

LETTER FORM DE EDITOR BOARD:
WORLD RABBIT SCIENCE: TOWARDS AN OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL

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Editorial Board

Dear **World Rabbit Science** readers:

World Rabbit Science's main aim has always been to provide universal access to scientific knowledge in the field of rabbit production. From the outset, **World Rabbit Science** has engaged in different actions designed to achieve this goal.

One example of this is the fact that since 2008, **World Rabbit Science** has published its contents online, allowing free access to all articles, reviews, conference abstracts... with the exception of the last two years, when they were only accessible by subscription. **World Rabbit Science** is also fully accessible in many developing countries through the AGORA platform.

In the past year, we have rolled out a series of actions that culminated in:

- Acquisition of an electronic ISSN for **World Rabbit Science (electronic ISSN: 1989-8886)**, accrediting **World Rabbit Science** as an electronic journal, allowing the publication of articles in digital format.
- Since early 2010, each article published in **World Rabbit Science** has had a digital object identifier (**DOI**) that facilitates its accurate identification and location through the net.
- We have a **new publication system for the online journal** that enables better searches for contents within the platform, with an alert system for the publication of new issues... Throughout this year the two platforms will be maintained simultaneously.
- Better positioning of articles published in **World Rabbit Science** in global search engines (Google).

Universitat Politècnica de València and **World Rabbit Science** have joined the worldwide movement for open access knowledge, adhering to the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities. In consequence, **World Rabbit Science** implements a **copyright** waiver system for diffusion of the contents prior to distribution by the **World Rabbit Science** journal, allowing authors to include these works in their institutional repositories.

Within this ongoing drive by **World Rabbit Science** to bring scientific knowledge on rabbit breeding to all, the final objective is to make **World Rabbit Science** into a totally **Open Access Journal** as swiftly as possible. At the journal, we believe that quick and easy access to the information published should be encouraged to favour the development of science in the rabbit

field, as well as to improve the citation index of the works published (which we are aware is of great importance for the researchers who decide to use us to spread their knowledge). The Editorial Board Office and Universitat Politècnica de València are making concerted efforts in adaptation, improvement and financing to achieve open, visible and fast **access to all the contents published** in **World Rabbit Science** as soon as possible (currently anticipated by 2013).

Nevertheless, **World Rabbit Science** intends to ensure that the minimum levels of rigour and quality of the contents published are upheld during this process. **World Rabbit Science** shall continue to be a journal with a peer review-based system to assure current standards while continuing to provide the rabbit farming world with a reliable place of support for its ongoing progress.

Finally, we would like to thank our authors and subscribers for their commitment to **World Rabbit Science** in the search for knowledge and its diffusion. We also wish to express our gratitude for the excellent work carried out by the associate reviewers and editors, enabling us to continue to uphold quality standards. Here at the publishing team, we want to transmit the idea that our main aim is to try to favour this diffusion in the fastest way possible, while **maintaining the quality of the contents that distinguish us**.