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INTERNATIONAL CAMEL ORGANISATION AT SAUDI ARABIA AND CAMELID ANTIBODY FACILITY UNIT AT DUBAI, UAE

Camel based activities are strengthened in Arabia at global level by establishment of the International Camel Organisation (ICO), a non-profit entity to be headquartered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. It aims to expand the base of practice, equipment and sites for camel activities all over the world, ensure fair competition and raise awareness about the harmful effects of stimulants on camels. It would also envisage to encourage scientific research on camels and enriching world literature with books and translations by supporting studies, authors and translators. The organisation will hold conferences, courses, seminars and will issue regulations aimed at enhancing safety training for all its members. It will also establish research centres and provide technical expertise as well as research grants in various fields relating to camels in order to enrich cultural and scientific knowledge in the field on a global scale. The ICO will also publish magazines and newspapers and will launch TV, video and radio channels in order to contribute to the dissemination of knowledge through educational, cultural, scientific, historic, sports and media programmes.

Advances in camel research is bringing good dividends to the readers and researchers. Scientists from the Camel Research Centre at King Faisal University, in cooperation with the University of Nottingham, have discovered the most important genes responsible for the mechanism for determining the colours of 10 kinds of Arabian camels. Many kudos to Dr Nisar Ahmad Wani, scientific director of the centre for informing that first successful cloned camel of their centre- Injaz is expecting her third calf.

The Central Veterinary Research Institute, Dubai, UAE, under the supervision of Dr. U. Wernery, Scientific Director, has brought out a unique product containing *Clostridium perfringens* A α toxin camel hyperimmune globulin (see on website www.cvrl.ae) which is highly purified and consists of pure immunoglobulins. The purified IgGs are then further concentrated to 5g/L and filled in 100ml sterile transfer bags. It helps boosting the animal's immunity. After 30 years of devoted service to the CVRL, Mrs. Renate Wernery who played a vital role in the growth and success of CVRL, has retired now after giving 30 years of service and was given an affectionate farewell by the staff of the laboratory.

The April 2019 issue contains important papers on dromedary camels which include research on *Brucella melitensis* caused abortion, one-humped camel in Bangladesh, pancreatic hormones-immunohistochemical localisation, ultrastructure and morphometry of prostate gland, respiratory mycoplasmosis, sequence analysis of toll like receptor 1 gene, sevoflurane anaesthesia, balantidiasis, dermatophytosis, histology and histomorphometry of the second stomach chamber, rectal prolapse, modulation of phenotype and function of neutrophils and D- and L-lactate in milk. However, the Bactrian camel research includes a special paper on Bactrian camel caravan culture in stamps, vaginal myiasis, slaughter performance and skeletal muscle fibre type and forestomach bacterial microbiota.

You will be happy to note that JCPR has started receiving more manuscripts eversince it has become triannual. A greater enthusiasm of camel scientists and researchers is sincerely acknowledged with thanks. I am sure that the future issues of JCPR would bring more new information for the readers.



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