



## International Goat Association News

News, updates and more from the International Goat Association

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### Greetings!

Welcome to International Goat Association News. We are proud to bring you news, updates, special offers and information about your membership with the IGA.

### · [\*\*Online access to the IGA journal - sign up today!\*\*](#)

We are proud to announce for all IGA members the availability of online access to *Small Ruminant Research*, the official journal of the IGA. Sign up today and get online access to the latest small ruminant research from respected authors and scientists around the world, compliments of the IGA and our publisher, Elsevier.

It's easy to sign up, and best of all, this service is free to all current members of the IGA!

1. Simply send an email with your name and address to [goats@heifer.org](mailto:goats@heifer.org) and state your request for online access to *Small Ruminant Research*;
2. Next, we'll send you a confirmation email that includes all the information you'll need, including a personal access code. This code will be your "key" to creating an account for online access to the journal.

## Renew your IGA membership!

At the IGA, we rely on the strong support of our dedicated members from more than 70 countries to highlight the importance of goats in improving the lives of people around the world.

That's why we are calling on you to renew your membership with the IGA. If you have already renewed your membership, then consider signing up a friend or colleague for the full benefits of IGA membership.

### **The time ahead -- your help is crucial**

As we plan for the future, we're working hard to expand and enhance services of the IGA, including strengthening communication with our members, providing improved offerings online, promoting networking among IGA members around the globe, and much more. But we need your continued help in this important effort.

Renew your membership today - or sign up a friend. Either way, you will play an important role in helping us share vital knowledge, develop new technologies and forge meaningful new partnerships well into the future.

So sign up today. It's easy to do, and you'll be making a lasting

So, go ahead. Sign up today and begin enjoying the benefits of online access to the official journal of the IGA. It's simple to do, so why wait?

**Please note that this service is only available to current members of the International Goat Association. If you have questions about the status of your membership, or if you want to renew your membership, please contact us at [goats@heifer.org](mailto:goats@heifer.org)**

## Message from the president

I'm pleased to report that the International Goat Association continues to move with vitality, thanks to participatory members, officers and members of the Board of Directors and Advisors. I have the privilege to inform you of several important developments and milestones that have occurred in the past few months:

- A Strategic Plan 2005-2010 has been completed and approved by the Board of Directors. The plan outlines a range of goals and initiatives for advancing the IGA and its mission over the next five years. Take a look at it [here](#).
- We're proud to announce the appointment Jim DeVries as the new IGA Secretary-Treasurer. Jim also serves as a member of the IGA Board of Directors and is Vice President of Programs at Heifer International. We thank Jim for his willingness to commit his time, passion and energy to IGA.
- With Heifer International's financial assistance, we are able to employ a part-time Director of Operations for the first time in IGA's history. This is an important step toward improved membership services and for the development of IGA to become a more sustainable professional organization. Jeff Dailey has stepped in as the new Director of Operations and is doing an excellent job; he can be contacted at [goats@heifer.org](mailto:goats@heifer.org)
- As featured in this newsletter, the IGA has partnered with Elsevier to provide our members with a complimentary electronic subscription to the reputable scientific journal, *Small Ruminant Research*. This is a tremendous benefit for our members and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to finding ways to increase the value of your IGA membership.
- The Board of Directors had a very productive meeting in Paris a couple of months ago. We had great participation and discussed a wide range of issues. Some of the highlights included discussions on: strategic initiatives, web design, the IGA logo, the development of regional conferences, planning for the International Conference on Goats 2008 in Cancun, Mexico, and electronic access to Small Ruminant Research. All IGA officers and board members went to Paris on their own expense, and I am grateful for their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm.
- The Board of Directors, acting on my recommendation, approved the establishment of an IGA Board of Advisors. The new board, now in formation, will give the IGA a formal avenue for receiving input and further contributions from past officers, directors and the larger IGA community. We hope to announce the new Board of Advisors in the near future.
- The preparation of International Conference on Goats 2008 in Cancun Mexico is underway. Dr. Miguel Galina is leading a dedicated Mexican team to plan for a successful, productive and exciting conference.

difference in the lives of many around the globe.

