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EDITORIAL

ADVANCES IN CAMEL SCIENCE

The organisers of 7th International Veterinary Congress which is scheduled to be held in Paris, France from September 04-06, 2017 have decided to host a special session on "Advances in Camel Science" and Dr. T.K. Gahlot, Editor, JCPR has been entrusted to organise this event by inviting camel scientists from world over. There is a very good response from the camel scientists to attend this conference. The School of Oriental and African Studies [SOAS, London] will host a fourth international conference examining, documenting and celebrating camel cultures from around the world. A Two-Day Conference to be held in London on 29th–30th April 2017 on 'Camel Cultures: Historical Traditions, Present Threats, and Future Prospects'. The second national conference on camels shall take place in Iran from 21-22 January 2017. ISOCARD is yet to announce the venue of next camel conference in 2018.

The members of editorial board suggested for one article with title "*Eimeria leuckarti* from dromedaries camel calves" published in the Journal of Camel Practice and Research's June 2016 issue (Vol 23 No 1, p 91-94) that the *E. leuckarti* should be read as *Eimeria cameli* in the paper. An erratum is given in the current issue for this error. Camel Publishing House appreciates the keen interest of camel scientists who read the journal thoroughly and point out irrelevant matter published unintentionally.

The current issue is rich in articles based on new and old world camelids. The history of camel is appearing in a series since last few issues of JCPR which is authored by R Trevor Wilson. The title of current issue paper is "The one-humped camel in the Anglo-Egyptian military campaigns in Sudan, 1885-1926". Many kudos to the author for contributing in this field. A review of anaesthetic drugs used for premedication, sedation, induction and maintenance in camels (*Camelus dromedarius*) in field situations has been authored by Zuhair Bani Ismail, Jordan. Comparative performance study of four different serological tests for the diagnosis of dromedary brucellosis by Dr Khan, Wernery and others and Seroprevalence and risk factors of brucellosis in camels in and around Alzulfi, Saudi Arabia are important research on a zoonotic disease. Filamentous fungi isolated from cases of camel skin lesions and camel calf diarrhoea in Riyadh region, Saudi Arabia are important clinical manuscripts.

Effect of ficin enzyme on semen viscosity in dromedary camel and Seed germination test as an alternative urine-based non-invasive pregnancy test in alpacas (*Vicugna pacos*) marks the important research in the field of reproduction. Genotyping of *S. aureus* obtained from skin wounds of camel based on Capk genes, isolation and molecular characterisation of actin gene of *Trypanosoma evansi*, molecular modeling and docking study of acetylcholinesterase, retrospective analysis of ocular affections and S-100 proteins expression in the testis during breeding and non-breeding seasons, effect of fermentation by selected lactic acid bacteria on the chemical composition and fatty acids of camel milk and gross morphology and histopathological features of cutaneous neoplasia are few other manuscripts on diverse subjects. A series of ultrasonographic studies on thoracic, abdominal and urinary affections saturates the imaging section of this issue.

Camel Publishing House wishes a happy and prosperous New Year 2017 to all the members of editorial board and readers.



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