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Latest IGA News



Change of Address for IGA is official

We have official moved into the new Heifer International building and it is beautiful. Heifer has taken a once abandoned train yard and transformed it into an environmentally friendly and handsome office building. To learn

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



• **Elegant Jamunapari Goat Cross, India**

Recently, IGA received an interesting question from Chinch Gryniewicz in the United Kingdom.

“I recently took a picture of a very striking looking goat in Nizamuddin bazaar, Delhi, India and have been trying to identify it ever since. Unfortunately, this was the only picture I managed to get and I don’t have one of the whole goat. I do remember that it was very tall, leggy and with a very ‘elegant’ bearing. Various people have suggested various breeds such as Zairaibi, Sangamneri, Jamnapari, Beetal or of course, a cross. However, these were just tentative suggestions. As it is such an unusual looking goat, it would be great if I could get a really positive identification. Can you help?!”

To find an answer we contacted Dr. S. V. Singh, IGA Board Member and Regional Director for South Asia, who lives in India and works for the Central Institute for Research on Goats. Dr. Singh said, “This goat appears to be a cross between the famous Jamunapari breed of the region where I am located in India. The other characteristics in this goat, the color of the front area up from shoulders and the body shape were picked up from its’ Boer ancestry.”

more about this new building go to, www.heifer.org or click on the link below.

Our new address is:
International Goat Association 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202 USA

IGA Institutional Members

Do you know of an organization that might want to partner with IGA? Please send your suggestions to goats@heifer.org.

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

[To learn more about Heifer's new headquarters, click here.](#)

Goats in the News

- [Goats Thrive Despite Drought in New South Wales, Australia](#)
- [Goat Farming Project with FARM Africa, Kenya](#)
- [World Vision Goat Project, Uganda](#)
- [Few Takers for Goat Artificial Insemination, Phillipines](#)
- [False Bird-Flu Report Causes Goat & Chicken Slaughter, Zambia](#)

This question provided us with a great opportunity to learn more about a very special breed of goats.

[To read more about Jamunapari goats, click here.](#)

• FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the IGA,

Renew your IGA membership

The New Year is in full swing and we are happy to report that 43% of IGA's 2005 members have already renewed for 2006, and we have added 26 new members since the beginning of this year!

At the end of last year IGA had 269 members from 63 different countries. We have a long way to go to beat last year's numbers, so please renew your membership early. Renewing your membership early will help us to more accurately plan our budget and the conferences that we can support.

To renew your membership contact Christian DeVries at goats@heifer.org. 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.

Romania Symposium

If you are planning to attend the June 2006 Romania Symposium, please register immediately. The early registration deadline was extended until March 10. The Symposium's organizing committee made this decision because of some technical problems with the website. **Registration ends on May 20, 2006.** Visit www.caprirom.ro for more information or click on the link at the end of this letter.

If you intend to present a paper during the conference, please be aware of these other deadlines.

1. March 31, 2006 – registration for at least one author per paper.
2. April 15, 2006 – submission deadline for full paper.

This will be a great opportunity for goat researchers and producers from around the world to discuss the latest developments and network with colleagues.

Board Meetings

All board members – please remember that the next Board Meeting is scheduled to take place during the upcoming symposium in Romania. We hope that all of the board will be there, but we know that sometimes schedules just won't allow it.

- [Meat Goats Grow in Popularity, USA](#)
- [Goat Farming, St. Croix, Virgin Islands](#)
- [Goat Farming Project, South Africa](#)
- [Tsunami Affected Women Trained in Goat Farming, India](#)
- [CIRG Hosts March 4, National Workshop on Goat & Sheep, India](#)
- [Raising Transgenic Goats to Produce Antithrombin, USA](#)
- [More Transgenic Goat Info, plus video!](#)
- [Antithrombin from Transgenic Goats Not Approved](#)
- [More Transgenic Goat Drug Not Approved](#)

Upcoming Events

- [CIRG Hosts March 4, National Workshop on Goat & Sheep, India](#)
- [March 11, Goat Production Workshop, USA](#)
- [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](#)

Our first meeting is scheduled for June 27, 16:00 - 20:00 and the follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 29, 14:00 - 18:00. If anyone has an item to be added to the Board Meeting agenda, please contact Christian DeVries: goats@heifer.org, no later than June 20th.

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

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.](#)

• News from the FAO-CIHEAM Network on Sheep and Goats

By Pierre Morand-Fehr - IGA Vice-President

The 11th seminar of the sub-network FAO-CIHEAM on sheep and goat nutrition was held on September 8-10, 2005 at Catania in Sicily, one of three Italian regions with South Italy and Sardinia where goat farming is very important. The main subjects studied during the seminar were:

1. The role of secondary compounds in sheep and goat nutrition,
2. Product quality as affected by feeding strategies,
3. New techniques to evaluate and ameliorate feed nutritional value and animal performance.

IGA's Global Partners

- [Heifer International](#)
- [University of Hawaii](#)
- [Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique \(INRA\)](#)
- [Cirval \(website not working\)](#)
- [Elsevier](#)
- [Central Institute for Research on Goats](#)
- [Vereniging Kwaliteitszorg Geitenhouderij Nederland \(VKGN\)](#)
- [Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute \(website not working\)](#)
- [FARM Africa](#)

IGA Information

- [IGA strategic plan: 2005 to 2010](#)
- [June 2006 International Symposium Information, Romania](#)
- [Would you like to submit an article to Small Ruminant Research?](#)

Top Articles from December Newsletter

- [Goat Workshop, April 10-13, 2006, Cairo, Egypt](#)

To deal with them, several international well-known experts as Drs. Makkar (United States), Provenza (United States), Waghorn (New Zealand) and Newbold (United Kingdom) have been invited. This seminar has reached a high scientific standard. The proceedings will be published in a special issue of the scientific journal, Options Méditerranéennes. IGA members will be informed when the Proceedings are available.

To visit the 11th FAO-CIHEAM website, go to <http://www.faociheam-sicily2005.com/> or click on the image above.

[To comment on this conference or this article, click here.](#)

• Goat Handbook Announcement

Dear Members,

IGA recently received an announcement about a new goat book that was published in February, as part of the Barron's Educational Series. We thought our readers might like a little more information.

- TITLE: Goat Handbook
- AUTHOR: Seyedmehdi Mobini, Ulrich Jaudas
- ISBN: 07641-3268-7
- Publisher: Barron's Educational Series, Inc. (<http://barroneduc.com/>)
- List Price: USD 11.99

For a look at some of the pages in this book go to Amazon.com or click here. <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0764132687/104-2447639-5149514?v=glance&n=283155>

Special thanks to Dr. Beth Miller who was kind enough to send us this announcement.

[To comment on the GOAT HANDBOOK, click here.](#)

- [June 2006 International Symposium Information, Romania](#)
- [Demand for Goat Meat Surpasses Supply, USA](#)
- [More News About HIV Goat Serum, Ghana](#)
- [Goat Milk Revolution, United Kingdom](#)
- [Dairy Goat Project, Ukambani, Kenya](#)
- [Goat Numbers Soar to Meet Dairy Demand, United Kingdom](#)