

IGA NEWSLETTER



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8th ICG: A Large Success

By Rosalee Sinn & Pierre Morand-Fehr

Pretoria, South Africa was chosen during the 7th International Conference on Goats. Previous Conferences have been held in London (United Kingdom), Tours (France), Tucson, Arizona (U.S.A.), Brasilia (Brazil), New Delhi (India), Beijing (China) and Tours-Poitiers (France). This was the first Conference to be held on the African continent.

More than 300 delegates attended 11 scientific sessions and 6 roundtables during 4 very busy days. Eighty South-African experts and 58 African delegates from 20 countries of Africa coordinated the discussions and emphasized that it is essential to organize such conferences in Africa for support of goat research in Africa and also that it is useful for goat development projects in this continent. The excellent North-South exchange during this Conference was noticeable thanks especially to 30 delegates from the U.S.A. and 81 Europeans including 18 French and 12 Italians. It is encouraging to notice the excellent representation of some countries such as Mexico (18) and Korea (6).

During this Conference, it was demonstrated that,

Individuals Honored by IGA at Pretoria

By Rosalee Sinn & Pierre Morand-Fehr

Pierre Morand-Fehr, President from 2000-2004, said in his opening remarks; "This conference represents the most advanced knowledge. It is an important exchange of ideas."

During the IGA General Assembly, after the activities statement presented by the past-president Pierre Morand-Fehr and the future IGA programme presented by the incoming-president Christopher Lu, several persons were awarded in recognition for the time they have devoted to IGA's activities and projects. They received gifts and medals.

The Board expressed recognition to: Rosalee Sinn

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even if there is some more effort to make, goat research in developing countries is strengthening and becoming more and more of excellent quality.

On another level, the Pretoria Conference devoted a large part of the programme to goat development; it has been demonstrated that goat development projects generate interesting results that become more positive as methodologies and evaluation techniques become more accurate.

Dr. Norman Casey served as Chairperson of the planning committee. Dr. Casey is on the faculty of the University of Pretoria which graciously hosted the meeting. The local planning committee also included: Ned Donkin, Carina Visser, E.C. Webb, and Jean Boyazoqlu.

(USA) as past Secretary-Treasurer and 2000-2004 Board member, Cindy Walla (USA) as Secretary-Treasurer of out-going Board. James De Vries (USA) for his support to IGA and as a Board member, Adel Aboul Naga (Egypt) as past president, Peter Holst (Australia) as member of out-going Board, Barry Norton (Australia) as member of out-going Board, George Haenlein (USA) as past SRR Editor in Chief, David Sherman (USA) as SRR Editor in Chief of out-going Board, Lisa Colledge (Netherlands) for her dynamism as representative of the SRR publisher and Publishing SRR editor.

The Board offered sincere thanks for the organization of the 8th ICG in Pretoria to:

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Publications Concerning Papers Presented at Pretoria

A majority of the short papers presented on posters at Pretoria have been published in a special issue of South African Journal of Animal Science, the official Journal of the South African Society for Animal Science (Vol. 34, supplement 1: peer reviewed papers). The second part of the short papers will be published in another issue of the same journal. Some of them are already on the website at www.sasas.co.za

All the plenary papers presented during the scientific sessions of 8th ICG SA are being published in a special



See publications in the Journal of South African Society for Animal Science

book.

For more information on these publications, please contact Pr. Eddie Webb (e-mail: ecwebb@up.ac.za) or Ned Donkin (e-mail: ned.donkin@up.ac.za)

IGA Names Regional Directors

Eight Regional Directors have been nominated by the Board in Pretoria. Their missions are to get in touch with national or international organisations involved in goat sector respectively in their region, to identify the IGA's opportunities of actions in their region towards these institutions or towards personal initiatives. Moreover, they should identify goat experts likely to become CRs in countries where there is not yet an IGA CR and should facilitate the work of CRs already nominated and relationships between them.

Hereafter is the list of Regional Directors nominated

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for 2004-2008 period: (one can find their contact's details on IGA website: www.iga-goatworld.org)

Sahr H.B. LEBBIE: Africa; **Fidel A. PARIACOTE:** Central and South America; **Juan CAPOTE:** Europe; **Adel M. ABOUL NAGA:** Middle East and North Africa; **Jean-Marie LUGINBUHL:** North America; **PU JIABI:** Northern Asia; **Bruce MAC GREGOR:** Oceania and Southeast Asia; and **Shoorvir SINGH:** South Asia.



Herd of Angora goats

Romania: News from CAPRIROM

By Dr. Sorin Jitariu

Goat breeding in Romania becomes more and more attractive for Romanian farmers. The official number of goats increased from 474,000 to 506,000 does during last year. Based on prognoses of National Association of Goat Breeders Romania CAPRIROM, this process will continue in the next years, potentially achieving figures of 1,000,000 does in the next 2-3 years.

Romanian goat breeders are looking more and more to achieve good genetics and for better performances in quantity and quality of milk. The CAPRIROM association registers today 525 members in comparison to 300 members last year and 14 IGA members only 7 members last year).

CAPRIROM representatives have a monthly meetings program with farmers in different regions of the country and once a year in May there is the National Conference on Goats.

A new cheese mill was built in a rural area, in Eastern Romania, through a partnership of Heifer Project International (HPI France and HPI Romania), and CAPRIROM – goat association and local goat farmers. HPI is financing this project and the new cheese mill with 1,000 litre milk processing capacity per day is ready to operate. CAPRIROM in a partnership with HPI Romania is also monitoring four more projects in developing goat breeding in Romania.

