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IGA News

9th ICG!

We are excited about the Ninth International Conference on Goats, and we know you are too!

This conference is the premier event for sharing

October 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.

Nomination Process for New Members of the Board of Directors 2008

International Goat Association is looking for leaders to serve and lead for the next four years. Most of the current board members are committed to select new leaders and fulfill our mission and vision. The Board is looking for individuals who are:

- A full IGA member with good standing for the past four years
- Participated in IGA activities during the past four years
- Contribute to IGA causes and goat sectors in the past
- Knowledgeable and experienced in goat production, research, development and outreach
- Represent various part of the world

The election of IGA board members is coming up in the early part of next year. The IGA constitution states, "The vote regarding the nomination of the directors is organized by the Secretary-Treasurer on the proposal of the outgoing board of directors. It must take place within the last year before the upcoming International Conference on Goats and be finalized three months before the Conference." All IGA members in good standing will be eligible to vote. In order to facilitate this process, IGA President is setting up a nominations committee which will screen all candidates.

If you wish to make a nomination, please send nominations to Chris Lu (chrislu99@gmail.com) and copy to Jim DeVries (jim.devries@heifer.org). We will need full contact information for the individual you are nominating and a brief resume.

Secondly, our constitution states the term of office of directors is from one International Conference on Goats to the next. This means that all current terms end next year at the end of the conference. All current board members are requested to indicate to Jim DeVries whether you wish to be a candidate for election and to continue on the IGA board. The confirmation is needed by the end of October as to your willingness to continue on the board if you are reelected.

Third, the IGA constitution allows people to serve a maximum of 3 consecutive terms, which means after the original election, a director can only be reelected two times. The exception to this is that certain officers including the past President and the Editor of the Journal are automatically on the board ex officio.

the latest research on goats. Unfortunately there are many young professional around the world who will be unable to attend because they lack the funds necessary.

We want 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.

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for at least 12 people.

We need your help in sponsoring some young professionals! Attending this event will allow young professionals to connect with some of the top scientists in the field. It will generate new ideas for research and work.

A full sponsorship is \$1,500 but please contribute whatever you can \$500, \$250, or \$100. Please consider donating to this worthy effort, no gift is too small. If you are unable to give, perhaps you can persuade your institution to sponsor someone.

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

IGA needs a strong and active board. Your role in helping us get the right people on the board is critical. We look forward to hearing from you.

[To learn more about the Sponsorship Fund, click here.](#)

[To download a nomination form, click here.](#)

From the President

Dear Friends of the IGA,

Welcome New Institutional and Individual Members

We would like welcome the following new members to IGA family of IGA during a recent meeting held in Zacatecas



Institutional Members:

- Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Mexico
- Universidad Academica Medicina Veterinaria y Bootecnia Zacatecas

Individual Members:

- Fernando Ruiz Zarate
- Carlos F. Arechiga
- Miguel Mellado
- Juan Felip Torres-Acosta
- Aguiabar Caballero Armamdo
- Romana Melba Rincon-Delgado
- Ana Maria Ocampo-Barragan
- Romulo Banuelos V.

We now have a total of 11 institutional members, the other nine are:

- Heifer International
- American Institute for Goat Research
- University of Hawaii at Hilo
- American Dairy Goat Association
- Central Institute for Research on Goat (India)
- Coratian Livestock Center
- MNA de Mexico
- Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute (India)
- Dutch Association for Quality Assurance in Goat Farming (VKGN)

I encourage all members to continue to recruit both individual and institutional members for IGA. With a strong membership base, the International Goat Association will continue to be a **GLOBAL ORGANIZATION WITH REGIONAL IMPACT.**

Sincerely,
Christopher D. Lu

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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:
International Goat Association
Attn: Christian DeVries
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Little Rock, AR 72202,
USA

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

IGA needs you!

This issue marks the fifth 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 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

Request for Nomination of Distinguished Speakers for the Plenary Sessions, 9th international Conference on Goats, Queretaro, Mexico, August 31 - September 5, 2008

The preparation of 9th International conference on Goats is proceeding vigorously.

Many universities, government agencies and private sectors in Mexico are actively involved. The Organizing Committee assures us the quality of conference and they believe this will be one of the best attended conferences in the history of International Goat Association.



In addition to a multiple universities sponsorship, the 9th International Conference on Goats distinguishes itself from the other conferences by identifying several urgent issues that are critical to the future of goat sector:

- Sustainable Goat Production
- Food Safety, Production and Product Quality Assurance
- Future of Organic Goat Products
- Recent Advancement in Biotechnology in goats
- Branding and Marketing of Goat Products
- Goat Production and Environment Conservation

The Organizing Committee is requesting nominations for keynote speakers to address these issues during the plenary sessions. These individuals should be:

- Internationally recognized expert in the issue addressed
- Understanding the challenges in goat sector
- Able to provide an objective overview of the issue
- Able to provide feasible solutions for the future

The Organizing Committee will cover the expenses for the keynote speakers during the conference. International Goat Association is assisting the Mexican Organizing Committee to identify these individuals.

Please forward your nomination with a complete CV to:

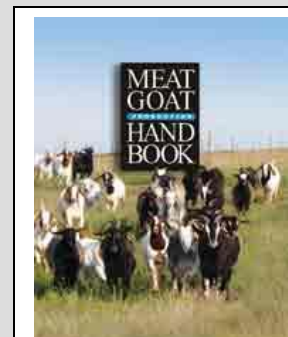
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Book Announcement: Meat Goat Production Handbook

The *Meat Goat Production Handbook*, a 418 page text comprised of 24 chapters covering all aspects of meat goat production, is now available through the American Institute for Goat Research of Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma.

