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November 2008

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.

Editorial

Dear Members of International Goat Association:
It is my distinct honor to serve as your new president. I am also proud to introduce this newsletter.

A new board of Directors was elected during the 9th International Conference on goats in Queretaro. We are a motivated team to develop the activity and services of our Association.

In our world facing dramatic challenges, the role of IGA is more than ever fundamental to make aware the importance of goats and local animal production for the welfare of many rural zones.

The 9th ICG in Queretaro was a tremendous success but we must continue by encouraging new meetings and exchanges.

In one year, our membership has increased significantly with more than 260 members from 63 countries. Our members are an amazing group of people who are dedicated to promoting goat research and development for the benefit of humankind, to alleviate poverty, to promote prosperity and to improve the quality of life.

For the next 4 years we have developed an ambitious Action Plan based on several strategic points:

- High quality International and Regional Conferences. Particularly, the board has decided to sponsor, for the first time two complementary International Conferences on Goats, one in 2010 and 2012, in Brazil and Spain respectively,
- To further develop Membership and Sponsoring with new services, information and permanent contact with our members,
- To continue to improve the high scientific quality of Small Ruminant Research, our Journal published by Elsevier.

We recently opened a **NEW WEBSITE** with more updated information on [what is done, on the projects, on the organizations, on the products](#).

We have begun to create a new network of **IGA Training Centers** and we wish to develop **collective expertise** on the situation of goats and **promote local projects** everywhere in the world. For this we will count also on our unique network of (now updated) Country Representatives.

Our **regional conferences and meetings** have been a huge success thanks to



Upcoming Events

Sustainable Animal
Production in the Humid
Tropics, Guadeloupe,
French West Indies, March
7-13, 2009

10th International
Conference on Goats in
Recife, Brazil, 2010

Goats in the News

EU Has to Allocate More
Funds to Sheep & Goat
Breeders, Romania

Drink your goat's milk,
Philippines

Goat Breeders Join Jamaica
Agricultural Society

Environmentally Friendly
Goat Contraceptive, Kenya

Women Get Goats for
Poverty Fight, Uganda

Funding to Help Establish
Dairy Goat Research Herd,
Wisconsin, USA

"Big Goat" Research
Centre to be Established at
Aseseeso, Ghana

Global Crisis Hits Kenya
Goat Sales

New Rules for Sheep and
Goat Owners, Florida,
USA

UAE's Ban on Somali
Sheep & Goats Lifted

the dynamism of our Past President Chris Lu and local Country Representatives; we all wish to continue these meetings.

I am glad to announce the new Board of Directors for the IGA.

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Last minute information!

I am also glad to announce that an IGA satellite meeting is planned during the upcoming International Conference "Sustainable Animal Production in the Humid Tropics" that will be held in the Karibea Beach Hotel, Gosier, Guadeloupe, French West Indies March 7-13, 2009.

To visit the conference website go to: <https://colloque.inra.fr/sapht>

Sincerely,

Jean-Paul Dubeuf

President of International Goat Association

To visit IGA's website, click here.

The goats: a challenge for the sustainable development of rural areas

During the 9th International Conference on goats, Christie Peacock, an IGA Board member and Director of Farm Africa, presented an important key report on the perspectives of goat production regarding the challenges of sustainability the world is facing.

She has underlined that humankind is facing unprecedented turmoil and change as it seeks to survive and thrive at the start of the 21st century. There are some global trends and forces of change. These trends include global warming, the rising costs of non-renewable energy, rising cost of grain, dietary changes, human population growth, human aspirations livestock population growth, and environmental degradation.

Important Links from July 2008 Newsletter

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Husbandry](#)

[ROSA and Hassania
Kanoubi](#)

[How to Raise Healthy
Goats](#)

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Association](#)

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[Click here to download the original text of Dr. Peacock's presentation,
"Sustainable goat production - some global perspectives."](#)

10th International Conference on Goats in Recife, Brazil, 2010

The IGA Board of Directors announced their decision to sponsor the next International Conference on Goats.

In the past the ICGs were presented every four to five years, but with goats becoming an increasingly important sector in research, agriculture, and production, the Board of Directors have chosen to shorten the time between conferences. The 10th ICG is scheduled for Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil in 2010 and will be followed by the 11th ICG hosted by the Canary Islands, Spain hopefully in 2012.

The last ICG in Brazil was 1987 in Brasilia. Recife is located on the Northeastern coast of Brazil a totally new area for IGA.

The Northeast region is made up of nine states and has several important key features:

- 85% of the land is semi-arid,
- 75% of the population is rural,
- 90% are small holders,
- 9.5 million goats across the region,
- 9 unique Brazilian goat breed in this area.

Maria Norma Ribeiro, a member of the IGA Board of Directors, will act as the Conference Organizer. Supporting her efforts will be:

Dr. Francisco Fernando Ramos de Carvalho, Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco - UFRPE

Dra. Elisa Cristina Modesto, UFRPE

Dra. Adriana Guim, UFRPE

Dra. Lúcia Helena de Albuquerque Brasil, UFRPE

Dr. Roberto Germano Costa, UFPB/INSA

MSc. Daniel Benitez Ojeda, EMEPA

Dr. Wandrick Hauss de Souza, EMEPA

Dra. Ângela Eloi, CNPC

Dr. Raimundo Braga Lobo, CNPC

IGA's Board of Directors is confident that this team's experience will make them able to organize a successful ICG in only two years. The Brazilian team has organized eight international conferences in the past eight year.

