

A letter from the editor

Dear members of ISOCARD, colleagues and Camelid Scientists,

It gives me great pleasure to release the 8th issue of the Journal of Camelid Science, which adds to ISOCARD's success stories and achievements during 2015. It was in June this year that we had our 4th international conference in Almaty, Kazakhstan. It was a memorable event and proved to be another successful sequel to the series of international conferences we held in the past ten years.

The journal adheres to its aims and continues to disseminate knowledge for sustainable uses of camelids for food and other human needs. The journal is also committed to fostering communication and collaboration among scientists working in the different research areas of camelids. The production of a solid scientific journal has never been an easy task. In fact, it is becoming increasingly more difficult with the decline in number of paper submission and the increase in competition from countless numbers of online journals that offer fast publications.

In order for our journal to continue to prosper and maintain the consistently high standard we have worked hard to establish, the journal needs your support. This must be done by firstly considering the journal for publication and secondly by providing support in responding to reviewing requests by the journal. Without your help and support, it is unlikely that the journal will be able to continue into the future.

Every issue of the journal is a testimony to the high quality and esteem of all authors who have published their works within it. As such, all authors should be proud of their contributions which have served to strengthen the worth of this journal. 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 me and the authors.

I would finally 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 2016.

Rafat Al Jassim

Editor-in-Chief