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May 2007

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.

Program for International Symposium, May 2007, Italy



Wednesday, 23 May 2007

Arrival at Potenza and Bella (PZ) - CRA-Istituto Sperimentale per la Zootecnia
14:00 - 21:00, Registration at the Hotel
13:30 - 18:00, IGA Board Meeting (Bella)
19:00, Welcome cocktail reception at Hotel

Thursday, 24 May 2007

Potenza, Aula Magna Università della Basilicata (Via Francioso)
9:00 - 11:50, Opening Ceremony - Meeting "Quality and biodiversity: factors of development for rich and poor agricultural systems" (Click here to view the Program of the Meeting)
12:00, Leaving to CRA - Istituto Sperimentale per la Zootecnia, Bella Scalo (PZ)
13:00 - 15:00, Lunch
15:00 - 16:35, Session 1, "A window on the worldwide production" - Chairman Jean Boyazoglu

Session Objective

This Session aims to offer a window on the situation of products and their quality around the world, introducing the question of different problems occurring in countries and different points of view on Quality, as a natural continuation of the discussion on Biodiversity, offered during the Meeting of the opening Session.

16:35 - 16:50, Coffee break

16:50 - 18:30, Session 2, "The product and the link with the *terroir*" - Chairman Pierre Morand-Fehr

Session Objective

In many countries, *terroir* is considered as a strategic element for the promotion of the product and the territory itself. In other countries, instead, the territory is perceived as a constraint and a cause of the failed development. Since the first aim of every producer is to sell his product at a good price, which models

IGA News

9th ICG - Update!

As many of you already know the 9th International Conference on Goats will be held in Queretaro, Mexico, in the Mision Queretaro Juriquilla Hotel, from August 31 - September 5, 2008.

The conference website is being updated with instructions for preparation and submission of manuscripts and posters. So we recommend that you visit the 9th ICG website periodically, www.iga2008mexico.com.mx.

Important Deadlines:

November 30, 2007: Abstract and three-page paper submission

January 31, 2008: Notification of acceptance of abstracts for poster presentations and short communications selected for oral presentations

February 15, 2008: Submission of papers from keynote speakers (plenary sessions) and invited speakers (individual sessions)

May 30, 2008: Notification of acceptance of papers from key-note and invited speakers

June 30, 2008: Proceedings ready for publication

The conference will have several activities, among them:

- Plenary Sessions (Keynote Speakers)

of development are available for the producer and the politician? The local breeds, the native flora and autochthonous microbial strains are constraints or not? Often we hear about quality, but how do we express it, how do we measure and, especially, preview it? This Session is open not only to specialists on goat, but to all those who deal with local development.

Friday, 25 May 2007

8:30 - 10:50, Session 3, "The product and the market" - Chairman Ettore Bove

Session Objective

Every producer knows that it is more difficult to sell than to produce. Nevertheless, the market still remains the big question for everyone. Globalisation has emphasized the competition and the sale at local level suffers the consequences, also owing to sanitary regulations barely comprehensible to small producers. The high quality product represents a niche. It can find a remunerative outlet in restaurants, the gastronomy or in the direct selling. Which are the problems, which the perspectives? Is e-commerce the trump hoped for or just an illusion? How do consumers react to the internationalisation of the offer? Do the PDO and trademark give more guarantees of selling?

10:50 - 11:10, Coffee break & Poster Session 4

11:10 - 18:30, Session 4, "Factors that influence the quality and their measured units" - Chairman Antonio Pirisi

Session Objective

The quality, beyond the idea everyone may have must be measured in such a way and it is a direct consequence of the parameters that determine it. Who may be interested on the hedonistic value, which are the parameters to consider; aromas in general, terpenes, polyphenoles, VOCs, etc? If we are interested in the nutritional quality, what do we measure; vitamins, acidic compounds, antioxidants in general? All these parameters are influenced by factors whose acquaintance is important for the knowledge and valorisation of the factors themselves; nutrition, breed, heat treatment, use of starters, etc.

