

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
WORLD RABBIT SCIENCE WEBSITE.
SETTING NEW STANDARDS IN RABBIT SCIENCE

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As announced at the 9th World Rabbit Congress in Verona (June 2008), **World Rabbit Science** has designed a new website to meet the challenges of a modern online journal. From the beginning of December 2008, the new website is available at

<http://www.wrs.upv.es>.

The main objective of **World Rabbit Science** is to encourage communication and collaboration among individuals and organisations associated with rabbit production and rabbit science in general. For this reason the new site has a more modern and attractive presentation and aims to set new standards in rabbit science through a series of sections and facilities designed to bring new developments to the knowledge of all those concerned in this area.

Journal Information

This section presents **World Rabbit Science** to the visitor and describes the scope of the journal, the structure of the Editorial Board, the databases on which **World Rabbit Science** is actually indexed and abstracted, the journal's links with the *Science Citation Index* and *Journal Citation Reports* and the **Impact Factor** of the updated Journal. Subscribers are reminded that **World Rabbit Science** obtained an Impact Factor for 2007 of 0.574, in position 31 of 47 in the "Agriculture, Dairy and Animal Science" Category.

Subscription information

World Rabbit Science lists in this section the different *organizations which are currently supporting the Journal*, the *Agriculture, Fishery and Food Council of Valencia*, the *UPV Vice-chancellor's office for Research, Development and Innovation*, the *World Rabbit Science Association*, the *Spanish Rabbit Farming Association* and the *R+D+i Linguistic Assistance Office of the UPV*. It also gives up-to-date information on *journal subscription options and fees*.

To submit a paper

One of the most important innovations in the new website lies in this section, which includes the *Instruction to Authors*, *Statistical Guide*, *Ethical Policy* of the Journal (following the recommendations of the British Society of Animal Science) and **a new Manuscript Submission Centre** hosted by the Spanish Repository for Science and Technology (RECyT), based on the open source solution Open Journal Systems. Like other manuscript centres, RECyT keeps authors up-to-date on the status of their submissions to **World Rabbit Science** and provides the Editorial Board with quick and efficient online management of the evaluation and editing processes.

From now on authors should therefore submit their contributions to World Rabbit Science through this centre, via the five-step process for uploading the manuscript and all relevant information (including an option for uploading supplementary files such as research and instrument data). Should any difficulties be encountered in this process, contact the Secretary of the Journal (Agueda Climent: aclimen@dca.upv.es) by email or phone for assistance.

Products

This section includes the main products of **World Rabbit Science** for subscribers and/or free-access. The *new content viewer* of the journal has been designed to allow easier access to all the articles available, directly or with the help of a quick search (author, title, volume or issue). The subscriber service *Recent Rabbit Science Publications* was suspended at the beginning of 2008 due to its incompatibility with the new database, but will reopen at the beginning of 2009. This service will provide access to the list of papers published in the leading rabbit production science journals in the previous 4 months, with direct access to their abstracts. Finally, this section also includes ***two new free sub-sections: International and National Congresses***, with free access to the abstracts of the main International and National Rabbit Congresses published in our Journal; and *Guides and Harmonised Methods*, which provides free access to the guides and methods published by the major international rabbit science groups in our journal, classified by knowledge areas. Please note that some of the documents may still be in the process of being updated during the present month.

Please do not hesitate to send me any suggestions that you think may further improve the quality of our web page.

Yours sincerely,



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