

## EDITORIAL

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When I took over the duty of the Editor in Chief of the *Research Reports Biotechnical Faculty University of Ljubljana. Agriculture. Zootechny (Research Reports)*, I was aware that the editor's work was going to be hard and responsible. The challenge is even greater because the former Editor in Chief, Prof. Dr. Jasna Stekar, who was in charge for 26 years, set a high standard of editorial work. The *Research Reports* grew during this period and became the central national research publication in the field of Animal Science. Besides its role in dissemination of research results in the field of Animal Science, the *Research Reports* played a paramount role in presenting such results in the Slovene scientific language. Its format followed standards of international scientific publications and hence the *Research Reports* were included into the international reference collections. Many articles reached readers abroad and so contributed to the international dissemination of our research results. I would like to thank Prof. Jasna Stekar for her excellent work and I hope that the *Research Reports* will successfully continue its mission.

The goal of *Research Reports* as a central national scientific publication is to cover wide areas of research in the field of Animal Science. We are publishing articles in the fields of genetics, microbiology, immunology, nutrition, physiology, ecology, ethology, dairy science, economics, animal production, technology and information science. In addition to the original scientific papers, we publish short communications, research notes, review articles and professional articles. Although the ambition is to disseminate research results internationally, one of our important tasks will be in supporting the scientific writing in the Slovene language. For this reason, I will spend considerable efforts in encouraging authors to contribute papers also in the Slovene language. I believe that such a policy makes each publication available for the international scientific community as well as offers the chance to further development of the Slovene scientific terminology.

As a new Editor in chief, I welcome exciting contributions for the *Research Reports* from various research fields in Animal Science. I believe that the prominent scientists constituting the international editorial board and peer reviewers from abroad and Slovenia are a good warranty that the publications will be of good scientific quality. For this reason I am convinced that the impact of the *Research Reports* will grow in the future. In this respect, I also wish that collaboration with the editorial board of the twin-series of the *Research Reports (Agriculture)* will be fruitful to provide a coherent growth of both sections of the *Research Reports*.

In the current issue you will find papers in information science, microbiology, nutrition, dairy science, animal science, technology and economics. The first article provides an overview of the role of *Research Reports* in the past (pages 7–18). I hope that the readers will find lots of interesting reading in the current issue, what was certainly the main goal of all the authors, reviewers and the editor.

Editor-in-Chief