

Editor's note



Dear theriogenology friends,

Paradigm shift

I am so thankful to the Ad hoc committee (Drs. Riley Thompson [committee chair], Divakar Ambrose, and Brian Whitlock) for their hard work and approval of our leadership to move our journal to its next stage of its growth (open access) with the ultimate goal of getting recognized (PubMed indexing) in the scientific world.

Yes, our journal will become 'open access', incidentally, this will be the last hard copy issue!

My profound thanks to Omnipress staff and project managers (Kristi Connelly, Jessica Fogarty, and Lisa Poster) who were very helpful during the last 4 years.

Process

A link will be in place in appropriate portal(s) to submit manuscripts to our journal. We will inform (via our list servers) once the platform becomes available (November). Manuscripts accepted by the Editor for publication shall be published online either continuously as they are accepted and edited, and/or collated into online issues.

Manuscript that are processed currently, including 4 canine symposium papers, and those that will be submitted to the journal (editor) will be processed for open access via Open Academia Publishing Services.

We will stive to maintain our journal's current typographic design and layout (including citations and references) initiated by Dr. Ahmed Tibary. It took a while by the founding editor, Dr. Bob Youngquist (10 years) and me (4 years) along with the copy editor (Dr. John Kastelic) to arrive at the current Clinical Theriogenology style and policy. Thank you, Bob, John, and Ahmed.

Special issues

We will collate manuscripts that are prepared for those 15 special issues and publish them online. I will continue to be in touch with the Guest Editors and bring special issues to fruition.

Conference issue

Conference issue will be eliminated. Instead, conference proceedings (manuscripts, presentation notes, and abstracts) will be compiled for the online conference website and not on the open access website. However, excellent quality manuscripts from the proceedings will be chosen by the Editorial Board for the peer-review process to be included in the open access journal. This will encourage speakers to accept presentations for the conference without the requirement of submitting a full proceedings article, though a shortened document of presentation notes will still be required.

Welcome to our new Executive Director

Many colleagues may be aware that Dr. Charles Franz has passed on the rein of executive directorship to Ms. Betsy Griener. Watching Betsy's involvement with our journal activities (via recent zoom meetings), I do firmly believe that our journal will continue to grow under Betsy's leadership. Charles has done a fine job and personally, it was a wonderful experience for me to serve along with Charles on the ACT Board and with our journal for the last 4 years. Thank you, Charles, for your 2 decades of friendship and tremendous support, we will be in touch.

Please feel free to write to me (petera@purdue.edu), if you have questions or concerns, thank you all.

Wish you all a wonderful New Year!

Regards,

Augustine