

Editorial

The Revue d'élevage et de médecine vétérinaire des pays tropicaux becomes an open access journal

The Revue d'élevage et de médecine vétérinaire des pays tropicaux (REMVT) has been contributing for nearly 60 years to the dissemination of new knowledge, and scientific and technical information for the development of animal production in tropical and subtropical countries. It focuses on the circulation of works relating to infectious and parasitic diseases, as well as to various fields of animal production such as animal science, feed resources, farm systems.

REMVT is circulated throughout many countries of the South and to many institutions of the North, and must thus evolve to be part of the development involving the dissemination of new knowledge. Information and scientific communication technologies are in constant evolution, and one needs to adapt to the world environment, which changed considerably since the advent of Internet, whose access is becoming easier by the day throughout the world.

Scientific and technical information is essential to researchers; results or methods must be made rapidly available to help research efficiently. Thus, REMVT becomes an open access online journal, enabling a broader readership to have access to its content. It retains its status, aims, peer-reviewing system, manuscript processing mode, but it changes the way it is circulated.

It will be possible to access articles by author names or keywords. The articles from volumes 1 to 53 (years 1947 to 2000), which had been also published as CD-ROMs in 2001, will be accessed via the PDF files of the issues where they were published. Starting with volume 54 (2001), articles will be accessed individually as PDF files. From now on, articles and journal issues will be published electronically. They will all be housed by CIRAD and accessed to through any research engine either via CIRAD web site (<http://www.cirad.fr>) or via the short name REMVT (<http://remvt.cirad.fr>).

The access will be free for all. The articles will be peer-reviewed and published at no cost for the authors.

The authors will receive a PDF version of their articles. There will be also a yearly paper or CD edition of the volumes to come. It will contain all the documents published online and will be available against payment.

By taking this step, REMVT hopes to contribute even further to the dissemination of knowledge and ensure a yet broader circulation of published works. It also responds to the demand from many organizations and institutions for an access to research data and results financed by national or international public funds.

Beyond this dissemination mode implemented by CIRAD, we hope that authors and readers will find a great interest in this open access and that the share of scientific information on animal production in countries of the South via REMVT will go on and develop with everyone's trust.

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