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Change of Address for IGA

Beginning on January 1, 2006 the International Goat Association will have a change of address. Thanks to the generous support of Heifer

Greetings!

Welcome to the IGA Newsletter. We are proud to provide you our readers with news, updates, special offers and information about the IGA.



• 2006 Florida Ruminant Nutrition Symposium, February 1-2

The 17th Annual Meeting of the Florida Ruminant Nutrition Symposium will take place at the Best Western Gateway Grand in Gainesville, Florida.

Early registration for the Symposium is US\$75 and ends on January 4, after which the cost will be raised to US\$85. You can register online at www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/ruminant or contact Ms. Tracy Nininger, Symposium Coordinator at:

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For more detailed symposium program information contact Dr. Charles Staples at: staples@animal.ufl.edu.

To visit the Conference's website go to: <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/ruminant/index.html> for more information.

[To visit our blog or comment on this article click here.](#)

International we will be moving along with our Heifer colleagues to their beautiful new building.

Heifer has taken a once abandoned train yard and transformed it into an environmentally friendly and handsome office building. To learn more about this new building go to
(<http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/b.201577/>)

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Change of Address for IGA's President, Chris Lu

Congratulations to Chris Lu!

On October 28, 2005, IGA President, Chris Lu was appointed as President of Argosy University/Seattle. Dr. Lu was previously the vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. As you can probably guess this means his schedule is pretty full. I know that all of you join me in wishing him the best.

According to the University's website (www.argosyu.edu), "Argosy University/Seattle is one of 13 Argosy University campuses and four extension sites across the nation offering undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate degrees in the disciplines of business, education, health

• FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the IGA,

I am always impressed by how dedicated our members and board members are. They devote their own money, time and energy to help IGA make a difference in people's lives. Together we have made much progress during the past year:

- A new strategic plan,
- A new logo,
- Three issues of newsletter have been distributed since last year (this is the fourth),
- At least seven regional conferences since last year,
- Our financial position has improved,
- A stable operation at the Headquarters with a very capable Director of Operations in place,
- Complaints from members have been minimized,
- All members have access to the electronic version of Small Ruminant Research,
- A Blog has been established to allow members to network and communicate,
- Preparations for the International Conference on Goats 2008 are progressing,
- A new institutional membership structure is in place,
- A new contract with Elsevier is in process,
- Pierre Morand-Fehr with the assistance of Mrs. Martine Duspiwa mailed out 558 letters to potential members as part of an IGA membership campaign.

I cannot possibly know all the good things that are happening with IGA as a result of our member's efforts, but I thank all of you who have taken the time this year to contribute in your own way. Thank you for thinking: what I can do for IGA rather than what IGA can do for me. I encourage all of you to share these positive developments with other IGA members through our newsletters and I am sure our Director of Operations would love to receive articles for the newsletters.

Time to renew your membership

The end of the year means that it is time for IGA members to renew their memberships. With your support the IGA will be able to continue promoting goat research, regional conferences, sharing information and experiences, and building a better future for all. Please contact Christian DeVries at goats@heifer.org as soon as possible to renew your membership. To keep up with rising costs membership rates have been increased for 2006; US \$40.00 – one year IGA membership without the journal, or US \$140.00 – one year membership, including hardcopies of the official journal of the IGA, Small Ruminant Research.

Romania Symposium

I would like to encourage all IGA members and prospective members to seriously consider attending the "International Symposium on Goat Farming in Central and Eastern European Countries: Present and Future" that the IGA is

sciences, and psychology and behavioral sciences.

Argosy University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association (NCA).”

“The parent company of Argosy University, Education Management Corporation (www.edmc.com), is among the largest providers of private post-secondary education in North America, based on student enrollment and revenue. Student enrollment exceeded 66,000 as of fall 2004. EDMC has 71 primary campus locations in 24 states and two Canadian provinces. EDMC's education institutions offer a broad range of academic programs concentrated in the media arts, design, fashion, culinary arts, behavioral sciences, health sciences, education, information technology and business fields, culminating in the award of associate's through doctoral degrees. EDMC has provided career-oriented education for over 40 years.”

Dr. Lu has already moved to Seattle and can be contacted at his new address:

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supporting in Romania, June 2006. This will be a great opportunity for goat researcher and producers from around the world to discuss the latest developments and network with colleagues.

Help us make this symposium a success! For more information about this conference read the article below.

Board Meetings

As the IGA moves forward, it is vital for our Board of Directors to be able to communicate and coordinate their efforts. To this end an online board conference was conducted from November 14 through the 18. This provided a forum for Board Members to discuss issues that are important to the future development and maturity of IGA.

