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## BIOCULTURAL PAPER FROM CAMEL DUNG- ANOTHER STEP AHEAD TO AUGMENT THE MARKETING OF CAMEL PRODUCTS

Camels are consistently declining in numbers in India with an alarming rate in recent decade. It should be viewed with utmost concern. LPPS in India has made a landmark in preparing a biocultural paper from camel dung, which may be another step ahead to augment the marketing of camel products in India. It is a welcome step because camel slaughter is not done in India routinely and camel milk is exploited enumerating its advantage particularly to combat diabetes. Camel milk and its products are neither prepared nor sold on large scale in India, hence its economics of viability cannot be computed. However, efforts of LPPS in marketing camel milk and its products like ice cream, and establishing a factory to produce paper from the camel dung need attention and recognition. Camel Publishing House along with its wide galaxy of readers and members of editorial board congratulate Dr. Ilse Kohler Rollefson and H.S. Rathore of LPPS, Sadri, India, for their untiring efforts to save the camel in Rajasthan by exploring diverse usage of this desert species.

The School of Oriental and African Studies [SOAS, London] is hosting an international conference for examining, documenting and celebrating camel cultures from around the world on 25-26 May 2011. The conference will address all aspects of camel culture, past, present and future and in all continents. It will deal with both material and cultural concerns, and will cover both dromedaries and bactrians. A major part of this activity will be the preparation of Situation Papers, based on pre-circulated questionnaires, to provide a data base of camel cultures in individual member countries. The family of Camel Publishing House congratulates Ed Emery [SOAS]- the conference organiser for choosing a unique theme for the conference. 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of International Society of Camelid Research and Development (ISOCARD) shall be organised by Sultan Qaboos University from 29<sup>th</sup> January-1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. Another International Conference on Camelid Genetics shall be organised by Alpaca Registry, Inc and Alpaca Research Foundation at Houston, Texas, USA from 16 - 18 September 2011.

Current issue of Journal of Camel Practice and Research is an amalgamation of 28 manuscripts on infectious diseases, parasitology, production, physiology, pharmacology, surgery, nutrition and reproduction. These papers were contributed by the researchers from India, Nigeria, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, China, Pakistan, France, Sudan and UAE. A delay in this issue is deeply regretted.

Camel Publishing House has another feather in the cap by bringing out a first ever book on Camel Histology which is entitled, "Selected Research on Gross Anatomy and Histology of Camels", edited by Drs. T.K. Gahlot, A.S. Saber, S.K. Nagpal and Jianlin Wang. The book has figures showing special staining of histological sections of various tissues and electron microscopy of few organs too. I am sure that this will prove a milestone in the field of camel anatomy and will remain as important reference book on gross anatomy and histology of camels.



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