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**Greetings!** Welcome to the IGA Newsletter. We are proud to provide you our readers with news, updates, special offers and information about the IGA.



## • **Call for Abstracts, International Goat Symposium, Romania**

By Stela Zamfirescu – IGA Board Member & Central and Eastern European RD, Romania

All authors wishing to present papers at the IGA Regional Conference in Constantza are requested to submit the title and the abstract of their presentations using the abstract form, which can be accessed on the Internet at: [www.iga-goatworld.org](http://www.iga-goatworld.org) and [www.caprirom.ro](http://www.caprirom.ro) or e-mail [iga2006@caprirom.ro](mailto:iga2006@caprirom.ro) or [secretariat@caprirom.ro](mailto:secretariat@caprirom.ro).

Please send the completed abstract form in digital format as an e-mail attachment by December 15, 2005 to the above mentioned e-mail addresses, mentioning the name of the first author as the subject of your e-mail.

Only abstracts submitted using the original abstract form will be considered for publication. Abstracts are required in English. The abstract should contain the specific objectives, experimental methods and statistical analyses used, together with a synthesis of the results and conclusions. The title, the authors and the

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One of the questions that we asked was, "What is your area of expertise?" Most of the members who responded to the survey are involved in multiple forms of research. 29 of the 61 survey respondents said that dairy goat research was one of their areas of expertise. Researching teaching and extension was second with 24 of 61.

abstract must not exceed the space provided in the box on the front of the pre-printed form (maximum 300 words).

The responsible contact person will inform authors up to February 20, 2006 whether their abstracts have been accepted for presentation during the conference.

The publishers of the Abstract Book for IGA Constantza Regional Conference 2006 are established until September 15.

### Instructions for Papers

A paper is requested for all accepted abstracts. No specific instructions are given for writing the paper, but it should normally not exceed 6-8 pages. You can use your own framework or even provide a copy of your powerpoint/slide/overhead/poster presentation.

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### • General Provisional Program, International Goat Symposium, Romania

#### General Provisional Program

**Day 1 – June 27, 2006** 11:00 - 17:00 Arrival and registration of participants  
16:00 - 20:00 IGA board meeting 20:30 Cocktails

**Day 2 – June 28, 2006** 08:00 - 09:30 Registration of participants 09:30 - 10:00 Opening of the symposium 10:00 - 12:30 Plenary session: "Actualities and prospect of goat husbandry and characteristics in CEEC" 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch time 14:00 - 15:00 Poster session 15:00 - 16:50 Session 1: "Goat breeds in CEEC: potential and present production" (15:00 - 16:50) Workshop 1: "Traditional products with controlled and protected origin in CEEC" 16:50 - 17:10 Coffee break 17:10 - 19:00 Session 2: "Productions systems in Central and Eastern European Countries" (17:10 - 19:00) Workshop 2: "The role of professional formation within the goat breeding sector in the CEEC countries"  
**20:30 Gala dinner\***

**Day 3 – June 29, 2006** 08:30 - 10:30 Session 3: "Strategies of goat reproduction in CEEC" (08:30 - 10:30) Workshop 3: "The role of professional associations in organizing and extending the goat breeding sector in different countries" 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break 11:00 - 12:30 Session 4: "Goat health and nutrition in CEEC" (11:00 - 12:30) Workshop 4: "Diversity of goats breeding network in CEEC" – Diversity of the goat breeding networks in different countries of Europe, partnerships and exchange of experience among these. 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch time 13:30- 16:00 Poster session (14:00 -18:00 IGA board meeting) 16:00 - 18:00 Session 5: "Goat products: tradition and quality in CEEC" 18:00 - 19:00 Discussion and closing of the symposium 20:30 Romanian folkloric night

**Day 4 – June 30, 2006** 08:00 - 18:00 optional: goat farm visit or tourist excursion \*(For Gala Dinner, each participant must contribute 20 EURO)

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Among respondents whose area of expertise is in production, dairy goats were at the top, followed closely by meat goats, 13 and 11 respectively.

