome all our readers to submit pictures of sheep for inclusion on the cover of the journal during this year, 2015.

The present issue presents four articles on bovine medicine and three on equine medicine. This is very pleasing and I welcome more articles relating to these species. Two articles deal with exotic species medicine, both articles are from overseas. One article from Italy through the gracious support of Prof. Mario Giorgi a good friend of Israel and the other through Dr. David Eshar a former student of the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Monica Mazuz from the Kimron Veterinary Institute presents an interesting first case report of pups infected concurrently with Neospora and Hepatozoon. Prof. Ibrahim Balkaya has presented a survey on the presence of Toxoplasma and Neospora in wild boars in Eastern Turkey. So there is a lot for everyone to read.

The endeavor of a number of countries to boycott Israeli academics is discussed frequently in the media. I want to remind our Israeli veterinary scientists that this issue may one day affect all of us and also future veterinarians. I raise this issue to emphasize the importance achieving a good professional Israeli veterinary journal of a high standard. In order to achieve this, the journal must receive support from veterinarians in Israel.

The status of the journal is improving annually and this year we have reached another record in the number of citations which have been on the ascent since 2010 since I assumed the editorship of the IJVM. I have included a graph of the number of citations per year from 2008 to demonstrate our achievements. This increase would have been even more significant if only the Journal had the support of senior academic veterinarians, which I urge and for look forward to in the very near future. This is not my first request for this cooperation and a group-effort from academic veterinarians as documented in many of my editorials will hopefully signal a change in their minds and attitude.

NUMBER OF CITATIONS OF ARTICLES BY YEAR



The excellent standard of veterinary research in Israel is reflected in the abstracts of the 37th Symposium of the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine. I am proud to publish these abstracts and I congratulate the organizers in gathering such admirable research presentations.

The Editorial board of the IJVM wishes all its readers a pleasant and safe spring. To those going on holiday and attending conferences, wishing you safe travels and successful conferences.

Chag Pesach Samach.

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