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A letter from the editor

Dear members of ISOCARD, colleagues and camelid scientists,

Welcome to the new issue of the Journal of Camelid Science (JCS) and please accept my sincere apology for the delay in releasing this issue. This year has been a very productive for ISOCARD, starting with the successful conference held in Muscat, Oman and ending nicely with the release of volume 5 of the JCS. Also, members of ISOCARD have published in other scientific journals, edited new books, participated and presented in international conferences and been actively communicating with each other. I am sure you will agree that our journal has maintained its high standard and all authors who have published in this journal should be proud of their contributions. All articles were subjected to a rigorous independent peer reviewing process and thorough editing and proof reading. 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 the authors and me.

I would like to thank all authors, who have chosen the JCS for publication, for their patience, support and understanding.

Thanks again to all of you and I wish you all a happy, successful and prosperous 2013.

Rafat Al Jassim

Editor-in-Chief