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IGA Newsletter — September 2018



Announcement: Japan Goat Network joins IGA

We would like to welcome our newest IGA institutional member, the Japan Goat Network.

The Japan Goat Network (JGN) was founded in 1999 by researchers and producers who value goats and their products. The founders started with reviewing the goat utilization and promoting its production in Japan saying, “goats save the world.” Goats were one of the very important proteins and socio-economic resources in Japan during the reconstruction period after WWII. They also played a great role to reduce poverty in the world.

Vision

Promoting goats with love.

Mission

The JGN promotes goats in Japan through sharing and exchanging information on goat management and production, goat milk and meat processing, product marketing, and other goat utilizations such as

vegetation control, juvenile emotional education, and as companion animals among researchers, producers, and consumers as well as goat lovers.

Members

624 individual and 21 organizational members (as of June 11, 2019).

Presidents

Minoru Nagano (1999 - 2005)
Akio Imai (2005 - 2017)
Yoshitaka Nakanishi (2017 - present)

Activities

- Holding an annual meeting called “Japan Goat Summit.”
- Publishing a biannual journal named “Yagi no Tomo (friends of goats in Japanese).”
- Communicating with members through the website at <http://japangoat.web.fc2.com>
- Holding lectures and workshops for goat raising and utilization.

Committees

- Scientific committee hosts an annual meeting of the Japanese Society of Goat Science.
- International committee communicates and works together with international organizations and introduces global goat research findings that benefit goat production in Japan.
- Producers committee that assists goat producers is under construction.

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Announcement: Two New Country Representatives and a New Regional Director

The IGA Board of Directors is pleased to announce two great new Country Representatives and a wonderful new Regional Director. They have each demonstrated their commitment to IGA and knowledge of the goat sector.

These recently elected Country Representatives are María Eva Muñoz Mejías (Spain) and Jon Chirisa (Zimbabwe). The new Regional Director is Dr. Juan Boo Liang.

Learn more about all of our awesome Country Representatives and Regional Directors.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Country Representatives.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Regional Directors.

AJAS Special Edition on Dairy Goats

The Asian-Australasian Journal of Animal Science has just published the special issue on the “Global Dairy Goat Industry - Current Status and The Way Forward.” It is available online. You can find the full papers at AJAS home (www.ajas.info). Please click “SPECIAL ISSSE” or “BROWSE ARTICLES” to see those papers.

This special issue will become an excellent reference for all those in the goat industry and research.

Sincerely,
Jong Ha
EiC, AJAS

Profile - Juan Boo Liang

Regional Director for Southeast Asia

Juan Boo is a senior research fellow of the Institute of Tropical Agriculture and Food Security (ITAFoS), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). He obtained his B. Agric. Sc. from the University of Malaya, his M.Sc. from James Cook University of Northern Queensland, Australia and his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta, Canada.

After serving as a research scientist at the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) for 20 years, Juan Boo joined the Department of Animal Science, UPM, as an associate professor, teaching animal nutrition in 1997. He was later appointed as a research fellow at the Institute of Bioscience (IBS), at UPM and subsequently to his current position at ITAFoS. His earlier

research focused on animal nutrition including energy and protein metabolism of ruminants and utilization of local feed resources. More recently,



he is looking at feed additives for enteric methane mitigation, biological and physical treatments for better utilization of local feed resources, and identification of prebiotics and probiotics from local resources for the enhancement of ani-

mal production. Juan Boo works closely with many international researchers on yak nutrition, control of odors from pig and poultry production, antibiotics and antibiotic residues in livestock production. He has authored and coauthored more than 200 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings.

In addition to serving as an editorial board member in national and international journals, Juan Boo also initiated the “Sustainable Animal Agriculture for Developing Countries” (SAADC, established 2007) and the “Asian-Australasian Dairy Goat Network” (AADGN, established in 2012). He continues to serve in a leadership role in both organizations.

Want to learn more about our other Regional Directors? [Click here.](#)

Profile - María Eva Muñoz Mejías

Country Representative for Spain

Eva graduated in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Córdoba, Spain. She has been working with several local goat breeds of the south of Spain for more than ten years. Nowadays Eva is part-time professor of animal production at the University of Las Palmas de Gran

Canaria, Spain, and she has founded a company specialized in the conservation of animal genetic resources and genetic improvement.

