



Welcome to this second issue of Our•JDR, the community newsletter of the Journal of Dairy Research. Incredibly it is a full year since the first issue appeared, and in that time our Community has grown from less than one hundred to more than one thousand. Thank you for being part of that! Having such a large Community is good news. Please read our section on Peer Review and see how you can help to make the Journal better than ever. Our Community is also our readership, and we are keen to know that everyone can access published articles without difficulty. Can you? If not, please tell us! Use the [Contact Form](#)



### **A new look for JDR**

The February issue of JDR featured our new “two cows” front cover. You may recognize them from the banner that we use online and in our emails, but now you can see them in all their glory! Also in the last year our publishers, Cambridge University Press, have introduced their new online platform, Cambridge CORE. This is where you find all of the published content of JDR (click [here](#) to visit), and soon there will be other features including our own JDR blog. You can create your own online account in CORE to follow JDR or you can find links to recently published articles on our Community website [here](#). By the way, our JDR cows don’t have names yet; if you would like to suggest a name we would love to hear from you.

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The May issue of JDR will be published soon, and the Contents Page is already available online [here](#). Topics covered include use of whey protein microparticles as fat replacers in dairy products (from Denmark, Sweden and Germany), nutritional manipulation of epigenetic modifying genes (from Canada and China), sensors for monitoring dairy animal wellbeing (from Israel and Belgium), comparison of coagulation properties of cow and camel milk gels (from France), functional polymorphisms of the oxytocin and

oxytocin receptor genes in different species (from Italy and South Africa) and comparisons of milk quality between conventional and robotic milking systems (from Sweden and the Netherlands) and between conventional and organic systems (from Greece). There is lots more besides! Check the contents page now.



# PEER REVIEW

## Meet the Editorial Board

Our February issue started with an introduction to our Editorial Board. You can read brief biographies for all our eighteen members, who come from fourteen different countries around the globe. We welcome applications to join the Editorial Board. At the moment we would particularly like to recruit additional experts from the fields of statistics, genomics, molecular biology, fermented food products, bioactive components in milk, processing technology, consumer science and from geographical areas that are not yet represented. If you think you can offer what we need, please [contact us](#) and we will send you a link to the application form.

## Join the JDR Peer Review Pool

During 2017 we shall introduce a number of measures to speed up time from submission to publication. The first of these is our Peer Review Pool. Our Community now numbers more than 1000 members from all around the globe, and we hope that most of you will join the Pool. This will allow us to quickly find suitable referees for papers. It is in everyone's interests to article turnaround time, so please help! You can apply to join the Peer Review Pool [here](#)

## Hybrid Peer Review

Once our Peer Review pool is established we shall be able to introduce a Hybrid Peer Review process. If the normal Commissioned Peer Review (where referees are chosen by our EBM) does not produce a decision within six weeks from submission, authors will have the option for their title to appear online for Community Peer Review. Members of the Peer Review Pool will be able to volunteer to referee (respecting the normal values of competence, impartiality and confidentiality). We shall run a trial of this part of the process for selected manuscripts commencing May 1<sup>st</sup>, so please watch out for that and be prepared to help with the refereeing.



# JDR Prospective Reviews

We have now published four futuristic review articles:

- Genetically engineering milk
- Engineering to support wellbeing of dairy animals
- Novel trends in engineered milk products
- Functional and technological properties of camel milk proteins

You can find all of them via our [Review Article](#) page online (we also have a page dedicated to our Open Access articles). Our Reviews can only be submitted by invitation, but if you have an idea for a Prospective Review, please get in touch. Who knows, we may invite you to prepare and submit that idea!



### **Do you have easy and free access to JDR articles?**

JDR is distributed very widely in electronic format and also as hardcopy, and we hope that most of our Community will be able to get free online access to complete Journal articles through their Institutional subscription. If you cannot get access or do not know how to get access please [contact us](#) with details of your University or other Institution and we will try to help. If it turns out that your Institution does not have a subscription, we can help you to encourage them to get one.



### **JDR ranked THIRD dairy research Journal worldwide**

For sure JDR is on the podium, but we are not yet in gold medal position. Let's try to get there! The major Journal rankings (Impact Factor, SCImago Journal Rankings and Google Scholar H-index) put us in third place and the other big names are good Journals, but that should not stop us wanting to improve.

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