Editor's Message

The Latin American Archives of Animal Production journal has been, since its beginning, a relevant scientific medium for the diffusion and dissemination of academic research in animal science from Latin America and the Caribbean to the world. Volume after volume, the magazine has been published continuously since its first appearance, having its editorial base in Puerto Rico. With the development of the internet, the servers that technically hosted the magazine's information were in Venezuela.

However, with the difficulties of public knowledge of the situation in Venezuela, the structures and connectivity deteriorated progressively, to the point that the magazine stopped appearing on the web for more than a year. During that time of absence of the magazine on the web, no new works were received. There was a real risk of definitive disappearance of the magazine.

At the initiative of Hugo Petrocelli (President of ALPA in 2003-2005) financial assistance was requested from AUPA (Uruguayan Association of Animal Production), to carry out the transfer of information from the magazine, which today is hosted on servers in Uruguay with address www.alpa.uy. The current AUPA board of directors unconditionally supported helping the magazine to regain its position on the web, on a provisional basis, until it can obtain genuine financial sources for its maintenance. The migration of the magazine to Uruguay was carried out successfully, reconstructing all the information lost due to the situation in Venezuela. Little by little the previous issues were inserted in the new site alpa.uy.

As editor-in-chief, I must thank the managing editor Omar Araujo-Febres for his dedication to the preservation and physical recovery of the information, previously hosted in Venezuela, for its transfer to the new servers. Also thank AUPA for the gesture of financially supporting the operations of the journal.

This volume, as the only volume for the year 2019 (Vol. 27 No. 1-4), will be published in August of this year. It contains five original articles that deal with, for example, cattle production in Brazil, rabbit breeding in Mexico, the enrichment of rabbit milk with conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) and pasture quality.

In addition, the editorial team was strengthened this year with the incorporation of Oscar de La Rosa with whom we are working aspects of the indexing of the numbers and of the magazine at an international level, of Juan Vergara-López who is collaborating strongly in the layout of the articles and Hugo Petrocelli who ensures the administrative part and the link with AUPA. The same editorial team is also organizing the regular volume for the year 2020, as Vol. 28, with publication dates in October (No. 1-2) and December (No. 3-4). With volume 28, the journal will once again be up to date with the chronological and correlative sequence of the published numbers. Finally, in addition to the planned regular issues, special thematic issues are being prepared that will be gradually incorporated into the magazine from this year 2020.

We can only thank the authors who send papers to the journal, the section editors who ensure the smooth handling of them, and the reviewers who ensure the academic and scientific quality of the journal.

The enthusiasm of the editorial team and of the many authors who are submitting new works through the address www.alpa.uy, allows us to foster a beautiful future for the magazine.

Many thanks to all the colleagues for trusting the journal.

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Latin American Archives of Animal Production.