

AJAS 2013 Best Reviewer Award

AJAS editorial team is delighted to announce the winners of **AJAS 2013 Best reviewer Award**, which is given annually to a few reviewers of AJAS in recognition of their outstanding efforts and contributions. We are pleased to recognize three among many invaluable reviewers this year: Dr. **Tugay Ayasan**, East Mediterranean Agricultural Research Institute, Turkey; Dr. **Dongren Ren**, University of Nebraska at Omaha, U.S.A; Dr. **Manoj Kumar Tripathi**, Central Institute for Research on Goats, India.

In 2013, AJAS received 857 manuscripts involving over 250 reviewers. All reviewers kindly offered their outstanding expertise and professional services to support our journal. Based on both the quality and quantity of the reviews, the final winners were evaluated and selected by the editor and selection committee of the journal.



Dr. Tugay Ayasan is currently head of Division of Feeds and Animal Nutrition, East Mediterranean Agricultural Research Institute, Adana-Turkey. He received Ph.D. degree from Cukurova University, Agricultural Faculty, Department of Animal Science (TURKEY) in 2004. He formerly worked for 5 years (1995-2000) as a Research Assistant at Cukurova University, Agricultural Faculty, Dept. of Animal Science, Div. of Feeds and Animal Nutrition. Dr. Ayasan's major subject is poultry nutrition, especially Japanese quail nutrition. Dr. Ayasan is the author of more than 85 scientific articles and the reviewer of more than 340 scientific articles. He has served as reviewer for Asian-Australian Journal of Animal Science since 2011 having 42 completed assignments.



Dr. Dongren Ren (Ph.D. in Animal Genetics, Breeding and Reproduction) is a research associate professor of Biology and Psychology Department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, U.S.A. He is also a project director of neuropeptide genetics/genomics in Nebraska Callitrichid Research Center. He is currently an associate professor in the College of Animal Science and Technology at Jiangxi Agricultural University, China. He has been a postdoctoral research fellow in the Biomedical Biotechnical Research Institute at the North Carolina Central University for two years, and developed the best animal

model for human esophageal cancer. Dr. Ren's research interests focus on the biological mechanisms underlying the animal growth, reproduction, behavior and diseases. He is currently serving as an AdHoc Reviewer of other important journals including Fertility and Sterility, Animal Behavior, Journal of Animal Science, Meat Science.



Dr. Manoj Kumar Tripathi is a Principal Research Scientist under ICAR, India and has 21 year of research service. Research on ruminant nutrition was initiated in 1993 at NDRI, Karnal, and CSWRI, Avikanagar. He received the PhD from GBPUA&T, Pantnagar in 1999, Post doctorate from INRA, France 2003-2004 and visiting scientist 2011-12 at CSIRO, St Lucia, Australia. Present research interests are the "Metabolic Functions of the Rumen Microbiota". Rendering expert opinion to scientific societies/publications as Associate Editor (Research Journal of Animal Science, Research Journal of Dairy Science and Indian Journal of Small Ruminant) and Editorial Board member (Advances in Dairy Research). Dr. Tripathi is the author of 80 refereed publications in scientific journals including 4 reviews. Other publications include conference proceedings, abstracts, and technical bulletins. He also co-authored three books and have filed 4 patents. He was the vice president of Animal Nutrition Society of India 2006-2007 and sub-committee member of the ICAR 2013 on Sheep to establish Nutrient requirement of Animals.