

## Canadian Journal of Animal Science

### Annual Report to the Canadian Society of Animal Science for 2003, Volume 83

Volume 83 (2003) was produced by an Editorial Board of 21 Associate Editors and myself. Four Associate Editors completed their terms in December 2003: Berni Benkel, Ed Charmley, John Kastelic and Tom Scott; they were replaced by Nigel Cook, Doug Korver, Steve Moore and Daniel Ouellet. Paul McCaughey replaced Duane McCartney as CSAS Liaison Person. Mr. Tim Fenton is our Production Editor in the Ottawa Office and he and his staff continue to produce a quality product, of which we are rightly proud.

The attached statistics (Tables 1 to 4) give an overview of the performance of the Journal and its editors during 2003. In studying these statistics bear in mind that the year opens and closes with a number of manuscripts in the process of being reviewed and edited so that in general the reported totals may not be the sum of the parts. This report deals just with those manuscripts submitted to us during 2003.

During the year 2003 a total of 130 manuscripts were submitted to the Canadian Journal of Animal Science. This is an increase over 2002 (120), but similar to previous years (1998 -- 124; 1999 -- 133; 2000 -- 125; 2001 -- 99). We published 96 manuscripts in Vol. 83 (Table 1), which is a little above the average (91) for the previous seven volumes. The number of pages published in Vol. 83 (844) was also a little above the seven year average (722). The length of papers increased by almost one page over the seven year average (8.8 vs. 7.9 pp. manuscript<sup>-1</sup>). Ruminant Nutrition (27), Non Ruminant Nutrition (17) and Physiology (12) were the research fields generating the greatest number of manuscripts published in Volume 83.

In terms of acceptance / rejection rates for manuscripts received during 2003, Table 2 shows an overall average of 65% acceptance and 28% non-acceptance. This does not include the 10 manuscripts still being processed when these Tables were produced. Both percentages can therefore be expected to rise, but it is clear that the rejection rate will be close to the long-term average of about 25%.

The rejection rate was variable among editorial board members (Table 2) ranging from 0% to 44% (ignoring the 100% rejection rate for the new AE who was assigned a single Short Communication), but the numbers involved are small and a couple of rejected papers can make a big difference. Generally I do not detect any important differences in standards among the Associate Editors.

The average time taken to review full papers (169 days -- Table 3) is a slight improvement on last year and the year before (172 and 201 days respectively). The time taken to review Short Communications (119 days) is a great improvement over the last two year (162 and 159 days respectively). I indicated in last year's report that I intended to improve this statistic. We may be approaching the limit for optimizing quick turnaround with excellent reviewing.

Canadian Universities continue to be the major source of new submissions (47 in 2003). AAFC (42) and foreign institutions (31) were the other major sources (Table 4). We continue to welcome and encourage submissions from foreign countries, though inevitably the acceptance rate is low, for reasons that I've discussed in previous reports. An examination of the source of the non-Canadian manuscripts reveals that we received submissions from 14 different countries, the great majority (13) being from the US.

Overall, I feel that the Canadian Journal of Animal Science is in good health, and we have a diverse and dedicated Editorial Board who continue to work hard to produce a quality product. As always your suggestions and your manuscripts are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Mick Price  
Editor, CJAS

**TABLE 1. DISCIPLINE AREAS OF PAPER PUBLISHED IN CANADIAN JOURNAL OF ANIMAL SCIENCE (1996-2003)**

<b>Volume Year</b>	<b>76 1996</b>	<b>77 1997</b>	<b>78 1998</b>	<b>79 1999</b>	<b>80 2000</b>	<b>81 2001</b>	<b>82 2002</b>	<b>83 2003</b>
<b>Animal Biotechnology</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Application of Technology</b>	2	6	2	4	2	6	2	6
<b>Behaviour and Management</b>	9	8	3	1	7	6	7	5
<b>Biographical Sketch</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
<b>Breeding and Genetics</b>	8	7	7	7	7	2	5	1
<b>Cellular &amp; Molecular Biology</b>	0	0	7	1	5	2	4	3
<b>Letters</b>	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Meats</b>	11	15	12	8	8	7	11	8
<b>Nonruminant Nutrition</b>	15	16	21	14	13	18	18	17
<b>Other</b>	2	7	3	3	0	2	0	4
<b>Pastures and Forages</b>	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	0
<b>Physiology</b>	18	15	9	10	23	15	9	12
<b>Reviews</b>	0	0	2	0	7	3	1	5
<b>Ruminant Nutrition</b>	25	21	30	32	26	17	21	27
<b>Symposium/Workshop</b>	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Pages Published</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>844</b>

