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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.

REPORT: IGA Regional Conference, Italy

Written by Lucia Sepe, IGA member and Symposium Secretary

Echoes of our recent International symposium are still running in the air and among the participants. This symposium took place in the beautiful mountainous



Basilicata region of Southern Italy from 24th to 26th May 2007 and was promoted and organized in Bella, Italy by the CRA - Unit of Extensive Zootechny (*Consiglio per la Ricerca e sperimentazione in Agricoltura - Unità di Zootechnia Estensiva*) and directed by Roberto Rubino.

The aim of this symposium was to bring together an international group of participants to discuss "The quality of the goat products: models and tools of evaluation and promotion," about which participants spoke to every level, but with various languages: healthiness, nutritional contribution, link with the territory, etc. Twenty-two international delegations from four continents participated in this symposium; Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lebanon, Mauritania, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, USA, and Venezuela.

The opening meeting of 24th May was a integral part of the symposium used to focus the resources of biodiversity in animal production, besides the key-words of the quality product, as the perspectives of the international market, of the valuable fibre, but above all as the dairy management in difficult territories, e.g. in Mauritania.

[To read the rest of this report and see pictures from this symposium, click here.](#)

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

IGA News

[Important Update for 9th ICG!](#)

A bold, colorful and interactive new website gives visitors both the latest information on the upcoming 2008 conference, as well as

useful information about Mexico, the city of Queretaro, the organizing and scientific committees, and much, much more. The website for the 9th International Conference on Goats has gotten a dramatic facelift and a new web address. [To visit the new 9th ICG website, click here.](#)

The main goal of the 9th International Conference is to disseminate the knowledge of cutting edge technology and science for the benefit of sustainable goat production. For this purpose, people dedicated to the field of academy, research and production activities will gather to share experiences and to study ways of improving the goat production industry. The outcome of this exchange will surely impact the goat industry for the benefit of humankind.

Recent findings in different areas of research and transfer of sustainable technology to goat producers have successfully improved goat production in Mexico and other countries. Government and non-government entities are an essential component in the development of this industry by helping goat associations which receive technical support and accessible loans. An increased demand for quality goat products such as meat, milk and processed food products

From the President

Dear Friends of the IGA,

We are looking forward to the Ninth International Conference on Goats to be held in Queretaro, Mexico, August 31 - September 4, 2008, and we believe you can help us make this a great success!

This quadrennial conference will gather goat production scientists and practitioners from all over the world. It is the premier event for sharing the latest research on goats, and the International Goat Association [IGA] along with many others is sponsoring this event. For more conference information about this exciting event go to: www.iga-goatworld.org.

One of IGA's goals is to make it possible for more young professionals, especially women professionals, who are interested in goat production and research to be involved in this conference. In most of the world, goats are cared for by women and are an extremely important source of food and income for the poor. However research and development on goats is still lagging perhaps exactly because they tend to be the domain of the poor and marginalized.

We need your help in sponsoring some young professionals who cannot afford to participate in this conference on their own. Connecting young professionals with some of the top scientists in the field and exposing them to the needs of peasant farmers and goat producers of all types will stimulate much needed work to continue to increase the productivity of goats, the safety of various food products, and in general the well being of farmers and herders.

The average cost for sponsoring a young professional's participation is \$1,500 USD [one thousand and five hundred dollars] to cover airfare, food and accommodation. Please consider sponsoring one person. Our goal is to provide this opportunity to at least 12 people. Perhaps you can persuade your institution to sponsor someone. If you are unable to contribute a full sponsorship, please contribute whatever you can \$500, \$250, or \$100. All sponsorships will be recognized at the conference in Queretaro and in IGA publications unless you prefer to remain anonymous. [For a donation form, click here.](#)

You can also assist us by nominating a person you think IGA should sponsor. Please send us the name, full contact information, a brief bio and a short note stating why this person deserves to be sponsored. [For a nomination form, click here.](#)

Send your contributions to:
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Thanks for helping us make this an event that will be accessible to all.



and fiber world wide, have resulted from the development of new market opportunities and niches.

The central conference theme will be "Sustainable Goat Production: Challenges and Opportunities of Small and Large Enterprises". Some actual topics that will be covered are sustainability, food safety, production and product quality assurance and organic goat products. The importance of the central theme takes into consideration the modernization of the goat industry, under a sustainability scheme, in which scientists, producer associations and government and non-governmental entities have interacted with the result of improved goat production and social development.

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

We recommend that you visit the 9th ICG website periodically to keep up-to-date with all the latest information.