Want to learn more about our other Country Representatives? [Click here.](#)



Profile - Jonathan Chirisa

Country Representative for Zimbabwe

Jonathan (Jon) Chirisa is a passionate Savanna goat breeder in Zimbabwe. Jon is CEO of Tradegrid Systems Inc., a trade and investment consulting company, and a seasoned tradesman in three disciplines with experience in the construction of agricultural, industrial mining and manufacturing plants across the globe. This extensive experience with numerous world-class companies has given him an insight into the world of industry. Zimbabwe is known for its quality

beef, one of the best in the world. The favorable climatic conditions and quality foliage encouraged Jon to work closely with prominent Zimbabwean businessman and developer, John Mapondera.

Hard work gave birth to the Zimbabwe Goat Improvement Centre and the proposed Zambezi Valley Goat Project, a massive goat breeding project (for export and local markets) that has an outgrower program which will boost the economy and improve the local genetic pool. As a proud citizen and an international goat en-

thusiast, Jon contacted the International Goat Association to become a member and with the hope of working hand-in-hand in this project and the national outgrower program.

His enthusiasm, mindset, and desire to see small ruminant development in Zimbabwe and across the region will be of great value to the global goat community of which IGA stands as a leader.

Want to learn more about our other Country Representatives? [Click here.](#)

Conference Report - Annual European College of Small Ruminant Health Management (ECSRHM), Warsaw, Poland, May 2019

Written by Emilia Bagnicka, IGA Regional Director for Eastern Europe

The Annual European College of Small Ruminant Health Management (ECSRHM) conference took place in Warsaw (Poland) on May 11th 2019 at Warsaw University of Life Science - SGGW, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. The conference was organized by ECSRHM, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of WULS-SGGW, Polish Society of Veterinary Sciences - PTNW, International Goat Association - IGA, and Warsaw Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons.

The members of the Honorary Committee were of Prof. Neil Sargison, President of the ECSRHM, Prof. Arkadiusz Orzechowski, deputy Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of WULS - SGGW, Prof. Iwona Markowska-Daniel, President of the PTNW, Prof.

Emilia Bagnicka, IGA Regional Director for Eastern Europe, and Dr. Marek Mastalerek, President of the Warsaw Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons. The Organizing committee consisted of

Prof. Jarostaw Kaba, Dr. Marcin Miekiewicz, Dr. Michał Czopowicz, Dr. Adrian-Valentin Potarniche, Dr. Agata Moroz, Dr. Lucjan Witkowski, Dr. Tomasz Nalbert, Dr. Andrzej Bereznowski and Dr. Olga Szaluś-Jordanow.



In the conference, 64 veterinarians from several countries participated: Poland, Greece, Germany, United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Norway, France, Netherlands, Romania, and Iceland. Altogether, 35 lectures were delivered in three sessions. The main subjects regarded different aspects of goat and sheep diseases caused by viruses or bacteria, health status of the udder and many other topics. The program and abstracts are attached.

At the end of the conference, the participants visited Warsaw, the capital city of Poland.

NAHMS Goat 2019

The National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS), a nonregulatory unit of USDA-APHIS-VS, is developing its Goat 2019 study. NAHMS recently conducted a brief on-line survey and greatly appreciates the input from those who completed the survey. NAHMS conducted the survey to:

- Find out what you consider to be the most important health issues facing the goat industry,
- Help identify the critical information needs regarding health management practices used in the U.S. goat industry, and
- Ask your opinion on how we can encourage goat producers to participate in the Goat 2019 study.

NAHMS will use survey results to develop the information objectives that will shape the NAHMS study.



Special thanks to Adrian-Valentin POTÂRNICHE, DVM, for the photos.

World Cheese Awards, Bergamo, Italy, October, 2019

The World Cheese Awards will take place on Friday 18 October, 2019 forming part of the FORME festival in Bergamo, in the Lombardy district of Italy, which will run from Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 October. The World Cheese Awards will be open for entry from Monday 22 July until Monday 9 September. More than 3,500 entries are expected in Lombardy this year, making their way from over 40 different countries in 6 continents.