13:00 - 14:30, Lunch

16:45 - 17:05, Coffee break

Saturday, 26 May 2007 - Moliterno

10:00 - 11:00, Training Session, "How to organise a cheese Award: criteria of evaluation of the cheese quality"

11:00 - 13:00, Workshop, "Tools and models to promote the product" -

Chairman Jean Boyazoglu

Workshop Objectives:

To produce is important, but selling is even more. Is globalisation the cause of strategies for product promotion becoming more and more difficult, by upsetting prices and costs, beyond the lack of planning capacity in this field? How are niche products valued, how do we make faithful consumers, how do we incite the producer?

- Individual Sessions (Oral Presentations and Posters)
- Roundtable Discussions
- Workshops for Producers
- Technical Visits
- IGA Annual General Meeting
- IGA Board Meetings
- IGA Dinner
- Social Activities

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Website still under construction

We have been working to improve the IGA website. If you haven't visited our website recently check in soon and see the improvements. If you have questions, comments, updates, or pictures that you would like to share, please let us know.

If you have visited the IGA website recently you may have noticed some dramatic changes. We are

Simultaneously to this workshop, which will close the Symposium, and which will take place in Moliterno (historical small city of famous cheese *affineurs*), an open market and very important International Goat Cheese Award will take place. In recent years the Cheese Award is becoming a strategic element able to give vitality to the quality market. But how do you organise a cheese Competition and can the organisation of an Award be valid in all realities? What are the limits? What are possible improvements? Which further strategies can we pair or set up? This will be dealt with during the Workshop, to which it is possible to participate with oral presentation or poster. It is desirable that the participants bring some advertising material (photos, brochures, posters) that can be displayed.

[To visit the conference website, click here.](#)

Special thanks to Roberto Rubino and the Symposium staff for these reminders.

From the President

Dear Friends of the IGA,

IGA Officers - Important Reminder!

Almost 3 months ago we asked all Board Members, Regional Directors, Country Representatives, and Advisory Board Members to send us your picture and a short bio that could be included in IGA publications and on our website. Some of you have replied but most of you have not responded.

We want to ensure that we have your most current information. Also we would like the people who visit our website to be able to learn more about you. You are our most important link to current and future members. Please send us your bio and photo as soon as possible, thank you for your cooperation.

[To learn more about IGA's Officers, click here.](#)

Please Send Country Reports/Updates

Over the past several months and years we have been able to include some very informative reports/updates about goat production and development from our officers around the globe in the IGA Newsletter. However, it is really important that you continue to send in these occasional country reports.

These reports/updates do not have to be long or comprehensive. For example they should include such things as; challenges and advantages for goats in the area that you represent, numbers and types of goats, information about the different industries in your area, etc.

If you haven't had a chance to send us your update we hope you will help all IGA members better understand the global goat situation and connect with other members. .

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redesigning the look and feel of IGA's online home.

We apologize in advance if you have any problems with the website. Any trouble you experience or any suggestions for improvement should be reported to Christian DeVries: goats@heifer.org.

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Goats in the News

[Unique Life of Ural villagers, Russia](#)

[Problems with Dairy Goat Project, Uganda](#)

[Market Price for Goats Satisfactory, Namibia](#)

[700 sheep & goats killed due to PPR, Nepal](#)

[Goats for Peace Plan, Kenya](#)

[Davao's Goat Center, Philippines](#)

[Livestock Market Goes Online, Tanzania](#)

Upcoming Events

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

[FROMAGORA, International Goat Cheese Award 26-27 May 2007, Moliterno \(Potenza\), Italy](#)

International Symposium and IGA Board Meeting

We encourage all of you who have not registered for the International Symposium in Bella, Italy to register soon! The Symposium will take place from May 24-26, 2007. We hope that you will make time to attend this important conference where we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the IGA. If you would like more information, or if you are planning to come, please make sure that you have registered, <http://www.caseus.info/iga-symposium>

IGA's Board will have 2 meetings during the Symposium. Our meeting schedule is: Board Meeting #1: May 23 - 16:00 to 19:00; Board Meeting #2: May 24 - 17:30 to 20:00

Sincerely,
Christopher D. Lu
IGA President 2005-2008

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International Tropical Animal Nutrition Conference "TROPNUTRICON", 4-7 October 2007, India

