

Editorial

Volume 33: A year of 7 issues

Volume 33 contained 87 General Articles, 11 Short Communications, 11 Case Reports, 14 Editorial Leaders and 1 Review. It consisted of 743 pages contained in 7 issues, Number 7 being despatched with Number 6 in November. This is the first Volume to contain more than 6 issues since the number was raised from 4 to 6 in 1984 (*Volume 16*).

Of the 87 General Articles submitted, 41% (28) were from North America, 38% (26) from the UK and 21% from the rest of the world.

The 7th issue was devoted to Equine Immunology, a subject that both deserves, and is receiving, increasing attention from research workers and clinicians. In all, 19 of the 87 General Articles (21%) in *Volume 33* were devoted to Immunology followed by Locomotion, Respiratory function, Physiology and Medicine (9% each). There were 27 categories of subject matter, demonstrating the wide variety of content contributed to, and published by, the Journal.

Institute of Scientific Information (ISI)

The position of *EVJ* in the ISI's impact factor within the veterinary sciences category, in the year 2000, was 7th out of 128 journals listed. The impact factor was 1.479 and the cited half-life was 8.8.

A journal with a high cited half-life is one that has published material in the past on a regular basis and continued to be cited (i.e. influence research) in the current year's publication.

The impact factor (High Immediacy Index) reflects the use of references by research workers in the year of publication. In the 6 journals with higher rating, there was only one with a higher cited half-life, namely *J. comp. Path.*; and those with higher impact factors included *Vaccine*, *Theriogenology* and *Fish Shellfish Immun.*

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During 2002, we hope to include an online Index search facility for both *EVJ* and *EVE* and generally update and improve our browser and present search facilities. We are

also investigating the possibility of providing current and new *EVJ* subscribers with the option to be able to view *EVJ* online when they renew their subscription. Subscribers will be provided with a secure password and there will be only a small additional charge.

Projects for 2002

We are committed to publishing the Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Equine Exercise Physiology, taking place in Lexington, Kentucky in September 2002; and those of the 7th Equine Colic Symposium, being held at the Manchester Conference Centre, UK in July 2002.

Economics of journal production

From January 1st, authors of papers submitted to *EVJ* will be required to pay a fee of £50 towards the cost the peer review process. This charge is justified to support the considerable costs of the process; and it is hoped that it will be acceptable to authors as being modest, especially in the circumstances, that most papers are multi-authored; the kudos of publication in the Journal should also be considered, together with the fact that the assistance given by the peer reviewers is of considerable benefit.

Peer reviewers

Two hundred and forty-seven peer reviewers gave their time and effort within the context of their particular expertise to the peer review process during the year 2001. Their names are recorded on page 3 and the editorial team gives special thanks to these individuals without whose voluntary input the high standards of the Journal could not be maintained.

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