When asked, "What IGA services do you value?" 41% said they value the **Small Ruminant**



#### • FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the IGA,

It is a pleasure to announce the new logo for the International Goat Association.

The new logo symbolizes that the Association is forward looking and the green color depicts the commitment of IGA to the environment. We also have a version that is black and white to minimize the printing cost. A total of more than thirty two designs were evaluated initially. Members of the Board of Directors and country representatives voted on the final four designs.

I would especially like to thank Iris Chang, the designer, who went to great lengths to come up an excellent logo with a minimum cost. I also want to thank the many other individuals of the IGA family who participated in this important project. With a new logo and the continuing enthusiasm of our members, we will infuse the IGA with new energy and continue to impact people's life regionally and globally.

#### Institutional Membership

Another very exciting development is that many of our individual members have written in to suggest organizations that might be interested in joining the IGA as Institutional Members. Institutional Members play a key role in supporting the mission of the International Goat Association. Through these important partnerships, the IGA is uniting leaders around the world, building a strong network of institutions, scientists, academics, producers and other devoted individuals and organizations.

We hope that our members will continue to promote the IGA and the work that we do; to advocate the importance of goats in alleviating poverty through socially just, environmentally sound and economically viable goat production. We want to encourage all of our members to keep sending in their suggestions.

#### Romania Symposium

I would like to encourage all IGA members and prospective members to seriously consider attending the "International Symposium on Goat Farming in Central and Eastern European Countries: Present and Future" that the IGA is supporting in Romania, June 2006. This will be a great opportunity for goat researcher and producers from around the world to discuss the latest

**Research** publication, while 26% value the conferences that IGA supports, both internationally and regionally. In third, 17% value the networking and coordination that IGA provides, 11% the IGA Newsletter, and 5% said something other.

We want to hear from you! If you would like to help us better understand our members you can contact me at [goats@heifer.org](mailto:goats@heifer.org) and I will send you the form.

[Remember to visit the IGA's Blog, click here.](#)

## Goats in the News

- [Transgenic cloned goat a first for Taiwan](#)
- [Cloned Goat Gives Birth To Healthy Kid In Taiwan](#)
- [Brucellosis Outbreak in Thailand: 2,000 goats to be slaughtered](#)
- [Goat farm becomes mass grave, Thailand](#)
- [Chinese scientists clone a goat](#)
- [Goat Serum Brings Hope, Support Scientists](#)
- [Goat serum HIV treatment controversy rages](#)
- [Controversy over goat serum deepens](#)

developments and network with colleagues. **Help us make this symposium a success!** For more information about this conference read the article below.

### Board Meetings

Just a quick note to all Board Members, please remember that we have two upcoming Board Meetings. The first is an online meeting, November 14 to 18. If you have any agenda items or issues for discussion, please send them to both Christian De Vries ([goats@heifer.org](mailto:goats@heifer.org)) and myself ([chrislu@hawaii.edu](mailto:chrislu@hawaii.edu)) before November 1.

The second Board Meeting is scheduled to take place during the June 2006 Symposium in Romania. Remember to make appropriate travel arrangements in advance. For more information read the article below or contact Stela Zamfirescu at [stela1948@xnet.ro](mailto:stela1948@xnet.ro).

Sincerely,

*Christopher D. Lu*, IGA President 2005- 2008

[To comment on IGA President, Chris Lu's letter, click here.](#)



### • **Presentation Information, International Goat Symposium, Romania**

By Stela Zamfirescu – IGA Board Member & Central and Eastern European RD, Romania

#### Instructions for Posters, Location

The poster exhibition will take place at the university campus, in an area close to the lecture halls. The poster boards will be marked with numbers referring to those stated in the book of abstracts.