Some of the issues that were discussed included the:

- Budget for 2006,
- June 2006 conference in Romania,
- 9th International Conference on Goats in Mexico,
- Ways to improve the IGA.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled to take place during the June 2006 Symposium in Romania. Remember that to qualify for early registration you must register by February 20, 2006. For more information click on the link below or contact Stela Zamfirescu at stela1948@xnet.ro. Also please remember to mark our 2007 annual Board Meeting in Italy on your calendar.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Lu
IGA President 2005-2008

[To comment on IGA President, Chris Lu's letter, click here.](#)

• Goat Workshop, April 10-13, 2006, Cairo, Egypt

Introduction:

World goat population is estimated at more than 740 millions, about 95% of which are found in developing countries, mainly the Middle and Near East and North African countries. Goats, the poor people animal, are primarily owned by smallholder farmers and nomads. They contribute the major income which significantly affect the economy and food supply of the poorest sectors of the society.

Goats have the ability to adapt well under harsh conditions. Low body mass and low metabolic requirements of goats with their feeding behavior and reproduction efficiency are important characteristics for integrating goats into nomadic and smallholders production systems. The indigenous goat breeds perform better than other domesticated ruminants, and can adapt and tolerate the severe harsh conditions, although their productivity is humble. Many factors

IGA Institutional Members

The IGA is proud to announce that Vereniging Kwaliteitszorg Geitenhouderij Nederland (VKGN) has renewed their institutional membership with the IGA. Several of our other partner organizations are also in the process of renewing their institutional memberships.

In addition, many of our individual members have continued to send us suggestions about organizations that might be interested in joining the IGA as Institutional Members. We hope that our members will continue to promote the IGA and the work that we do; to advocate the importance of goats in alleviating poverty through socially just, environmentally sound and economically viable goat production.

Do you know of an organization that might want to partner with IGA to promote goat research?

Please send your suggestions to goats@heifer.org.

We encourage all of our members to keep sending in their suggestions.

Special Thanks

The IGA would like to thank all of the wonderful Global Partner organizations that supported us in 2005.

can contribute to such low productivity levels. However, poor nutrition and health problems, in addition to poor management are the most important constraints that negatively affect their survival and productivity.

Many scientific efforts, especially in the Middle East and North Africa, have been directed to enhance the livelihood of farmers through improving goat productivity utilizing different approaches such as increasing feed resources and improving their feeding value, also improving reproduction systems, and applying better management and health care.

Objectives:

The Workshop is organized by the FAO and Desert Research Center (DRC), Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt. The aim of the Workshop is to exchange knowledge on recent advances achieved by different International and National Institutions and Organizations, in order to:

- Improve the productivity of goats raised in arid and semi-arid regions.
- Share experiences, exchange ideas and highlight recent technical and economic approaches to enhance goat production.
- Increase the cooperation among National, Regional and International Organizations.

Participating Organizations:

- The Desert Research Center (DRC).
- The FAO
- Esteemed Organizations are invited to contribute.

[For more information about this workshop, click here.](#)

• Goat Breeding and Multiplication - A Breeders Perspective, Kenya

By Julius Owade – IGA Member & HPI/Kenya staff with Andrew Kirui-Mogor, Goat Multiplication Project

The goal of this project was to create a sustainable source of dairy goats for smallholder dairy farmer groups especially women. It was aimed at solving the problem of high demand for dairy goats among farmers requesting for assistance from Heifer International-Kenya against limited source of good quality supply. The project is located to the Western part of Kenya in Rift Valley province, Bomet district. It has been running since 1999 to date.

The main objectives was to breed, multiply and distribute dairy goats to small holder farmer groups especially women, establish dairy goat enterprise revolving around goat milk and cheese processing and to establish a demonstration farm where farmers could learn about intensive dairy goat husbandry technologies.

The materials and methods consisted of a breeding buck station supplied with the Saanen, Alpine, Toggenburg and Anglo-Nubian bucks from Ireland through Bothar organization. There was also goat semen from CAPRIA through Alliance Pastoral in France. The semen was extracted from the French Alpine

Many thanks also to everyone who has helped write and edit articles for this year's newsletters.

Please know that your assistance has been greatly appreciated.

If you would like to write an article for the IGA Newsletter or perhaps you have some interesting news that you would like to share with our readers. You can contact me at goats@heifer.org.

**HAVE A
WONDERFUL NEW
YEAR!**

[Remember to visit the IGA's Blog, click here.](#)

Goats in the News

- [More News About HIV Goat Serum, Ghana](#)
- [World's First Cloned Boer Goat Born, China](#)
- [Dairy Goat Project, Ukambani, Kenya](#)
- [Unidentified Disease Spreads, Nepal](#)
- [Goat Milk Revolution, United Kingdom](#)
- [Goat Population Growing Fast, Brazil](#)
- [Success Cloning Gazelle In Goat's Womb, China](#)
- [Nanjiang Yellow Goats Cloned, China](#)
- [Kabale Farmer Receive Boer Goats, Uganda](#)

and Saanen breeds from the National Breeding Institute in France. The three main activities at the buck station includes breeding through natural mating, artificial insemination via estrous synchronization and multiple ovulation and upgrading of the East Africa goats using the exotic bucks. A breeding flock of 32 female does were imported from Ireland through Bothar. This was to enable the breeder to supply young breeding bucks to other farmers, supply yearling does for distribution to farmer groups under contract of passing on the gift and to provide milk for consumption and sale. 20 female E.A. goats were selected by breeder for upgrading to provide fast growing males for meat production and to provide 50% F1 females to be supplied to other farmers for milk production.

