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IGA News

Write an article for IGA Newsletter

Have you written a goat related article that is important and you want to share it? Now is your opportunity to send us your goat related articles so that we can share them with other IGA members

All goat articles will be considered but you must be a current IGA member to participate.

Please Send Country Reports/Updates

It is really important that IGA Country Representatives send occasional country reports. These report/updates help all members to better understand the global goat situation and connect with other members. Many IGA CRs have responded to our request for reports

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

Your Cheap Sweaters Real Cost

Share your opinion

IGA has a long history of advocating environmentally sound and economically viable goat production and we know that our members share this view. Recently a very interesting article concerning Chinese Angora goat production and how it is affecting the environment



Cashmere goat in China (photo by Pete Souza)

on a global scale was brought to our attention, [Your cheap sweater's real cost](#). This is the first of three articles published by the Chicago Tribune dealing with China's growing appetite for natural resources and how it is reshaping the world. The second and third articles cover timber and oil respectively. [Click here to read any of the three articles or watch the videos](#).

We are interested in your thoughts and opinions on this article. Post a comment on the IGA blog or send us an e-mail (goats@heifer.org) and we will include your comments in the next newsletter. [Click here to post a comment on the IGA Blog](#).

From the President

Dear Friends of the IGA,

2006 Year in Review

In 2006, with the support of more than 250 members and partner organizations in 61 different countries, IGA continued promoting goat research and development around the globe. I thank all of our members for supporting IGA and making a difference in people's lives.

2007 marks the 25th Anniversary of IGA and we are especially proud of the accomplishments of our members and our long history. IGA relies on members like you to play an active role in our organization, your community, country and



on goat production in the countries that they represent. If you haven't had a chance to send us your update, we hope you will send it soon.

Member Feature Recommendations

As we announced in the June 2006 IGA Newsletter, we have opened a new section that features IGA members. We want to know more about our members, so please send us your recommendations for who we should feature in this new series. Send us an e-mail with the name of the person you are recommending, what their goat related qualifications or experience is, and why you think this person should be featured.

We will then contact the person you recommend and ask them for some additional information, including a recent photo.

Remember, you cannot recommend yourself.

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Upcoming Events

[International Nutrition Conference, February 23-24, 2007, Lahore, Pakistan](#)

[International Symposium, 24-26 May 2007, Bella \(Potenza\), Italy](#)

world. We encourage you to find ways to add your voice to our global efforts.

9th ICG Website

Organizers of the 9th International Conference on Goats (Queretaro, Mexico 2008) recently unveiled the conference's new website. Much of the website is still under construction but we recommend that you check it occasionally for updates. We hope that you are planning to join us. [To visit the conference's website, click here](#)

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Board Meeting

Dear board members - please remember that the next Board Meeting is scheduled to take place during the International Goat Congress in Potenza, Italy.

If anyone has an item to be added to the Board Meeting agenda, please contact Christian DeVries: goats@heifer.org, no later than June 20, 2007.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Lu
IGA President 2005-2008

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Goat News, France

Written by Pierre Morand-Febr, IGA Board Member

The 13th annual Ruminant Research Meeting (3 R) took place in Paris on December 6th and 7th, 2006. During this meeting many interesting papers were presented on goats, particularly on phosphorus nutrition in goats, the physiological capacity to buffer the feedstuffs acidity in goat rumen, the welfare in goats, a merit index combining dairy and udder type traits, etc. Proceedings are available for order (450 p.). Full text copies are available in French, and summaries in English.

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9th International
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Report from October 2006 Conference, Portugal

Written by Christopher Lu

IGA country representative, Alfredo Teixeira, for Portugal in association with National Serrana Goat Breeders Association (ANCRAS) and the Agriculture School (ESA) of the Bragança Polytechnic Institute I (IPB) organized the First Portuguese Goat Production Meeting which occurred in Bragança (Portugal) from October 19-21, 2006.



IGA President, Dr. Christopher Lu, attended the opening ceremonies and had the opportunity to showcase the role of IGA in the world and to explain to people the main objectives and activities of the IGA including our global vision, priorities and major tasks of IGA Strategic Plan for 2005-2010.

During three days 187 breeders, students, professors and researchers participated in several sessions covering subjects such as; meat and milk production, animal breeding and genetics, nutrition, biology of goat production systems, behaviour, welfare and health. Several Breed Associations also made presentations. Eighteen oral presentations and six posters were discussed in their specific sessions. An issue with all communications and abstracts was published and distributed to all participants. At the end of sessions a round table held to discuss the principal problems, constraints and future of goat production in Portugal. Finally a technical visit to goat farmers took place and was an exciting social moment between the breeders, students, professors and researchers.

[For pictures of the conference, click here](#)

Goats in the News

[Your Cheap Sweater's Real Cost](#)

[Farmers Find Profit in Goats, USA](#)

[No Kidding - Goat Meat is the New Healthy Fad, United Kingdom](#)

[More Goats and Sheep Being Raised, New York, USA](#)

[Milk and Meat from Cloned Animals, India](#)

[Farmers Fear RVF May Spread, Kenya](#)

[RVF Devastates Meat Industry, Kenya](#)

[Healthy Option, United Kingdom](#)

[Goat Meat Exporter Warns Against Malaysian Competition, Australia](#)

[Ranchers Rarin' to Goat on Food Idea, USA](#)

IGA strategic plan: 2005
to 2010

Would you like to submit
an article to Small
Ruminant Research?

[Goat Returns on a Par with Dairy Cow, New Zealand](#)

[Goat Raisers Share Fencing Methods, Texas, USA](#)

[Livestock ID Scheme to Cover Goat Industry, Australia](#)

[Goat Milk Baby Formula, Korea](#)

[Redefining Dairy Image, Wisconsin, USA](#)

Top 5 Links from October 2006 Newsletter

[International Symposium, 24-26 May, 2007, Bella \(Potenza\), Italy](#)

[Goat Meat Leanest Kid on the Block](#)

[Expanding Goat Industry Hungry for Information](#)

[Reproductive Patterns in the West African Dwarf Goat on the Canadian Prairies](#)

[Protient Promotes Goat Protein for Energy and Satiety](#)

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