- [More goat serum HIV treatment news](#)
- [Pakistan to import livestock from India](#)
- [Outbreak of horse, goat disease causing concern](#)
- [Exploring Goat Farming in the US Today](#)
- [Livestock production in Ghana's Upper West Region improves](#)
- [Live Exports from Namibia to Continue](#)
- [Move over, beef; goat is on the way \(IGA Member, Sandra Solaiman is quoted!\)](#)
- [Goat milk cures little girls eczema](#)
- [Goat project a boon to poor community, South Africa](#)
- [1st Annual Meat Goat Farm/Field Day](#)
- [Goat Exports to SA On the Rise](#)

## Upcoming Events

- [Multi-County Small Goat Herd Workshop Set, Oct. 29 in Monahans](#)
- [Sheep and meat goat training program in Missouri, USA, Dec. 2005](#)

## Time

Your poster will be on display from June 27 and 28 until 9 o'clock pm. Posters must be removed on June 29 after the closing of the conference. Make sure to remove all poster materials from the board. The conference staff will remove posters not taken down by Sunday June 30, at 9 o'clock.

## Poster Board and Material

The maximum size of your poster should be 0.90 m width and 1.10 m height. Your poster number will be displayed with large printed figures in the upper corner of the poster board. Your poster material should be attached on the surface, using all types of fastening set forth by the organizers. The following guidelines include information about the technical facilities of the conference venue, instructions for different types of presentations, delivery of presentation materials, and some advice as regards preparation of slides, posters and papers. After registration you should go to the Commission Desks where you should register your presence as a presenter and where you will be given further instructions. The information below will help you prepare for the meeting.

## Technical information

Three conference rooms will be equipped with LCD projectors for video and computer display and a stationary computer, an overhead projector (OHP). Some rooms will have audio systems for microphones.

## Power Point presentations

The computers are PCs with Intel processors using Microsoft Windows XP Pro and Office XP – there is no Macintosh available. All presentations will be copied onto a central conference presentation-server to ensure quick upload in the lecture rooms. The presentation software is Power Point XP. Older versions of Power Point will be compatible. Authors should bring the Power Point presentation file on USB memory stick, CD or diskette. Each presentation will be tested and loaded onto a PC after verification. Authors are requested to submit an advance copy of the presentation a week before leaving home to ensure that the presentation isn't corrupt in any way. Updating on arrival is always an option. The presentations can be received as e-mail attachments (split in parts if the presentation is large), CD, floppy disc (limited space) and DVD. If you e-mail your presentation, please send it to the following address: [iga2006@caprirom.ro](mailto:iga2006@caprirom.ro) and [secretariat@caprirom.ro](mailto:secretariat@caprirom.ro) A preview room will be available during the entire conference with two PC computers in attendance to upload presentations or help with updating presentations already installed on the server. Please test and if necessary revise the computer presentation at least one day ahead of your oral presentation.

## Overhead presentation

Overhead projectors are for standard transparency film (acetates) A4 size. Authors are expected to operate the projectors by themselves.

## Poster session

- [International Symposium to discuss goat farming in Central and Eastern European Countries, Constantza, Romania, June 27-30](#)

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## IGA's Global Partners

- [Heifer International](#)
- [University of Hawaii](#)
- [Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique \(INRA\)](#)
- [Cirval](#)
- [Elsevier](#)
- [Central Institute for Research on Goats](#)
- [Vereniging Kwaliteitszorg Geitenhouderij Nederland \(VKGN\)](#)
- [Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute \(website not working\)](#)
- [FARM Africa](#)

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## IGA Information

- [Would you like to become a member or renew your IGA membership?](#)

You are asked to report to the Commission Desk if you have a poster to present, and in that case you will get instructions for putting up the poster. Posters will be displayed throughout the meeting and must be mounted at the latest by June 28 at noon. The 2 poster sessions are scheduled to take place on 27th and 28th of June from 13:00-15:00pm. Authors of posters are expected to stand by their posters during this time for discussion.

