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Foreword

This special issue of *Animal Production Science* contains papers resulting from presentations given at the 7th International Deer Biology Congress, held in Chile at the Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve, 1–6 August 2010. This was the first time that the Congress had been held in South America, and its importance reflects the region's high diversity of deer species, which represent the only natural radiation of cervids in the southern hemisphere.

Papers in this second Special Issue follow a series of articles stemming from Plenary and Keynote presentations plus summaries of workshops and symposia, which were published in 2011 in Volume 51, Issue 4. The Guest Editors are much indebted to the authors and reviewers for their very professional co-operation and consideration of the time lines. Through these two issues, we hope to make some of the advances and current state of the art of deer science available to those deer enthusiasts and specialists who were unable to attend the Congress.

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