

EDITORIAL

I am very happy to present you the second issue of the **JCPR**. Its first issue has been received with great appreciation by our curious readers worldover which has given me a great fillip and impetus to work untiringly for this unique journal. Albeit people yet doubt its continuum but fact remains that foundation of this journal has been strengthened by its connoisseurs to the extent that manuscripts worth four issues of **JCPR** are with us as on today. I am quite sure that the journal has not reached to all the countries though I am trying hard for it. Readers may help us in giving a wide publicity to this journal so that more concerned scientists and practitioners may be involved. I am grateful to the members of the editorial board for evaluating every manuscript of **JCPR** critically enough to conform to the standards of the **JCPR**. Discrepancies if any, will be overcome and I avouch that every issue of the **JCPR** will be a step ahead of previous issue.

I once again emphatically reiterate that this journal is a domain of all those who think and work for camel. My endeavours would therefore remain to converge all concerned to the mainstream of the **JCPR**. Camel Publishing House remains indebted to **Drs Engelhardt** and **M. Lechner-Doll** who provided us matter to bring out the proceedings of 'Satellite Symposium on 'Physiology of Digestion and Metabolism of Camelids', held at Hannover in October'94. It is heartening to know that **Dr. M. Lechner-Doll** has agreed to become sub-editor for this issue.

My mail was replete of queries about **IACPR** and its objectives. Friends, **IACPR** is a platform, yet in infancy, but requires to be nurtured by you by hosting state, national or international level conferences, symposia or workshops under its banner. I am sure that **IACPR** will not prove to be only a queer notion of its founder but hopefully it may emerge out as one of the viable association amongst other professional associations.

The bygone year was full of events centered around the camel. Mauritania's workshop on 'Camel and dromedaries as dairy animals', Hannover's satellite symposium on 'Physiology of Digestion and Metabolism of camelids', introduction of the first ever exclusive journal on camels-**JCPR** and few books on camels are some noteworthy additions. The new year shall begin with impending Bikaner's Camel festival and Kenya foresees to host the Maralal International Camel Durby (**MICD**) and **GECKR** in October. Many more surprises are in offing.

This issue has focussed on ethnoveterinary practices, physiology, reproduction, pastoralism and diseases of dromedary and anatomy of the bactrianus camel apart from regular features. We are grateful to **Dr Xing Xu Zhao** who translated chinese thesis abstracts into english and thus facilitated the access to this segment of bactrianus camel research to our

readers. **JCPR** envisages to introduce new columns like 'research in progress' and 'clinical trials' which would be an information bulletin of current ongoing research and clinical trials of newer drugs on camels. I plead to all head of the institutes to send the report on camel's ongoing and past research done at their places. Abundant information is available on camel science and sports and hopefully our readers will find these information in the forthcoming issues of **JCPR**. I conclude with a pledge to meet you in June issue of **JCPR** and hope to receive your continuous support to this journal.

I wish a happy and prosperous new year to all readers.

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