[To visit the new 9th ICG website, click here.](#)

Important Deadlines:

September 1, 2007:

Opening of abstract submission

November 30, 2007:

Abstract and three-page paper submission

January 10, 2008:

Opening of registration

Sincerely,
Christopher D. Lu
IGA President 2005-2008

[To visit IGA's website, click here.](#)

FAO-CIHEAM Network on Sheep and Goats, 6th International Seminar, November 15-17, 2007, Portugal

The 6th International Seminar sponsored by FAO-CIHEAM Network on Sheep and Goats Sub Network on Production Systems, "Changes in Sheep and Goat Farming Systems at the Beginning of the 21st Century Research, tools, methods and initiatives in favour of a sustainable development" will take place on November 15-17, 2007 in Ponte de Lima, Portugal.



This seminar is being organized by the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries in conjunction with; Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), and Escola Superior Agrária de Ponte de Lima (ESAPL) - Instituto Politécnico de Viana do Castelo (IPVC).

Important dates

- July 31, 2007: Deadline for notification to authors of acceptance or rejection of their papers
- September 20, 2007: Deadline to receive final complete papers
- September 30, 2007: Deadline for registration

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Venue

The Seminar will be held in the School of Agriculture of Ponte de Lima (ESAPL-IPVC), Refóios in Ponte de Lima.

Languages

The official languages of the seminar will be English, French and Portuguese. Simultaneous translation will be provided. Sessions of the Working Groups will not be translated.

Certification

A Certificate of Attendance will be available at the Registration desk if required.

Official Letter of Invitation

An official letter of invitation designed to help overcome administrative

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

July 31, 2008: Deadline for cancellation

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IGA needs you!

This issue marks the fourth IGA Newsletter of the year, and as the number of issues per year has grown so has our readership.

When I became Director of Operations for IGA in June 2005 we had a readership of roughly 461 people, since then the newsletter has grown to 644 readers.

We love adding new readers and new IGA members with each newsletter, but we need your help. We need our readers to send in all goat

An official letter of invitation designed to help overcome administrative difficulties will be sent on request. It must be understood that such letters does not grant any financial support.

Badges and Identification

Upon registration, each participant will receive a name badge to be worn at all times during the seminar activities and social events. Invitations to social events will be collected on entry.

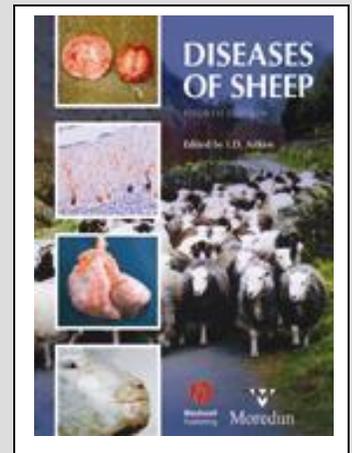
[To learn more about this seminar, click here.](#)

[To register for this seminar, click here.](#)

Book Announcement and Special Discount

Wiley-Blackwell is proud to announce the recent release of *Diseases of Sheep, Fourth Edition* by Ian Aitken and is offering a special discount to all International Goat Association members.

This reference is a comprehensive book on sheep diseases available to veterinarians and agriculturalists worldwide. The new edition has been revised and updated to maintain its original core structure and its international approach to the many diseases which affect sheep.



- Known to many as the "Moredun Sheep Book" because of its association with the Moredun Research Institute, long recognized as a center of excellence in sheep disease research
- Special attention is given to specific regional disease problems in the Middle East, Southern Africa, Australia, New Zealand, North America and South America
- Covers technical aspects of disease prevention and treatment, including uncommon diseases, as well as sheep welfare issues

Any veterinary practitioner or agriculturalist who works with sheep will continue to find the information in this book the most authoritative and comprehensive available.

Wiley-Blackwell is pleased to extend a 15% discount for *Diseases of Sheep* to all IGA members. The purchase price would be \$186.99 USD rather than the normal list price of \$219.99 USD. To receive this discount contact Christian DeVries (goats@heifer.org) and he will be happy to give you a special discount code to be used when placing your order directly with Wiley-Blackwell. To order the book online, go to <http://store.blackwell-professional.com/9781405134149.html>

Special thanks to Julie Crimmins at Blackwell Publishing for this announcement.

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related stories, photos, conference information, etc. that they find or have written.

One of the most popular types of articles among our readers is the country reports/updates. We are always in need of these reports from our Country Representatives and Regional Directors around the globe. 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.

Many of you have answered our call and for your efforts we sincerely thank you, but it is really important that you continue to send in new information. We hope you will help all IGA members better understand the global goat situation and connect with other members.

Remember to send all goat news to:
Christian DeVries
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La Chevre

If you read French then we have an important announcement for you. The website of the French dairy goat journal, *La chèvre*, is now online on

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International Goat Symposium, September 18-20, 2007, Canada

International Goat Symposium

Lindsay Ontario, Canada September 18-20 2007

The event will be held from Tuesday, September 18th - 20th at the Admiral Inn, Lindsay, Ontario Canada and the surrounding area. The steering committee is proud to present an event that will feature farm tours, a welcome reception, workshops, trade show, a Tapas-style Social Dinner and a "Trend Setter Sale".

