ISRAEL JOURNAL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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WHAT DO I ENVISAGE FROM THE ISRAEL JOURNAL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE?

1. A Journal representing the state of veterinary medicine in Israel
2. A Journal in which at least 50% of the articles will be from Israeli Veterinarians.
3. Articles from Middle Eastern and Mediterranean basin countries.
4. A journal with a high ethical standard regarding animal experimentation
5. A journal for future generations of Israel veterinarians - scientists
Ultimately, the impact factor depends most on a journal’s **visibility**, which is directly related to the size of its scientific community (members, subscribers, and researchers via indexes and online).
The Israel Veterinary Medical Association

The Israel Veterinary Medical Association was founded in 1922 by four of a total of seven who were Veterinary Surgeons in Israel at the time.
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About our journal a little history

- The journal founded in 1947
- The Israel Veterinary Medicinal Association (IVMA) was established in 1922
- Journal of the “Histadrut” IVMA
- Four times annually
- Present citation index 0.18 (expected to increase to about 0.4)
About the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine

- Types of articles: Review, case reports, research articles, letters to the editor
- The journal is peer reviewed.
- Scope: Mediterranean basis area
### Possible sources of articles

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Where will the articles come from?

- Hebrew University (research articles)
- Haklalit (case reports)
- Private Practices (case reports)
- What is your diagnosis?
- Student articles
- Mediterranean veterinary institutions
- Foreign veterinary institutions
- Invited reviews
- Book reviews
Why should I write an article??

- You have got something useful to say
- You want to *initiate* a debate about an issue.
- You want to use it to enhance your career prospects.
- You want to use it to facilitate collaboration with colleagues.
- You have been asked by the editor to contribute an article.
- You like to see your name in print.
Writing

Requires reading

Reading is a learning experience and puts your thoughts in order

Learning puts you up to date with current thoughts and techniques

You are constantly updated on your topic

You have written and proved yourself by being accepted by a “peer reviewed” journal
• Writing and documenting your experiences is everlasting
• It is your proof of your experience and value
• It is your contribution to veterinary science
• It is yours!!!
• This is proof of what you have done in your profession – think of a new job application, think of application for a bursary – make the advantage yours.
How to improve the citation index of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine?

• Acceptance to PUBMED
• Publication of quality research articles
• Publication of quality review articles
• Convince Israeli Veterinarians to write
• Impress upon Israeli Scientists to write

• QUALITY! QUALITY! QUALITY!
Veterinarian - Scientist

- **Definition**: Veterinary medicine is the branch of science that deals with the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease, disorder and injury in animals.

- But who are we in reality?

- We should look upon ourselves as “veterinary scientists” or “clinician scientists”.

Other issues!

- PDF to author before publication
- Adverts in the journal
- English / Hebrew
- What to do with the China, India, Pakistan, and African articles?
- How to get more Mediterranean basin articles?
- How to get more Israeli articles?
Competition?

• Another veterinary journal “Clinica” dealing mostly with case reports appears 4 times a year
• It is the journal of the Small Animals Veterinarians in Israel
• The journal is not peer reviewed
• The journal is in Hebrew only
• The journal carries many advertisements which the organizers encourage ($$$).
Frustrations

• Israeli’s preferring overseas journals
  • Excuse – their promotion
  • Lack of PubMed citation
  • Overseas is recognition
  • Difficulty in getting reviewers to do their reviews.
• I find myself doing a lot of the reviews
• I edit the English
• It is a lot of work

BUT I LOVE IT AND BELIEVE THAT THERE IS FUTURE FOR THE ISRAEL JOURNAL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
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