

## Editor's note

Dear theriogenology friends,

Clinical Theriogenology journal, managed by the Society for Theriogenology, is entering its 13<sup>th</sup> year. I am very thankful to many colleagues including the founding editor (Bob Youngquist) and the copy editor (John Kastelic) for helping me to grow as an editor during the last 3 years. Furthermore, members of the editorial board have been a tremendous help. I am extremely thankful to our management office (Charles Franz and Tara Beasley) and Omnipress to generate every issue in a timely and orderly manner. I appreciate the encouragement and support from the leadership of Society for Theriogenology and American College of Theriogenologists.

As I was organizing the manuscripts for this issue, I went back and reread the mission of our journal. Yes, our journal continues to provide a venue for our students, residents, practitioners, and clinical investigators in our profession and in allied professions to publish their scholarly work. In addition, conference and symposium papers and conference abstracts also add value to our journal. I appreciate the outstanding job of our conference leaders and session chairs and I am very thankful for colleagues who give their time and effort to submit quality manuscripts and abstracts, and work with me and the reviewers to refine and improve their publication. The Scientific and Abstract Committee of the American College of Theriogenologists enables our journal to publish quality abstracts. Chairs and members of this committee have worked untiringly to fulfil their remits and responsibilities. I do recall my days of serving on this committee and it was a wonderful learning experience.

This issue has 2 manuscripts that describe laparoscopy ovariectomy technique in 2 species addressing 2 clinical situations. I sincerely encourage colleagues to create case and technique reports to make our journal more beneficial.

In addition to excellent reviews that are published in the conference issue, we welcome review papers similar to the 1 published in this issue. We have many talented and experienced scholars in our field and allied fields who can create high-quality reviews in many applied aspects of theriogenology. As I have been in the last 3 years, I will personally continue to reach out to colleagues to create reviews and look forward to publishing 1 or 2 this year. Please do help me! In this regard, Igor Canisso suggested to have series of reviews in comparative topics across species or very species-specific topics that would be of general interest. Creating reviews (both mini and series) by theriogenology residents will enable them to develop their writing skills under the tutelage of their mentors. For example, Richard Hopper and Maria Ferrer are working with their residents to write reviews on clinical topics.

I was very much encouraged by the number of research reports submitted for consideration last year and I am confident that we can do much more in 2021. I implore colleagues working in various theriogenology arenas to submit research reports, an area that our journal has to definitely improve. I earnestly desire to receive more manuscripts in all 4 areas (research, clinical case(s), technique, and review) of our journal in 2021. Please help our journal to continue to grow!

Please feel free to write to me ([petera@purdue.edu](mailto:petera@purdue.edu)) if you have questions or suggestions.

Regards,

Augustine