Dr. Jitariu is Vice-President of CAPRIROM – the National Association of Goat Breeders Romania

Canada: Pathological Actuality in Sheep and Goat Industry

By Paula Menzies

The goat industry has faced additional challenges in the past 18 months because of the diagnosis of BSE in a beef cow born and raised in western Canada. The border to the USA remains closed to cattle, sheep, goats and other domestic and wild ruminants. This has effectively stopped what was a growing export market of slaughter goats and breeding stock.

Some important issues that the goat industry is tackling:

- ? Ongoing work on a national ID program. Mandatory ID has been in place for cattle and sheep for a while now. Tag retention, cost, traceability are issues being examined.
- ? Canada has a national scrapie certification program now available to sheep and goat producers. The backbone of the program is on-farm monitoring for disease by testing all mature on-farm dead stock. Sheep may also select a pathway using genetic selection and/or 3rd eyelid testing. Goatherds will be included in a proposed national pilot project.
- ? The goat dairy industry has received some well-needed help investigating problems of elevated plate loop counts in milk, from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. A team is available for outbreak investigation as well as on-going client education .
- ? The passing of the MUMS (Minor Use Minor Species) bill in the USA offers some hope to Canadian goat producers and veterinarians, that the Canadian government may be motivated to do something similar. Lack of labelled drugs for small ruminants in this country is an ongoing problem.

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Norman Casey (South Africa), Ned Donkin (South Africa), Carina Visser (South Africa), Edward Webb (South Africa) and to the following Country Representatives for their effectiveness: Stela Zamfirescu (Romania), Gilbert Toussaint (France), Fidel Pariacote (Venezuela), Jean-Marie Luginbuhl (USA), Shoorvir Singh (India), Maria Norma Ribeiro (Brazil).

Very warm thanks were expressed by both presidents, and by Board members to assistants achieving good work within the different secretariats, namely:

Noel Mace (USA) who handled with the work of IGA secretariat as Associate Secretary-Treasurer; Martine Duspiwa (France) who assisted Pierre Morand-Fehr in his tasks of membership campaign, Newsletter and IGA communication; Lucia Sepe (Italy) who assisted Roberto Rubino for the book "Goat Products"; Veronique Lepidi (Corsica, France) who assisted Jean-Paul Dubeuf for IGA Website.

During the closing dinner, Norman Casey expressed his thanks and awarded all seniors who played a role in the history of IGA during the past 20 years.

FROM THE IGA PRESIDENT

By Christopher Lu, President IGA

The International Goat Association is an international organization of educators, scientists, veterinarians, technologists, producers, extensionists, project leaders, and development experts who advance goat management and marketing to improve human nutrition and social welfare, and to promote sustainable rural development. Since its inception in 1982, the Association has contributed significantly to improving lives of people in developing regions through the introduction and promotion of goat production, processing, and marketing as an effective avenue in rural development.

The aims of the International Goat Association include fostering the use of goats to meet the needs of goat producers and those who depend on them for food and livelihood, encouraging goat research and development to increase goat productivity and usefulness throughout the world, enhancing education, training and information transfer from the scientific level to applied development, promoting exchanges of information and practical experiences, and sharing information about the goat sector to influence public policy and understanding.

The Association holds the International Conferences on Goats every four years. It supports and sponsors regional conferences on goats between the two international conferences.

The Association sponsors the refereed scientific journal, *Small Ruminant Research*, a highly acclaimed publication and one of the most frequently cited journals in the field. International Goat Association's global membership covers more than 70 countries and has the networking capacity to organize expertise throughout the world.

With the assistance of everyone, I hope to achieve the following goals during my tenure as your president:

- ? Establish a functional secretariat
- ? Promote an open and collegial process
- ? Facilitate a participatory membership
- ? Nourish committed Country Representatives
- ? Lead a group of devoted directors of the Board
- ? Hold a successful International Conference on Goats in Cancun, Mexico 2008
- ? Maintain a high quality journal: *Small Ruminant Research*
- ? Improve the financial stability of the organization

It is a distinct honor to serve in this leadership role for an organization that can improve the quality of life in the developing regions of the world. The Association is about changing people's lives, alleviating poverty and transforming local economies for success. With both a global perspective and regional impact in mind, I hope to lead this organization to reach out to those in need.

FROM IGA' s PAST PRESIDENT

By Pierre Morand-Fehr, Past President, IGA

In Pretoria, July 2004, I became the Past President of IGA and I have been very happy to have Chris Lu as successor: I fully trust him to pursue the task undertaken and to initiate new projects. He will be helped by a team of highly valuable Board Officers and Directors willing to demonstrate strong involvement.

To all, I express my wishes of success in all IGA actions that they undertake. I assure them that they may rely on all of us, and particularly on me for supporting and helping them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank warmly all my colleagues, especially Board members who helped me in the achievement of my duties of president between 2000 and 2004, and include in thanks my two secretaries Mrs. Martine Duspiwa and Mrs. Dominique Cercas, as well as, Mrs. Beatrice Lamboley, the librarian of the UMR 791 INRA/INAPG in Paris who have all worked hard for IGA. My presidency has been enriching for me. But I will continue to be involved since, besides other duties for IGA, I am the Editor of this Newsletter.

This issue is devoted to the 8th International Conference Goats in South Africa report and to IGA activities during this conference, and also to goat news from different countries. We intend to develop the "news from the goat sector" in the coming issues. If you hear news about projects of research or development, please do not hesitate to inform me. If there are meetings, seminars, or conferences concerning goats in your country, the IGA Newsletter will be happy to diffuse the information.

Moreover, if you are seeking precise information at a worldwide level, just do as Angelika Stemmer (Country Representative for Bolivia); see her request in "News from countries". She needed to solve a precise problem, so she is requesting that others keep her informed of the situation in their countries. This forward-thinking example is worth considering as we work toward making the Newsletter an excellent tool for all IGA members.

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