Organizers:
Animal Nutrition Society of India
National Dairy Research Institute,
Karnal (India),

www.nutrisocietyindia.com



Theme:

Animal Nutrition in India Tropics Constraints & Opportunities

India being largely a tropical country, is also a home for the largest livestock wealth, having highest bovine population, and being second highest in Goat population, third highest in sheep population and sixth highest in poultry. Animal rearing forms part of the sustainable crop-livestock integrated production system in tropics, including India. Animals are kept mainly for the purpose of food security and poverty alleviation, involving millions of small, landless and marginal farmers. Like most of the tropical countries, India too has a severe shortage of animal feeds. With a growing demand for foods of animal origin even in a newly developing societies, animal production assumes a significant role, in which feeding involves the major expenditure, about 60-70% of the total rearing cost. Last two decades have seen a lot more efforts being made in the tropical countries to generate newer feed resources and improve the efficiencies of the existing inferior feeds like crop residues and agro industrial byproducts, which form the bulk of feeds available for animal feeding. There is a need to assess the progress made so far in feeds and feeding systems in tropics and to discuss the strategies for future development.

[For more information on TROPNUTRICON, click here.](#)

Michigan Dairy Goat Association Annual Show, June 9-10, 2007, USA

2007 U.S. Nationals, International Boer Goat Association, June 29-July 1, (junior show - June 28), USA

American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners (AASRP) Annual Membership Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2:00 pm, July 14, 2007, USA

Second Annual International Goat Symposium, Alberta Goat Breeders Association, Sept. 18-20, 2007, Ontario, Canada

Open Meat Goat Show, Empire State Meat Goat Producers Association, Sept. 29, 2007, New York, USA

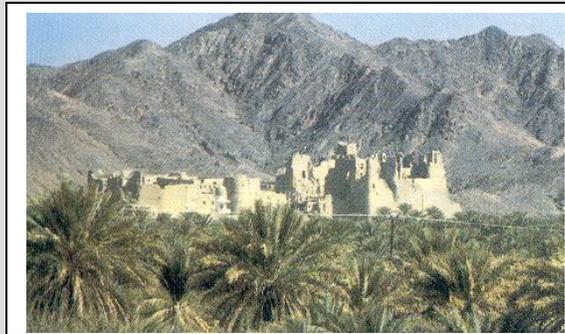
International Tropical Animal Nutrition Conference "TROPNUTRICON", October 4-7, 2007, India

American Dairy Goat Association Annual Convention, October 13-20, 2007, USA

Oklahoma Meat Goat Conference, Nov. 2-3, 2007, USA

Conference on Small Ruminants Production and Health in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions, January 26-28, 2008, Oman

Conference on Small Ruminants Production and Health in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions, January 26-28, 2008



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Welcome to Oman! The Sultanate of Oman is situated at the extreme south-east of the Arabian peninsula. Its coastline ranks amongst the most beautiful in the world, with scenery ranging from magnificent beaches leading to fertile plains and rugged mountains that run right into a sea of perfect blue. Visitors cannot fail to be impressed by the warmth and friendliness of a people who leave lasting impressions on everyone they meet. Oman is a country of forts, falajes, frankincense, date palms, desert plains and spectacular mountains.

Conference Topics:

The conference will cover the following areas of small ruminants production and health

1. Nutrition
2. Health and welfare
3. Production and products
4. Reproduction
5. Breeding

Deadlines:

Preliminary registration: May 30, 2007

Abstract submission: August 30, 2007

Final paper submission: November 15, 2007

Visa applications: October 15, 2007

[To learn more about this Small Ruminant Conference, click here.](#)

[For a copy of a conference registration form, click here.](#)

2006 Status and Development on Goats in China

Written by Pu Jiabi, IGA Board Member and Xu Gangyi, IGA Member

1. Current Status of Goats in China

At the end of 2004 China had 201.51 million goats in stock, and 155.89 million fattened and slaughtered, up by 7.6% and 9.2% than 2003. In 2004 China produced 199640 tons of goat meat, 14,500 tons of cashmere, an increase of 11.8%, 7.3% respectively than that of 2003; it exported 153,800 goats, 13200 tons of goat meat, up by 20.17%, 92.26% than 2003; it exported 4,135.52 tons

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[Goat Milk Baby Formula,
Korea](#)

[Goat industry, Swaziland](#)

[Inmates Raising Goats,
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[Raising Goats makes
Sense, Nigeria](#)

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of cashmere, down by 10.78% than 2003; export of goat products created a revenue of US \$46,860,000, 1.25 times more than 2003.