Chapters in the handbook were written by leading,



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
goats@heifer.org

For more conference information go to:
www.iga-goatworld.org.

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Upcoming Events

[Oklahoma Meat Goat Conference, Nov. 2-3, 2007, USA](#)

[FAO-CIHEAM Network on Sheep and Goats, 6th International Seminar, November 15-17, 2007, Portugal](#)

qualified authorities in academia or goat industry and cover management, health, nutrition, predators, farm business, reproduction, marketing, quality assurance, and many other topics. The handbook's price is \$50 that includes shipping and handling in the continental U.S. (Alaska, Hawaii and international orders are \$65).

The *Meat Goat Production Handbook* can be ordered online at the Institute's website (www2.luresext.edu) or by sending a check or money order payable to "Research Sales" to MGPH, Langston University, Box 730, Langston, OK 73050.

The handbook was developed from a web-based certification program for goat producers housed on the American Institute for Goat Research website. The American Institute for Goat Research of Langston University recognized the meat goat industry's need for a comprehensive source of accurate information.

In response, the American Institute for Goat Research of Langston University led a consortium of universities, breed, and producer organizations consisting of Alcorn State University, American Boer Goat Association, American Kiko Goat Association, American Meat Goat Association, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Langston University, Prairie View A&M University, Southern University, Tennessee Goat Producers Association, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, United States Boer Goat Association, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, and Virginia State University in the development of the website and handbook.

[To order this book, 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

[Conference on Small Ruminants Production and Health in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions, January 26-28, 2008, Oman](#)

[8th European IFSA Symposium, July 6-10, 2008, France](#)

[9th International Conference on Goats, August 31 - September 5, 2008, Mexico](#)

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

[9th International Conference on Goats, August 31 - September 5, 2008, Queretaro, Mexico](#)

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[International Goat Symposium, Alberta Goat Breeders Association, Sept. 18-20, 2007, Ontario, Canada](#)

[FAO-CIHEAM Network on Sheep and Goats, 6th International Seminar, November 15-17, 2007, Portugal](#)

[8th European IFSA Symposium, July 6-10, 2008, France](#)

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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 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.](#)

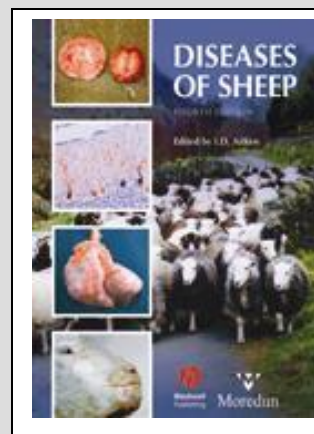
[To register for this seminar, click here.](#)

Other Recent Book Announcements

Diseases of Sheep, Fourth Edition

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

Wiley-Blackwell is offering 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://www.blackwellpublishing.com/vet/>



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Official Website:
International Symposium,
Bella (Potenza), Italy

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Goat Abattoir Blamed for
Q Fever Cases, Australia

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Goat Research

American Dairy Goat
Association

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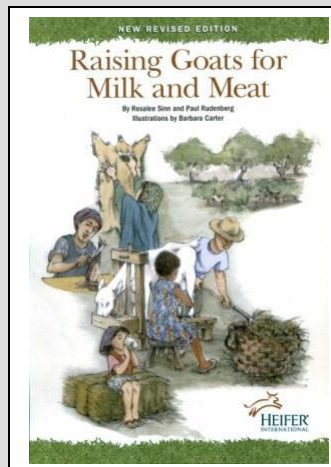
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Ames, IA 50014
E-mail: julie.crimmins@ames.blackwellpublishing.com
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Raising Goats for Milk and Meat

Heifer International is releasing a 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.

Their goal is to offer a comprehensive manual for the beginning goat farmer, that even seasoned breeders will find valuable.

Contact:
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(501) 907-2648
program-info@list.heifer.org



Goats in the News

Goat and Sheep Herders Hear Bells of Growth, Vietnam

No Meat in Goat Prices, Australia

Rare Tahr Goats and Mountain Fauna Face Extinction, UAE

Workshop for New Farmers to Start Goat Dairy Farmers, Vermont, USA

Goat Market Weakens, Australia

Goat Milk Market Identified, Swaziland

Demand for Goat Meat Grows, United States

New Life for Goat Industry, Trinidad & Tobago

Goat Milk for Healthy Lifestyle, United Kingdom

World Vision Embarks on Goat Project, Swaziland

Farmers Establish Collective Dairy Goat Farm, Brazil

Need to develop goat industry, Swaziland

North Cotabato Official Sees Potential of Goats, Philippines

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Center](#)

[Vereniging
Kwaliteitszorg
Geitenhouderij
Nederland \(VKGN\)](#)

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[Profits Through Genetics: 2nd IGS, Ontario, Canada](#)

[Farmers Establish Collective Farm to Raise Dairy Goats, Brazil](#)

[Commercialisation of the Indigenous Goat, Swaziland](#)

[Goat Raising Gets Popular in Davao, Philippines](#)

[Goats Help Nurture Landfill Grounds Back to Life, USA](#)

[New Research on the Benefits of Goat Milk, Granada](#)

[More Farmers Show Interest in Goat Production, Swaziland](#)

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