We will contact you with more information soon.

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[Croatian Livestock
Center](#)

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How can you participate in the IGA Blog?

The IGA Blog is an easy tool to enable the quick exchange of news, a way to inform others of what's happening, and the content depends on you.

Since we introduced the IGA Blog hundreds of people have visited our blog to access past news, articles, and pictures, but there are other ways that you can use the blog.

Any IGA member can post a message, question, article, relevant goat information, or other IGA business. You can also comment on the posts and articles that have already been published on the blog by fellow members.

How do you post a comment?

At the end of each posting there is a signature, (example: posted by Director of Operations ~ IGA @ 10:29 AM) and each signature contains a comment link. (See underlined item for example) If you click on this comment link it will bring up a new page titled, "Leave your comment." You can then choose to create an account with the Blogger service, choose "Other" and you can simply type in a name, or chose "Anonymous." This will allow you to comment on the posting that you read.

How do you post a new message, question, article, etc.?

In order to "post" an original message (not a comment), you must contact Christian DeVries, goats@heifer.org. He will verify that you are a current IGA member and will send you an invitation to become an "author" on the IGA Blog.

Why should you participate?

We hope that you will use the IGA blog as a forum to exchange information, best practices, improve member communication and global connectedness. Members of IGA include: leading scientists, producers and institutions with unique resources and expertise. Through sharing ideas and knowledge the IGA blog will provide important information to people around the globe. With your help we can make this blog an educational outlet to promote goat research and development around the world.

Those who participate in this blog will: be better informed, obtain a broader understanding of global and local goat research and production, and have the opportunity to ask questions or share how they are improving goat production where they live.

If you have problems using this service please contact Christian DeVries, IGA Director of Operations at: goats@heifer.org

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

[To join Blogger, click here.](#)

Requirements for Institutions to Receive IGA Endorsement

The International Goat Association, as part of our objectives, has begun to offer a worldwide directory of approved entities for the formation and/or training of professionals and producers, or entities that offer support to the development of goat sectors in one way or another. Some of the requirements for these entities to be endorsed by the IGA are as follows.

1 - Introduction

The IGA, in the mark of its objectives, offers a worldwide directory of bound entities to the formation or training of professionals and producers, or that support from one way or another development of the goat sector. Some of the requirements that should gather those entities to be endorsed by the IGA are considered next.

2 - Modality

2.1 - *Training Centers for Researchers (IRCT)*

2.2 - *Training Centers for Technicians (ITCT) and/or Farmers (ITCF)*

3 - Requirements

3.1 - General

- All institutions that maintain a natural and continuous activity related with the goat sector should qualify in theory to be endorsed by IGA. However, the activity must remain for the whole period of practices offered by the institution. In addition, the institution must show a contrasted experience or, if they are of new creation, some appropriate means and experience in the faculty.
- The institution or center must be postulated by the corresponding country representative, and the postulation should go accompanied with a reasoned exposition descriptive of the activities to be offered for the lapse, and with the approval of at least one board member of IGA.
- The endorsed institution should agree on giving information on the activities carried out during the time that the guarantee lasts, including facilities, animal husbandry, technical support, grants, and positions, among others.
- The endorsement should not be given for periods longer than four years, and the IGA reserve itself the right of renewing it. It is highly desirable that the institution become a member of IGA, at least after the first two consecutive renewals.

3.2 - Specific

- The endorsement should not be given for periods longer than four years, and the IGA reserve itself the right of renewing it. It is highly desirable that the institution become a member of IGA, at least after the first two consecutive renewals.
- The Training Center for technicians and/or farmers, in addition, should offer lodging facilities for foreign visitors.

4 - The request

An application form must be filled out by the legal representative of the institution, and IGA upon the next six months, accounted from the date the request was received, will notify the decision.

5 - Of general concern

These are transitory considerations that must be carefully reviewed by all board members to make the idea viable worldwide.

Special thanks to Juan Capote and Fidel A Pariacote for preparing this document.

Special Report from *Small Ruminant Research*

Small Ruminant Research is the official journal of the IGA and provides a unique forum for the publication of topical articles on all scientific aspects relating to goats, sheep and other small ruminants.

IGA and the *SRR* editorial board are proud of several recent accomplishments:

- Print publication times have been reduced significantly, from 48 weeks in 2007 to a current rate of 15.5 weeks.
- *SRR* has an impact factor of 0.966 and is ranked 20th out of 47 journals in the ISI Category Agriculture, Dairy and Animal Science (2007).

Soon, the appearance of the articles published in *Small Ruminant Research* will be improved. Improvements will be made to both the printed version of the article, and to the online PDF version which appears in ScienceDirect. By updating the layout of the abstract, keywords and article history, as well as introducing a new font, the articles will look fresh and modern and readability will be improved. As more researchers search online per keyword, and not necessarily per journal title, they may not always be aware of which journals they peruse. To ensure the journal details are more prominent and strengthen the journal identity, changes to the masthead of articles are introduced. The changes comprise ensuring that the journal title is more visible; and including an image of the journal cover, the web address of the journal homepage and a direct link to the journal's Table of Contents on ScienceDirect.

[To read the most recent report from Elsevier, click here.](#)

Special thanks to Wim Meester for preparing this short report.



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