

## EDITORIAL

In the past year we were faced with many challenges both globally as well as in the editorial office of the *Slovak Journal of Animal Science*, e.g. remote working, numerous restrictions in workspaces as well as in the everyday life and the necessity to safeguard the health of ourselves and our communities. Despite these restrictions we managed to publish all four full issues of the journal in 2020.

Production of livestock and quality animal products is an essential aspect to maintain the access to healthy and safe food and to ensure food security. Last year has highlighted the fragility of our existing food chains. *Slovak Journal of Animal Science* strives to contribute to the best science and practice by publishing high quality articles on topics across animal science and production.

To best serve this goal and the scientific community, we always strive to improve the quality of our publication process. Over the past few years, since I took over as the Editor-in-Chief, we have been working on improvements to the journal's accessibility and infrastructure to improve the experience for authors, reviewers and readers. The journal now resides on its own website. The Aims and Scope have been updated to best reflect the journal's mission, and the access to all relevant up-to-date information regarding the journal and its publication process has been improved. The manuscript submission and review process has been modernised by implementing Open Journal System.

As a result, SJAS has experienced growth in the number of manuscripts submitted to our journal as well as readers interested in our publication. In order to extend the scope of our journal and to enrich the spectrum of submitted manuscripts, SJAS has decided to expand its Editorial Board. I would like to express my gratitude to the standing Editorial Board members for their relentless work and dedication, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new ones. I look forward to working with you.

We want to continue to serve the scientific community with commitment to the research integrity and the highest publishing ethics. Our next steps will lead to the improvement of the journal's accessibility through international databases. There are still challenges ahead of us, but as our progress over the past years has shown, we are ready to meet them. We invite you to submit your work to SJAS.

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