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Efficiency and resilience of forage resources and small ruminant production to cope with global challenges in Mediterranean areas

Meknes, Morocco, 23 to 25 October 2019

The next Joint Meeting of the FAO-CIHEAM Network for Research and Development in Sheep and Goats (Subnetworks on Nutrition and Production Systems) and the FAO-CIHEAM Subnetwork for the Research and Development of Mediterranean Pasture and Forage Resources will take place in Meknes, Morocco, from 23 to 25 October 2019.

Participation is open to researchers, technicians, post-graduate students and other professionals working to improve the small ruminant sector and forage and pasture resources

across Mediterranean countries and beyond. Please find below the titles of the scientific sessions:

Plenary session 1: What production systems and product chains to meet efficiently the societal demands? Resilient and efficient production systems and value chains in Maghreb and North Mediterranean? Two shores but shared problems and opportunities Feed and food safety and issues in Mediterranean countries
Plenary session 2: Meeting the challenge of climate change by resilient Mediterranean agro-pastoral systems.
Plenary session 3: Improve the contribution of forage in the feeding systems.

Paralell session 1. Nutritional strate-

gies and alternative feed for small ruminants

Parallel session 2. Promising forage resources for production systems in Mediterranean areas

Paralell session 3. ISAGE Workshop: Innovation for Sustainable Sheep and Goat Production

Round Table on pastoralists and extensive livestock farmers: sustainable life for peoples producing food and delivering public goods

Visit their website for more information, [http://](http://networks.iamz.ciheam.org/meknes2019/en/index.php)

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Presidential Inaugural Address, Japan Goat Network, March 2018

During the Japan Goat Network (JGN) General Assembly held on November 4, 2017, I (Yoshitaka Nakanishi) was appointed as the new President and successor of former President Akio Imai, who has served since 2005. The JGN currently has more than 600 members including individuals and organizations, so it is a comparably sized association to some other academic organizations in Japan, or even larger. Representing such a large and diverse group might seem like a burden; however, I am willing to fulfill my mission during this term.

The JGN was founded in 1999 and the National Goat Summit, one of the main activities, will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. The greatest achievement that the JGN has been engaged in so far is revising the "Ministerial Ordinance on Component Standards of Milk and Dairy Products" (Food Sanitation Act, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare Ordinance). For a long time, the Ministerial Ordinance constrained pasteurized goat milk production in Japan. In 2009, the JGN and the Japan Livestock Technology Association jointly requested a revision of sterilizing goat

milk standards (milk fat contents 3.6% or more □ 2.5% or more and milk solids nonfat 8.0% or more □ 7.5% or more) to the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare. After five years, the revision was finally approved through the Pharmaceutical Affairs and Food Sanitation Council Subcommittee on December 26, 2014.

Additionally, JGN has activities, such as issuing a newsletter twice a year, updating the website, international exchange, and holding research meetings (the Japanese Society of Goat Science). Further issues, including support for launching and cooperating with regional networks, expansion of the subcommittee groups, the supply of excellent dairy breeders, and request for resumption of slaughtering goats at slaughterhouses, are also accumulated. We will improve our administrative management system to address each issue more effectively.

As shown in the constitution, JGN has been managed with the vision of promoting goats in Japan with love. I have helped its operations as a secretariat with former Presidents Dr. Naganano and Mr. Imai from the establish-

ment of the Network under the vision, that I will follow. Our members consist of producers, technicians, researchers, and veterinarians, as well as those who do not have goats.

Therefore, this organization is not only for academic researchers but also for goat lovers. That being said, JGN wants to capture goats broadly, focus on management and production, explore various utilization of goats, and aim to find potential values. Unlike cattle, pigs, and chickens, goats may not have a leading role, but perhaps a supporting role.

I would like to work with all the members to further the development of JGN and appreciate your continued support and cooperation in the future. Thank you.

Yoshitaka Nakanishi
President of the Japan Goat Network

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