

#### [Editorial]

# CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FMVZ-UADY TO THE AGRICULTURAL, BIOLOGICAL AND VETERINARY MEDICINE AND ZOOTECHNICS SCIENCES

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In august 2020, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Zootechnics, Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán (Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia, FMVZ-UADY), México, celebrated its first 50 years since its foundation in 1970.

During the years since its foundation, the Faculty is now responsible for teaching not only Veterinary Medicine and Zootechnics but also Agroecology, Biology and Marine Biology. Thus, the FMVZ has become the Agricultural and Biological Sciences Campus (Campus de Ciencias Biológicas y Agropecuarias, CCBA).

To celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary several events were programmed. Many events were canceled due to the pandemic emergency for COVID19, however many were still possible and included academic conferences (held on-line due to COVID19) and diverse publications on social media.

One of the activities for the gold anniversary was a call to the Faculty body to prepare articles compiling the contributions made by the different research groups over the years. The Faculty has a long scientific tradition and many of the researchers are well known by the international scientific community. However, there no comprehensive accounts of the contributions to the diverse areas of knowledge which the faculty is involved with. We would like such papers to serve various purposes: compile the main scientific contributions, provide research groups an opportunity to reflect upon the work performed over the past decades while, hopefully, providing ideas to orientate future research. Also, students, scientific community and the general public as whole can learn about the evolution of research at the faculty in the different areas of knowledge.

The present issue of this journal (Vol. 24, No. 1) presents the first two of such reviews; Panti-May et al. (2021) and Ortega-Pacheco et al. (2021) focused on animal health and zoonotic diseases. Additional reviews will be published in the remaining issues of the present volume. We thank the Journal "Tropical and Subtropical Agroecosystems" to accept serve as the mechanism for these purposes.

In the context of the celebration of the first 50 years of the Faculty, we would like to thank students, graduates, academic, administrative, and manual staff of the Faculty, as well as the employers and professional associations related to biological and agricultural sciences, which over the years have driven, motivated and contributed to making a commitment to quality possible.

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