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## • 6th International Sheep Veterinary Congress, Greece, 17-21 June 2005

By George C. Fthenakis – IGA CR, Greece & Quintin A. McKellar

The 6th International Sheep Veterinary Congress took place in Hersonnisos, Crete, Greece from the 17th to the 21st June 2005 and was hosted by the Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society. An Organizing Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. George C. Fthenakis and an International Scientific Committee under the chairmanship of Professor Quintin A. McKellar were responsible for all issues of the Congress.

Veterinarians and other scientists from around the world and active in sheep research and practice, gathered and attended the world's only international scientific event, dedicated to Sheep Health and Production. There was a general consensus that the meeting was an outstanding success. The importance of sheep in the socio-economic framework in countries around the world was succinctly stated during the Congress; the contribution of veterinarians was also underlined.

The theme of the Congress, "*Sustaining Sheep Health and Production: From Conception to Consumption*," embraced the long-standing tradition of sheep medicine with the recent advances in the field and covered the whole spectrum of scientific issues related to Sheep Health and Production. Colleagues working in Sheep Health and Production from many countries of the world contributed by submitting papers, thus ensuring the continuous exchange of ideas between all with an interest in the field. With an attendance of 680 participants from 35 countries of the world and the presentation of 223 papers, the 6th ISVC was the largest ever Congress of the series.

During two round tables that were held at the Congress, the following two special resolutions were proposed and adopted unanimously by the delegates.

1. [Veterinary Drugs for Sheep](#): "The regulatory authorities throughout the world are encouraged to introduce flexible approaches to the authorization of medicines for sheep, thus supporting their health and welfare, but without compromising consumer or environmental safety."

- [IGA strategic plan: 2005 to 2010](#)
- [Would you like to submit an article to Small Ruminant Research?](#)

2. [Specialization in Sheep Health and Production](#): “A founding committee was authorized to make a formal application to the European Board of Veterinary Specialization and to undertake the initiating work required for the establishment of a new specialist group for veterinarians to be known as the *European College of Small Ruminant Health and Production*.”

A special issue of ***Small Ruminant Research***, including the keynote lectures presented at the Congress will be published in the near future.

The 7th ISVC is scheduled for 12 to 16 June 2009 and will take place in Stavanger, Norway.

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#### • **Latest IGA News and Activities from Mexico**

By Miguel Galina – IGA Board Member, Mexico

We have made a great deal of progress organizing the 9th International Conference on Goats, 2008 in the first year 2005 in Mexico. The National Autonomous University of Mexico, the largest university in Mexico, has officially agreed to host the 9th ICG 2008 conference. We have also visited Can Cun twice to start the arrangements for the conference and hired a Total Congress Organizer to coordinate the work.

This year we have helped to organize five events in Mexico to promote the International Goat Association.

- In May, Dr. Fidel Periacote taught a course in Queretaro, “Goat management with improved technology and genetic planning.” We also attended a goat seminar on nutrition organized by the National Association of Animal Nutritionists where Dr. Pierre Morand-Fehr was the main speaker.
- Later we had a course in Mexico City at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, “Probiotics & Prebiotics and goat management and disease.”
- We will have a course on “Health products from goats a progressing industry” in the National Institution of Human Nutrition in October.
- In November, we will have a course in Monterrey organized by Dr. Jorge Kawas on “Goat nutrition in the pasture.”
- At the end of the year we will have the first encounter between scientists dedicated to goat research and goat producers which will take place in Queretaro during the National Meeting of goat producers.

We have also participated in the formation of the National Association of goat producers (COMECAPRI), Dr. Francisco Gurria, Chairman. COMECAPRI will also participate in ICG 2008.

In addition, the IGA’s 2006 calendar should be ready in December.

