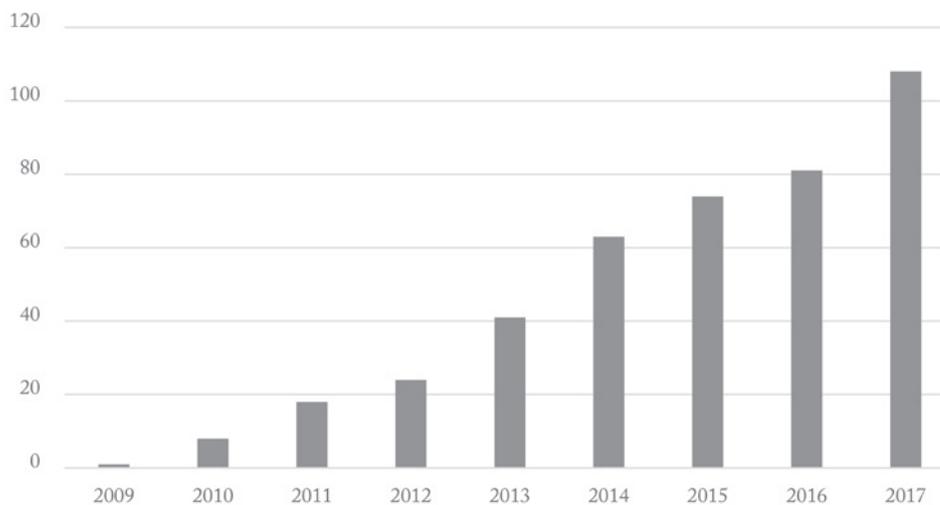


I am proud to report that our citation record continues to increase. This achievement is due to both the quality of articles being published and the visibility of the journal allowing researchers to find articles from the journal without difficulty. Below I present the graph of the citation data from the year 2009 at which stage I started as editor of the journal, to 2017.

I am also happy to bring to our attention the addition of Dr. Shlomo Blum to the Editorial Board of the IJVM. Dr. Blum is a veterinary bacteriologist who has been of great scientific assistance in reviewing articles for the journal. I welcome Dr. Blum as a great assist to the board.

Number of citations for the IJVM (2009-2017)



This edition of the IJVM has some interesting and relevant articles: Dr. Shaul Pozzi and his co-workers present concrete evidence of the first outbreak of Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome in Israel. Although the disease is prevalent in Europe and the United States, this publication represents a special local opportunity for the journal to be the first to report this disease in Israel.

At present Israel is going through a rabies outbreak in the north of Israel. The number of cases of rabies has risen dramatically: Since the beginning of 2017 there have been more than 50 cases of rabies in Israel. In 2016, 29 incidents were reported and in 2015, 27 cases. The IJVM presents in this edition an interesting review entitled "Rabies Prophylactic Approaches" by Dr. R. Ramya and colleagues from the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in India. The article offers a review of the different prophylactic approaches which is certainly of interest during these times.

Sadly Prof. Nissim Silanikove, an expert on milk products and laccation, passed away recently. In this current journal we publish an article written by him and his co-workers shortly before his passing. An obituary and information about Prof. Nissim Silanikove is presented at the end of the interesting article.

Our condolences to the family.

Wishing all our readers a pleasant spring

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