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Editorial Board:

Volume 90 (2010) was produced by an Editorial Board of 21 Associate Editors and Dr Chantal Farmer as Editor-in-chief. Six Associate Editors completed their mandate in December 2010; they were J. Bailey, K. Koenig, T. McAllister, M.F. Palin, K. Schwartzkopf-Genswein and F. Silversides. Drs. McAllister, Palin and Silversides were appointed to another 3-year mandate starting January 2011. Three new Associate Editors started a first mandate in January 2011, being, S. Donkin (Ruminant Nutrition), K. Swanson (Ruminant Nutrition) and Luciano Gonzalez (Behavior and Management). Four statistical consultants agreed to help out Associate Editors in 2010, they are R. Cue, S. Méthot, R. Tempelman and Z. Wang. In 2011, three statistical consultants will be available, R. Cue and Z. Wang as well as S. Méthot, the latter starting in May. R. Berthiaume was the CSAS liaison on the CJAS Editorial Board in 2010 and T. McAllister and C. Gariépy were on the Scientific Journals Committee. Great thanks to all these people for their wonderful contribution to the Journal.

Journal Statistics:

Current CJAS statistics (Tables 1 to 3) give an overview of the performance of the Journal during 2010. Table 1 shows that as in previous years, the greatest number of published manuscripts was in the area of Ruminant Nutrition, (21). The second area with most papers was, as in 2009, Non-Ruminant Nutrition (12), followed closely by Welfare, Behaviour and Management (9). There was a sharp decline in papers published in Breeding and Genetics (1 instead of 9). Three reviews were published in 2010. The total number of published papers (and pages) slightly increased between 2009 and 2010.

Table 2 indicates that the number of submitted manuscripts in 2010 (138) increased as compared to last year (123). Of these, 11 are still in progress, yet when looking only at papers and short communications which are not outstanding (Table 2), the rejection rate is 43%. Up to now, in 2010, the rejection rates of AAFC, University and foreign papers were, respectively, 20 %, 24 % and 71 % (Table 4). This last number is a slight improvement as compared to the 77 % seen in 2009. As compared to last years, time to complete the review process increased (51 days) for Short Communications but decreased (24 days) for full papers (Table 3).

The number of submissions (Table 4) from Universities has kept quite constant (35 in 2010, 36 in 2009, 38 in 2008 and 40 in 2007) but the number of manuscripts from AAFC decreased from 30 in 2007 to 21 in 2008 and 20 in 2009 but only 11 in 2010. Submission of foreign manuscripts (88) was higher than last year (67). Unlike what was expected, the lower page charges for CSAS members starting in January 2010 did not help to increase submissions from AAFC scientists in 2010.

Editorial board meetings and SJC follow-ups:

The SJC committee held its annual meeting last November in Ottawa and some important follow-ups are:

1. Open access availability to CJAS has been extended to all but the current and previous 2 years' journals
2. In press manuscripts are now available on the CJAS site. When proofs have been corrected they are published on the web site. Because the journal is published every quarter there will be periods between the publication of one issue and the beginning of the next issue when there are no in-press papers on the web.
3. Publication of individual papers on an open access basis is now available. Authors will be charged \$1000.00 per paper in addition to regular page charges for open access.

Other business:

1. CJAS had applied for inclusion in the PubMed database. Sadly, it had been refused by the National Library of Medicine committee on the basis that the journal provides very little information relevant to humans. CJAS Editorial Board is currently in discussion about ways to improve CJAS reputation. Many suggestions have been made, studies for implementation of them are in progress. Suggestions to improve CJAS readership could be forwarded to me.