On Tuesday September 18th, delegates will have a full day for a self-directed driving tour of local Goat Producers. In the evening, delegates will kick off the Symposium with a Welcoming Reception and the opening of the trade show.

Starting on Wednesday, delegates will have a day and a half of seminar presentations, concurrent sessions and demonstrations. The topics will address all aspects of goat genetics from genetic improvement here in Canada and around the world to using on-farm records and the use of on-farm technologies. A special session on entering the meat or dairy goat industry will also be offered before our Tapas-style Social Dinner in the evening.

Thursday will start with demonstrations on artificial insemination and embryo transfer demonstrations in the morning, followed by the "Trend Setter Sale" featuring indexed animals to be held at the new Lindsay fairgrounds.

[To learn more about this symposium, click here.](#)

8th European IFSA Symposium, July 6-10, 2008, France

The 8th European Symposium of the International Farming Systems Association (IFSA) "Empowerment of the rural actors: a renewal of Farming Systems perspectives" will be held from July 6-10, 2008 at Clermont Ferrand (France). After Vila Real (Portugal, 2004) and Wageningen (The Netherlands, 2006), the IFSA Europe offers a new opportunity for multi-disciplinary exchanges between researchers and actors in rural development, concentrated on some essential questions related to the sustainable development of territories:



- How to strengthen the capacities for initiative and innovation of players in the farming world and more widely in the rural world?
- How to renew ways of supporting and guiding these initiatives by research, territorial collectivities and development organisations?

on www.la-chevre.fr.

Of special importance:

- the table of content of the current issue,
- tables of content of past issues,
- “best of” articles,
- on-line forum,
- archives classified by heading and by year from 2001,
- a way to leaf through *La chèvre*,
- classified adverts about goat production,
- registration to the future newsletter

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[Goat Milk Holds Promise for Nerve Gas Antidote, United Kingdom](#)

[Counting Goats in Ramjar, Bhutan](#)

[Small Livestock Rearing Yet to Gain Momentum, Zimbabwe](#)

[Raising a Good Mohair Yarn, New Zealand](#)

The program includes plenary sessions, discussions with players from the territories, workshops with presentations and discussions of oral communications and posters.

Grassroots visits are also an integral part of the program: they illustrate the contribution of the protected landscapes of the volcanic mountains, the farming products of quality very much rooted in the landscape, and services activities to the dynamism of rural territories. A satellite session will be focused on “Learning in the Field of Landscape Agronomy.”

The organizers invite searchers and rural extensionists to propose papers and posters which address the workshop themes:

- Learning, collective action and empowerment for rural reorganization,
- Vertical integration: farming systems in food chain,
- Adaptive farming systems,
- Landscape as a frame for and a product of developments in rural areas,
- GHG emission reduction and energy production in agriculture, forestry, aquaculture and mariculture: potentials and impact,
- Change in knowledge systems and extension services; role of new actors (deadlines for the abstracts submission: October 1, 2007).

Benoît Dedieu (European Scientific Committee)

Etienne Josien (Umr Metafort, Clermont Fd)

Jean Marc Meynard (INRA – SAD)

Website: www.8th-european-ifs-symposium.org

Book Announcement: Raising Goats for Milk and Meat

Heifer International is pleased to present this new, revised edition of *Raising Goats for Milk and Meat*. The new edition includes training guidelines, a learning guide for each chapter, an updated health section and additional information on marketing, meat goats and care of the land.

The first edition was published in 1984 and has been revised in subsequent years. Our goal in 1984 and the present is to offer a comprehensive manual for the beginning goat farmer. However, we are certain that even seasoned breeders will find this new version to be an invaluable resource.

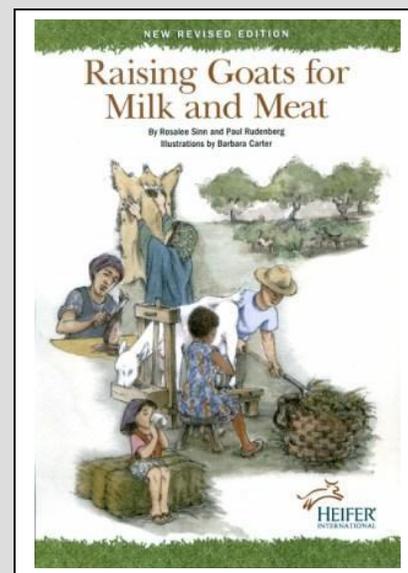
By Rosalee Sinn and Paul Rudenberg, Illustrations by Barbara Carter

Available: October 2007

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[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](#)

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MNA de México

Croatian Livestock Center

Vereniging Kwaliteitszorg Geitenhouderij Nederland (VKGN)

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