Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

In the 21st century, animal managers face more challenges than ever before. For all species of animals under human care, whether in zoos, research facilities, or pet owners' homes, there are increasing demands for improved animal welfare, reduced environmental impact, and greater accountability. For the production animal industries, there are additional pressures to improve productivity with decreasing resources to feed a globally increasing population. Whilst at the same time, overpopulation of invasive and pest animals compete for many of the same resources. To help meet these challenges, animal managers in the 21st century need to be innovative and inventive. In a changing and diverse world this can mean revisiting older technologies with typically lower environmental impact, or utilizing the latest advances in 'smart' technologies, from drones to GPS trackers.

Manuscripts address any aspect of animal management are invited for this special issue. Topics of special interest that utilize emerging technologies to address 21st century challenges, and innovative approaches to improving animal welfare and management.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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