Respectfully submitted,

Christiane Girard
Editor-in-chief, CJAS
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Table 1. Discipline areas of paper published in Canadian Journal of Animal Science (2002-2010)

Volume Year	82 2002	83 2003	84 2004	85 2005	86 2006	87 2007	88 2008	89 2009	90 2010
Application of Technology	2	6	3	3	0	1	0	0	0
Welfare, Behaviour and Management	7	5	3	6	4	8	10	3	9
Biographical Sketch	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Breeding and Genetics	5	1	8	6	1	5	6	9	1
Cellular & Molecular Biology	4	3	5	4	3	1	2	3	0
Growth and Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Letters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meat Science	11	8	10	4	5	7	1	6	6
Nonruminant Nutrition	18	17	14	9	12	14	14	10	12
Other	0	4	2	2	0	2	0	1	2
Physiology and Endocrinology	9	12	4	5	5	9	12	1	6
Reviews	1	5	7	5	4	0	5	1	3
Ruminant Nutrition	21	27	28	20	23	27	28	19	21
Symposium/Workshop	0	8	0	0	5	0	0	0	4
Grand Total	82	96	85	64	62	74	79	55	69
Pages Published	643	844	814	560	612	664	753	558	616

Table 2. Disposition of papers (P) and short communications (SC) submitted to Canadian Journal of Animal Science, 2007–2010

	Assigned		Accepted		Outstanding		Inappropriate		Rejected		Withdrawn	
	SC	P ^{z, y, ~}	SC	P	SC	P	SC	P	SC	P	SC	P
Total 2007	25	126	20	57	0	0	0	0	5	51	3	15
Total 2008*	28	102	15	46	0	0	0	0	13	51	1	4
Total 2009[^]	19	104	16	50	0	0	0	1	5	45	1	5
Total 2010⁺	17	121	8	50	3	8	1	0	6	49	1	12

^zIncludes reviews, invited reviews, symposium/workshop papers.

^yIn 2008, one manuscript was submitted as a paper but rejected as a short communication.

In 2010, one manuscript was submitted as a paper but accepted as a short communication.

*130 total excludes 3 duplicate submissions

[^]123 total excludes 5 duplicate submissions

[~]Four submitted papers were accepted as short communications

⁺138 total excludes 5 duplicate submissions

Table 3. Average time (days) taken by associate editors and authors to process accepted manuscripts submitted to Canadian Journal of Animal Science, 2007–2010

DAYS TAKEN IN REVIEW OF ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPTS								
	Author		Editor		Reviewer		Total	
	SC	P	SC	P	SC	P	SC	P
Weighted Average 2007	33	37	74	78	38	55	145	171
Weighted Average 2008	19	33	68	63	27	40	112	136
Weighted Average 2009	24	35	58	70	29	40	111	145
Weighted Average 2010	36	29	82	63	43	33	162	121

Table 4. Source of manuscripts submitted to Canadian Journal of Animal Science - 2010

ORIGIN	TOTAL	ACCEPTED	UNACCEPTED	IN PROGRESS
FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL GOV				
AAFC -Agassiz	2	2		
AAFC- Lennoxville/Sherbrooke	3	2	1	
AAFC - Lethbridge	4	3		1
Alberta Agriculture	1	1		
Manitoba Agriculture	1		1	
TOTAL	11	8	2	1
INDUSTRY				
Eco Matters - MB	2	1		1
Essi Evans Technical Advisory Service - ON	1			1
Sheep Canada - NB	1		1	
TOTAL	4	1	1	2
UNIVERSITIES				
Alberta	6	6		
Guelph	6	4	1	1
Manitoba	9	7	2	0
UBC	3	2	1	
Saskatchewan	11	6	4	1
TOTAL	35	25	8	2
FOREIGN				
Benin	3		2	1
China	30	1	27	2
Denmark	1	1		
Egypt	1		1	
Ethiopia	1		1	
Germany	1	1		
Greece	2	1	1	
India	1		1	
Iran	5		5	
Ireland	1		1	
Italy	2	1		1
Japan	1		1	
Mexico	1		1	
Norway	1	1		
Poland	4	1	3	
Portugal	1	1		
Romania	1		1	
Spain	8	4	3	1
Thailand	1	1		
Turkey	6		6	0
Tunisia	1		1	
UK	2	1	1	
USA	13	10	2	1
TOTAL	88	24	58	6
GRAND TOTALS	138	58	69	11