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Editorial



On behalf of the International Association for Food and Waterborne Parasitology (IAFWP) and Elsevier we are delighted to introduce the inaugural issue of the international open access journal, Food and Waterborne Parasitology (FAWPAR). It is our privilege to welcome you as readers of the journal and to invite those involved in activities related to any aspects of food and waterborne parasitology to actively participate as appropriate by contributing research papers and registering for expert review of submitted manuscripts.

FAWPAR was established as the official organ of the IAFWP a new scientific body whose primary goals are to facilitate research, collaboration, networking, and dissemination of knowledge for the advancement of all aspects of work related to parasites transmitted by food or water. IAFWP and FAWPAR will focus on parasites which impact the health and welfare of humans. Studies dealing with prevalence, transmission, epidemiology, risk assessment and mitigation, including control measures and test methodologies for parasites in food and water are of particular interest. Evidence of the emergence of such parasites and interactions among domestic animals, wildlife and humans are of interest. Manuscripts with scientifically generated information on associations between diseases caused by food and waterborne parasites and lifestyle, culture and economies are also welcome.

FAWPAR will publish high quality original research papers electronically four (4) times each year. The format will be primarily full-length papers, but FAWPAR will also publish investigative reports including novel findings obtained from epidemiological investigations and case reports stemming from disease outbreaks caused by food and waterborne parasites. To report on relevant emerging and high profile issues to bring awareness and stimulate scientific debate, FAWPAR will solicit and publish relevant review articles.

Many parasites which are transmitted by food or water are poorly understood, and control of these parasites presents unique challenges for both humans and animals. Some of these result in widespread or serious parasitoses and have recently been categorized as neglected diseases. Consequently, food and waterborne parasitology is increasingly recognized as a priority area for study and the generation of knowledge for practical applications. Both FAWPAR and IAFWP will play key roles in the dissemination of knowledge on all aspects of food and waterborne parasitology, to stimulate critical thinking, networking, and research from basic to applied.

The success of FAWPAR will rely primarily on authors for their contribution of manuscripts reporting their research findings, and on reviewers for their valuable expertise and time in performing critical peer-reviews. FAWPAR is pleased to have an Editorial Advisory Board comprised of accomplished scientists from various fields of parasitology. They will be relied on for consultation and guidance to the journal. The experience and expertise of Elsevier as a world-leading publisher will facilitate the efficient and timely processing and publishing of manuscripts, and rapid global dissemination of knowledge.

We are excited to launch a journal in the field of food and waterborne parasitology where we believe the need to be significant. We encourage all who are involved or interested in this area to participate as appropriate in authorship, review and readership of FAWPAR and as an active member of the recently established International Association for Food and Waterborne Parasitology (www.iafwp.org).

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