

Dear theriogenology friends,

Hopefully this conference issue will be very useful to follow along for those who will be participating in the ‘virtual platform’ of the conference. To others who are not attending virtually, there is wealth of information on these pages. Conference leaders invited scholars working in various aspects of theriogenology to share their expertise and truly we are the beneficiaries of their willingness to contribute amidst their busy schedule for the benefit of many. We are also thankful for the session chairs for their time and efforts to plan and deliver this meeting.

Theriogenology will continue to make progress in all aspects of its mission; quality abstracts submitted to the committee is only 1 proof of it. I thank the abstract committee for their dedication and perseverance. Research and case abstracts from undergraduate students are a ‘breath of fresh air’ and surely theriogenology will flourish because of strong mentorship, critical thinking, and intellectual creativity that exist in our discipline. It was so encouraging to receive a following note (in quotes) from a student in response to my request to approve an edited abstract ‘I approve of the edits. Thank you for your hard work on this, as I’m sure reformatting all the abstracts for consistency is no easy feat. It is greatly appreciated.’ All students who participated and Dr. James Alexander, organizer of student abstracts, deserve our appreciation.

Normally, the journal does not publish presentation of a ‘Theriogenologists of the Year’ awardee. We did it this year, since I believe it will motivate many as they read the ‘theriogenology journey’ of our colleague, Professor Claire Card. Theriogenology, will continue to shine in academia and in practice for it has the best and the brightest talent and it is the ‘back-bone of veterinary medicine’. Please be sure to read Professor Ahmed Tibary’s surgery paper; our discipline will have a tremendous impact in academia, if we continue to foster and grow reproductive surgery in our programs in collaboration with surgeons.

I will be remiss, if I do not recognize the efforts of our ‘point person’ for conference papers and abstracts in our management office, Ms. Tara Beasley. Tara, thank you for your patience and persistence. I also sincerely appreciate Professor John Kastelic’s relentless effort to bring consistency to copyediting.

Regards,

Augustine