China has more than 62 million cashmere goats, producing two thirds of the world's cashmere. In 2002 China outproduced 10,000 tons of cashmere. The cashmere price is 350 yuan per kg in China, over ten times more than that of sheep wool. Exportation of cashmere and cashmere products created national revenue of 340 million US dollars. Cashmere and its products export value ranks the third place among all animal products exported abroad. China's cashmere goats are the best in the world. They have been recognized as a rare animal genetic resource by China Ministry of Agriculture, and its fine representation-Inner Mongolia Cashmere Goat and Liaoning Cashmere Goat was listed as the first class protected breeds.

2. Development Trend

2.1. Constant Development of Meat Goat Industry

In recent 20 years, with the constant, stable and rapid development of China's economy, people's living standard has been steadily and quickly improving, and the food structure has changed significantly. The total meat consumption has kept growing. In the past the major meat consumption is pork and poultry. Now it is more diversified, with increasing focus on nutrition and health food.

[To read the rest of this article, click here.](#)

BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT - Goats: Biology, Production and Development, Asia (2007)

Written by C. Devendra

Publisher: Academy of Sciences Malaysia, 902- 4 Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Hardback, 246 pp.

The contents include Foreword, Preface, Acknowledgements and a total of 12 chapters:

1. Evolution and domestication,
2. Place of goats in farming systems,
3. Agro-ecological zones and the environment,
4. Breeds,
5. Bioclimatology and adaptation,
6. Production systems,
7. Meat and milk production,
8. Feed resources and nutrition to improve productivity,
9. Improved husbandry and economic potential,
10. Post-production systems,
11. Development strategies, and
12. Research for development.

The book has 62 color photographs, a consolidated list of references, a glossary and an extensive index. This publication will be of interest to all those concerned with goats and tropical animal production. It is an essential reference for animal scientists, students at different levels of training, teachers, researchers, practitioners, development agents and planners.

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2007 Oklahoma Meat Goat Conference, November 2-3, USA

Who should attend?

- A new producer contemplating meat goats as the way to a livestock business and rural lifestyle?
- An established meat goat rancher looking for ways to maximize your profitability?
- A cattle rancher looking for an alternative brush control method or wanting to employ integrated grazing to utilize the forage your cattle don't use and increase the total production of your forage base?
- A seed stock producer supplying economically feasible breeding stock to all of the above?

There have been several seminars for purebred and show goat producers. Very

few conferences have specifically targeted producers planning or operating a commercial meat goat enterprise. Oklahoma producers have expressed a need for a conference that covers everyday management and marketing practices necessary to be profitable; one that addresses budgeting and value of breeding animals using commercial market prices. If information geared toward making a commercial meat goat business sound and profitable would benefit you, make plans to attend the 2007 Oklahoma Meat Goat Conference.

Conference Schedule:

November 2, 2007 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - *Workshops*

November 3, 2007 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - *Conference & Trade Show*

Conference Speakers:

1. Dr. Richard Browning, Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research, Tennessee State University
2. Dr. Steve Hart, E (Kika) de la Garza Institute for Goat Research, Langston University
3. James "JJ" Jones, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Area Agriculture Economics Specialist, Southeastern Oklahoma
4. Dr. Gene Parker, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Area Extension Food Animal Quality & Health Specialist, Western Oklahoma
5. Chris Rice, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Area Extension Agronomy Specialist, Southeastern Oklahoma
6. Tom Smith, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Extension Educator Pushmataha County
7. Dr. Dave Sparks, D.V.M., Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Area Extension Food Animal Quality & Health Specialist, Eastern Oklahoma
8. Harold Stephens, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Extension Educator Atoka County
9. Jack Wallace, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Area Extension Livestock Specialist, Southeastern Oklahoma

To read the full speaker profiles, go to: <http://oklagoats.com/sitemap.aspx>

Conference Information:

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