

Slovak Journal of Animal Science enters the second half-century of its existence with a new Editor-in-Chief and significant changes to the Editorial Board.

All further progress of SJAS will be built upon the work of past Chief Editors and members of the Editorial Board and it is with gratitude to them as well as the journal's publisher, NPPC – Research Institute for Animal Production Nitra, that I take this position. After many years of acting as a member of the Editorial Board of the journal, I wish to start my first volume as the Editor-in-Chief with a short reflection on the journal's history and a vision for its future.

Last year, Slovak Journal of Animal Science – formerly Journal of Farm Animal Science – celebrated its 50th anniversary. During its many years of existence as a scientific journal, it has undergone significant transformations. From annual publication in the Slovak language it expanded to quarterly issues, first in both Slovak and English, later exclusively in the English language, and it attracted international audience and contributions. Since 2006, all issues have been published online along with the print publication and the journal has also become a partner to the international scientific conference Animal Biotechnology, with the 4th issue of the year annually dedicated to the contributions from this event. Yet, despite the numerous changes to the journal itself as well as the institution of its publisher, SJAS has maintained its original identity and continuity. For this I wish to thank not only the publisher and the previous leadership, but also the authors and reviewers who contributed their time, work and expertise over the years.

Today, SJAS continues to aspire to publish high quality original papers, reviews and short communications from the sphere of animal science with the focus on biotechnology, husbandry and nutrition of livestock, quality of animal products as well as animal environment and behaviour. It is the journal's mission to disseminate the results of valuable research and to expand scientific knowledge. To do so effectively in the modern era requires new approaches to publishing. The aim of the already-noticeable as well as upcoming changes to SJAS is to modernize the digitalization of the entire publishing process, shorten the time from submission of the manuscript to reviews, and improve the accessibility of the articles through international databases.

In the editorial office, we look towards the future of SJAS with optimism. The journal will continue to adapt in order to best serve animal science and the scientific community, with commitment to the research integrity and the highest publishing ethics. We invite you to submit your work to SJAS as we prepare for the next 50 years of publishing.

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