[Click here for an official IGA membership application](#)

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## Goats in the news

- [New techniques emerge for fighting parasites in small ruminants](#)
- [Goat meat demand grows in rural Maine, USA](#)
- [Wild goats spur heated debate in United Kingdom](#)
- [Eastern European scientists to breed goats with human gene](#)
- [Girls producing "MiniMancha" goats for bioscience project](#)
- [United Nations FAO initiates plan to control brucellosis in Iraq](#)
- [Couple takes advantage of increased goat cheese demand in the U.S.](#)
- [Australian high school seeking funds for goat project in East Timor](#)
- [Zoo celebrates birth of rare goat: Massachusetts, USA](#)

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## Upcoming events

- [Goat producers gathering in Texas: July 2005](#)

This is an exciting time for IGA, and I look forward to working with you to fulfill our mission: to promote goat research and development for the benefit of humankind, to alleviate poverty, to promote prosperity and to improve the quality of life.

Again, thank you for your support of the IGA. Your membership is important to us, and we look forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely,

Chris Lu, President of the IGA

## • Quotable quote

*"As we approach the new millennium, we see how much remains to be done to give our young and future generations a better world to live in: a more peaceful society with a healthier, cleaner environment and a pattern of sustainable development which seeks to eradicate poverty. Education is the single most powerful means to improve the quality of life... the single most powerful weapon against poverty and intolerance. Education builds a culture of peace ... it empowers human beings, both young and adult, to be effective in their chosen sphere of activity ... education in its essence, opens doors to both personal and social development."*

**Federico Mayor, former Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), 1999**

## • How healthy is your goat?

Want to know whether your goat is healthy or not? Most of the time, you don't need to be a doctor to do so. See below for ways to judge the health of your goat.\*

### **A healthy goat:**

- eats well
- has a shiny coat
- is free of disease
- has strong legs and feet
- chews its cud
- is sociable and alert
- has eyes that are bright and clear

### **Good healthcare begins with:**

- daily observation
- good nutrition, which includes green chop (hay and forage), protein and energy supplements, minerals and plenty of water
- good sanitation - clean pens, feeders and water buckets
- exercise
- hoof trimming as needed
- parasite control for internal and external parasites
- a vaccination program for tetanus and other diseases that may be a problem in your area

- [2005 sheep and meat goat training program in Missouri, USA: Dec. 2005](#)
- [Have an event you want to promote? Email us at \[goats@heifer.org\]\(mailto:goats@heifer.org\)](#)

## IGA's global partners

- [Heifer International](#)
- [University of Hawaii](#)
- [Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique \(INRA\)](#)
- [Cirval](#)
- [Elsevier](#)
- [Central Institute for Research on Goats](#)
- [Vereniging Kwaliteitszorg Geitenhouderij Nederland \(VKGN\)](#)
- [Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute](#)
- [Farm Africa](#)

## IGA quick links

- [IGA strategic plan: 2005 to 2010](#)
- [Want to renew your membership? Click here.](#)
- [Submit an article to Small Ruminant Research!](#)

### Signs of illness:

- pale mucosa around eyes and in mouth
- diarrhea
- heavy mucus in nose and mouth, frequent coughing
- no sign of cud chewing
- limping or unwilling to stand
- runny eyes or blindness
- swelling at any point on body
- hair falling out or rough in appearance
- circling movements
- clots or blood in milk
- off flavor milk

[\* by Rosalee Sinn and Paul Rudenberg, DVM, excerpted from "Raising Goats For Milk and Meat"]

### Are you an expert on goat health?

If so, let us know! Write us at [goats@heifer.org](mailto:goats@heifer.org) and tell us your expertise and area of work. We are looking for goat experts in all fields: nutrition, diseases/health, milk production, reproduction or any other area.

### · **U.S. girl busy milking goats for soap**

As the world population of goats grows everyday, so do the benefits of owning these friendly ruminants. A 16-year-old girl in Wisconsin, USA, always knew the standard benefits of goats: providing vital nutrition, a source of income and even fertilizing gardens. But she came up with another idea: to start a goat-milk soap business and, with the help of her goats, "clean up" her small town in the process.

### · **Marketing opportunity for goat milk producers**

Do you produce any of these products?

- Goat SMP (skim milk powder)
- Raw goat milk
- Goat whey protein
- Goat whey powder

NICS Company of Seoul, Korea, is looking for suppliers of these products. For more information, please contact Matthew Oh at [matthew0@nicstud.co.kr](mailto:matthew0@nicstud.co.kr) or +82-2-548-6350.

### · **We want to hear from you!**

Do you have a story idea, a great photo of a goat or information about upcoming events in your country? Let us know by emailing the IGA at [goats@heifer.org](mailto:goats@heifer.org)