A three feet raised floor housing constructed using 2x2 inch timber slats for the breeding stock was provided, a 4-compartment buck house, a kid pen and maternity pen.

The agricultural equipment and supplies included water tank and dam constructed for water supply, sprayer pumps and fodder tree seeds. Basic cheese processing equipment was also provided to the breeder. The resources provided by the breeder included 10 acres of established fodder, a farm manager trained in dairy husbandry, goat milk processing and artificial insemination with 2 herdsmen to provide feeds, water and milk the goats.

The results of this project after three years in operation include - 30 female offspring dairy goats distributed to 4 women groups with 68 families through the contract of passing on the gift, 20 breeding bucks selected and sold to other families, 30 fast growing F1 males sold for meat, 20 female F1 crosses supplied to other farmers for milk production, 40 E.A goats upgraded for neighboring farmers, 29 inseminations done with kidding percentage of 63.2, 286 farmers trained on goat husbandry practices, 10kgs of fodder seeds including Lucerne and desmidian sold to other farmers, 4,800 fodder trees including Lucerne and calliandra planted in the farm, Kshs50,000 from sale of 25,000 liters of milk, Kshs. 60,000 from selling 20 F1 female crosses, Kshs. 100,000 from selling 20 breeding bucks all totaling to Kshs. 910,000 in 3 years (Kshs. 25,277,USD 324 per month)

A unique realization of impact as well as the objective for creating the multiplication project was realized when Heifer-Kenya started scaling up the goat program activities in Western Kenya and Nyanza. The breeder was able to supply 97 goats to the program at a cost of Ksh582.000 (US\$7.760.) paid to Peter Serone.

For more information about this project contact:

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Homabay, Kenya Email: owadejulius@yahoo.com Website:
<http://www.bothar.org>

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- [Goat Numbers Soar to Meet Dairy Demand, United Kingdom](#)
- [Demand For Goat Meat Surpasses Supply, USA](#)
- [Drought Intensifies Livestock Dies, Kenya](#)
- [Jamnapari Goat To Excel As Mutton Producer, Malaysia](#)

Upcoming Events

- [2006 Florida Ruminant Nutrition Symposium, February 1-2](#)
- [Goat Workshop, April 10-13, 2006, Cairo, Egypt](#)
- [International Symposium to discuss goat farming in Central and Eastern European Countries, Constantza, Romania, June 27-30](#)

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 \(VKGN\)](#)

• ICARDA Vancancy Announcement - Senior Livestock Scientist

The Organization

ICARDA is a non-profit international agricultural research center in a worldwide consortium of 15 centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The CGIAR is co-sponsored by the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). With a staff of over 400 scientists and support personnel, representing more than 45 nationalities, ICARDA addresses two key areas of agricultural research: germplasm improvement (cereals and legumes) and natural resource management. The Center's research and training programs are implemented in partnership with national programs and, in most cases, with other CGIAR centers as well as advanced research institutes in both developing and industrialized countries.

The Position

Under the supervision of the Director, MegaProject on Diversification and Sustainable Improvement of Crop and Livestock Production Systems in Dry Areas, the Livestock Scientist (Small Ruminant Management) shall undertake research and development programs to improve small ruminant production in dry areas, especially in West, Central and South Asia and North Africa, as follows:

- Initiate and undertake research and development programs to improve small ruminant management and production systems.
- Collaborate strongly with relevant scientists in ICARDA crop, forage, range and socioeconomic projects, national agricultural research programs, international research organizations and local communities.
- Provide advice on developments that contribute to the enhancement of small ruminant production.
- Promote crop-range-livestock integration in ICARDA and national research programs.
- Develop and participate in research, development and farmer networks addressing small ruminant networks relevant to ICARDA's programs.
- Play an active role in the management of small ruminant research at ICARDA.
- Consider other livestock species in programs where they interface with small ruminants.
- Perform other duties assigned by ICARDA.

Qualifications and Experience

- PhD degree with 10–15 years experience in small ruminant (sheep and goat) research and the development of rangeland in dry areas.
- A proven ability to work in collaboration with scientists from different disciplines and nationalities.
- Strong record of publications in peer reviewed journals.
- Fluency in spoken and written English. Good knowledge of Arabic and French would be an advantage.
- Computer literacy.

[To learn more about this job opening click here.](#)

- [Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute \(website not working\)](#)
 - [FARM Africa](#)
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IGA Information

- [Would you like to become a member or renew your IGA membership? Click here.](#)
 - [IGA strategic plan: 2005 to 2010](#)
 - [June 2006 International Symposium Information, Romania](#)
 - [Would you like to submit an article to Small Ruminant Research?](#)
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Top Articles from October Newsletter

- [June 2006 International Symposium Information, Romania](#)
- [Goat Farming in Romania and the Growth of Caprirom](#)
- [A Brief about Goat Production in Uganda](#)
- [6th International Sheep Veterinary Congress, Greece, 17-21 June 2005](#)