For more information contact Miguel Galina at: [miguelgalina@correo.unam.mx](mailto:miguelgalina@correo.unam.mx)

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## • **A Report of the Farm Production Seminar, Czech Republic**

By Oto Hanus – IGA Member

The one day international seminar for farmers and experts titled “Farm production of cheeses and fermented milk products II” was held on Mendel’s Agricultural and Forestry University in Brno (MAFU) in the Czech Republic on July 7, 2005. The main seminar topic was milk cheese-making and milk microbiology at farm milk processing.

Paper topics included;

- Processing cow, sheep and goat milk in the Czech Republic,
- Cheese-making and rennet,
- Raw milk microbiology and hygiene quality,
- Utilization of pure cheese microbial cultures for farm cheese-making,
- Nitrogen matter distribution in milk and their importance for cheese-making,
- Relationship of protected proteins in ruminant nutrition and higher milk yield.

In the afternoon, a professional and public tasting of goat, sheep and cow cheeses produced directly on farms was held. These cheeses came from Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Germany and Austria. The results will be evaluated.

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## • **A Brief about Goat Production in Uganda**

By Justine Jolly Hoona – IGA CR, Uganda

### **The goat population and breeds in Uganda**

In Uganda, estimates indicate that there are about 6.8 million goats in Uganda (data from Small Ruminant study report 1999). No census of livestock has taken place in the recent past, the last one having been done in 1991.

These goats are mainly of indigenous breeds, namely Mubende, Kigezi and Small East African.

A few goat breeds from the region, southern Africa and United Kingdom have been introduced in the country but in very small populations. The characteristics of the goat breeds compared to the local breeds are shown in table 1.

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## • **International small ruminant scientific conference in Slovak Republic, October 2005**

By Oto Hanus – IGA Member

An international scientific conference, “Ecological and economic aspects in utilization of agricultural disadvantageous areas by breeding of small ruminants” will be held in the Slovak Republic from October 18 to 20, 2005. The conference will be located in the picturesque Slovak mountains, Mala Fatra in Vratna dolina at the Boboty hotel, and has been organized with the support of the Dairy Research Institute in Zilina and the Austrian Information Center for scientific co-operation ASO.



This conference will be a first of its kind in the Central European region in which member countries of EU as well as non-members will participate.

During the conference there will be opportunities to learn more about the state of sheep and goat breeding in various Central European countries. The conference also offers the possibility of mutual exchange of information on manufacture praxis, control authorities and research stations after the integration of most of the Central European countries into the EU.

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### • **Goat Farming in Romania and the Growth of Caprirom**

By Dr. Stela Zamfirescu – IGA Board Member & Regional Director, Eastern and Central Europe

#### **The goat population and breeds in Uganda**

The year of June 2004 to June 2005 was a very important one for the development of goat breeding in Romania and the growth of Caprirom.

With 13 years of experience the Caprirom Association is a valuable partner for goat breeding farmers of Romania.

During this time period, the number of the Caprirom members increased from 500 to 610 and the number of regional branches increased from 3 to 13, so that the Caprirom network covers most of the country. Also, the number of goats owned by Caprirom is over 30,000 heads, which represents 5% from the total livestock of goats in Romania, which at this moment is 750,000 heads out of which 510,000 are reproduction goats.

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- **Comparison among goat, sheep and cow milk, Czech Republic**

By Oto Hanus – IGA Member, Libor Janu, Antonin Macek Agrovyzkum, s.r.o., Rapotin, Czech Republic

### **Introduction**

During the last fifteen years, there has been a reduction of agricultural activity in the Czech Republic and this has created problems in some of the less favorable regions.

As it is commonly known, one way to promote economic prosperity and utilize such regions is to raise small ruminants in an environmentally-friendly fashion. There is a growing understanding of the important nutritional value of so called “alternative milk,” e.g. goat milk, especially for people who are more susceptible to illness in terms of their specific nutrition and metabolic demands.

This article presents the preliminary results of a study on goat milk composition under farm conditions.

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