

Editorial

Dear friends of theriogenology,

Welcome to the conference issue (September) of our journal. But for time and effort freely provided by so many, this conference issue would not have made it. Session chairs were very gracious in gathering manuscripts from presenters. Scientific abstract committee has done a fine job in organizing abstracts (I do remember the days when I served on this committee). Special thanks to Ms. Tara Beasley of our management office for collecting documents and being a go-to-person for this important endeavor.

As always, it is so good to have a scholar and friend in Dr. John Kastelic who amidst all his tight schedule helped us in copy-editing 25 manuscripts and 79 abstracts, thank you John!

Time spent in corresponding with colleagues (students - scholars) and time spent in completing (orderly and decently) this task, all well worth their effort. Many responded with alacrity and sincerity to my early morning e-mails. Thanks to them all for their patience with me and to my wife of 43 years who kept me going each morning with an Indian tea (thank you Damayanthi!). Believe me, I learned quite a bit in the last 3 months after spending ~ 200 hours. I am truly thankful for this providential assignment.

We are truly thankful to Omnipress for accommodating us so well. In our effort to bring a consistent and uniform pattern of formatting, editing, and copy-editing to our journal, we might have made a few unintentional mistakes and errors. Please forgive us and we will do a better job for the next conference issue. Please feel free to catch me at the conference to share your thoughts and suggestions.

Looking forward to work with incoming session chairs, members of scientific abstract committee, leaders of our organizations, our management office (Dr. Charles Franz, Executive Director and Ms. Tara Beasley, Director of Meetings and Events), and Dr. John Kastelic for the 2020 conference issue.

Sincerely,

Augustine