**TABLE 2. DISPOSITION OF PAPERS (P) AND SHORT COMMUNICATIONS (SC) SUBMITTED TO CANADIAN JOURNAL OF ANIMAL SCIENCE DURING 2003**

Associate Editor	Assigned		Accepted		Outstanding		Inappropriate		Rejected		Withdrawn	
	SC	P	SC	P	SC	P	SC	P	SC	P	SC	P
Aalhus <sup>+</sup>	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Basarab <sup>+</sup>	0	7	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Benchaar	0	8	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Benkel <sup>+</sup>	2	6	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Charmley	2	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Dugan <sup>+</sup>	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Girard	1	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Goonewardene	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kastelic <sup>+</sup>	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Korver	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laforest <sup>+</sup>	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mandell	1	4	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinnon	3	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mir*	0	9	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Okine	1	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ouellet	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pomar <sup>+</sup>	0	9	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	3
Price <sup>o</sup>	2	9	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1
Silversides	0	7	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Small* <sup>+</sup>	2	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tremblay*	0	9	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Van Lunen	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Widowski	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acting Editor	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total 130</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

\*Includes review papers +Includes symposium papers °Includes 3 rejected/not sent for review; 1 withdrawn - submitted to CJSS

**TABLE 3. AVERAGE TIME (DAYS) TAKEN BY ASSOCIATE EDITORS AND AUTHORS TO PROCESS ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED TO CANADIAN JOURNAL OF ANIMAL SCIENCE IN 2003**

<b>DAYS TAKEN IN REVIEW OF ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPTS</b>								
<b>Associate Editor</b>	<b>Author</b>		<b>Editor</b>		<b>Reviewer</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>SC</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Aalhus</b>	-	71	-	45	-	67	-	183
<b>Basarab</b>	-	38	-	32	-	107	-	178
<b>Benchaar</b>	89	28	37	27	74	56	200	125
<b>Benkel</b>	30	*	61	*	53	*	72	*
<b>Charmley</b>	8	67	19	32	16	40	43	100
<b>Dugan</b>	-	120	-	23	-	26	-	169
<b>Girard</b>	-	54	-	33	-	43	-	130
<b>Kastelic</b>	-	62	-	79	-	25	-	166
<b>Laforest</b>	-	47	-	94	-	41	-	182
<b>Mandell</b>	131	109	41	82	62	62	234	246
<b>McKinnon</b>	65	72	35	73	42	63	141	185
<b>Mir</b>	-	87	-	78	-	60	-	225
<b>Okine</b>	-	98	-	95	-	78	-	271
<b>Pomar</b>	-	50	-	65	-	35	-	150
<b>Price</b>	-	36	-	23	-	56	-	113
<b>Silversides</b>	-	59	-	75	-	70	-	203
<b>Small</b>	20	49	15	18	12	62	46	130
<b>Tremblay</b>	-	63	-	30	-	58	-	152
<b>Van Lunen</b>	23	28	20	23	51	31	94	82
<b>Widowski</b>	-	68	-	95	-	54	-	221
<b>Weighted Average 2003</b>	52	63	33	54	44	54	119	169
<b>Weighted Average 2002</b>	50	64	69	52	46	54	162	172

\*Incomplete data

**TABLE 4. SOURCE OF MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED TO CANADIAN JOURNAL OF ANIMAL SCIENCE - 2003**

<b>ORIGIN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>ACCEPT ED</b>	<b>UNACCEPT ED</b>	<b>IN PROGRESS</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE &amp; AGRI-FOOD CANADA</b>				
Brandon	5	5	0	0
Charlottetown	2	1	1	0
Kamloops	3	2	1	0
Lacombe	7	4	2	1
Lennoxville	9	6	1	2
Lethbridge	11	7	3	1
Nappan	5	4	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>UNIVERSITIES</b>				
Alberta	13	9	3	1
British Columbia	3	1	0	2
Guelph	6	4	2	0
Laval	3	1	2	0
Manitoba	8	7	0	1
McGill	2	2	0	0
Montreal	1	1	0	0
Nova Scotia Agricultural College	2	1	0	1
PEI	1	1	0	0
Saskatchewan	8	7	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>FOREIGN</b>				
Argentina	1	0	1	0
Brazil	1	0	1	0
China	1	0	1	0
Egypt	1	0	1	0
France	2	2	0	0
Germany	1	0	1	0
Italy	2	0	1	1
Korea	1	0	1	0
Spain	1	1	0	0
Sweden	1	1	0	0
Switzerland	1	1	0	0
Turkey	4	1	3	0
UK	1	1	0	0
USA	13	6	6	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Provincial - Alberta Agriculture</b>	5	3	2	0
<b>Other</b>	5	3	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>
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