



### Organizers

- Faculty of Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Fisheries, Agriculture and Forestry University, Rampur, Chitwan, Nepal
- International Goat Association

### Co-organizers

- Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Department of Livestock Services, Directorate of Livestock Production (DoLP), Hariharbhavan, Lalitpur
- Nepal Agricultural Research Council, Singhdurbar Plaza, Kathmandu
- Heifer International Nepal, Hattiban, Lalitpur
- Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA
- Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Institute for Research on Goats, India

### Potential collaborators

- University Grants Commission, Nepal
- USAID/KISAN- II Project, Nepal
- Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Nepal
- Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA), Kathmandu
- Nepal Animal Science Association (NASA), Kathmandu
- International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu
- Tribhuvan University, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS), Sanepa, Lalitpur
- Purwanchal University/HICAST, Kathmandu and NPI, Bharatpur

### Air connectivity

Nepal has one international airport, Tribhuvan International Airport, located at Kathmandu. There are few direct long-distance flights to Nepal. Getting into Nepal from Europe, America or Australia will almost always involve a stop in the Middle East or Asia. About two dozens of airlines serve Nepal from abroad.

### Security issues

Nepal feels safer than most of other countries around the globe, possibly due to the friendly behavior, religious nature and natural kindness of the Nepalese people. In Nepal, the tourists are considered as the avatar (form) of God and are always very welcoming.

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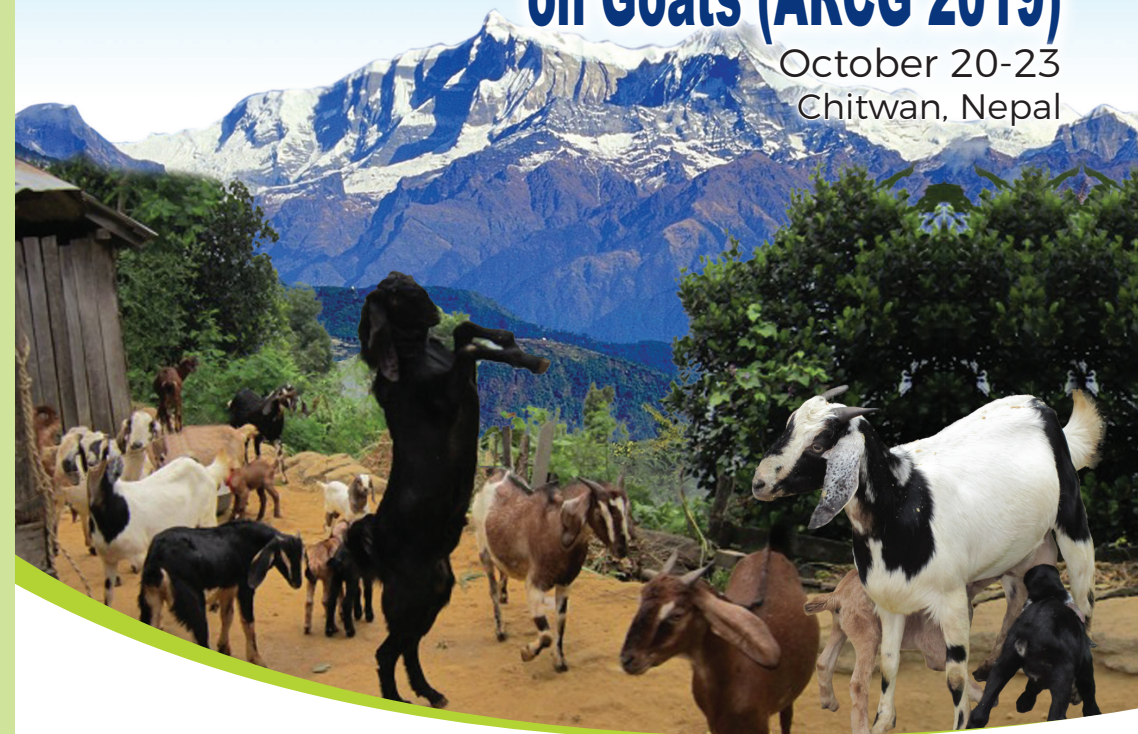
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“Goats for food, nutrition and economic security in the developing world”

First Announcement

# Asian Regional Conference on Goats (ARCG 2019)

October 20-23  
Chitwan, Nepal



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### Co-organizers/Collaborators



Faculty of Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Fisheries  
Agriculture and Forestry University  
Rampur, Chitwan, Nepal

## Background

The Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU) is the first state-owned technical university in Nepal that was established under a land grant model with the mandate of three functions: education, research and extension. AFU mainly aims to produce internationally competent human resources to promote education, research and development in the field of agriculture, livestock, fisheries, forestry, and allied disciplines. Since being established, AFU has engaged in organizing various national, regional and international conferences, as well as seminars and symposiums, to meet its vision and mission.

Goats (*Capra hircus*) are very social, curious, gentle, independent and intelligent creatures that were first domesticated by human beings in 10,000 BC. The largest goat population in the world remains in Asia (59%) followed by Africa (35%). Goat husbandry is becoming the most popular enterprise among the rural as well as urban youths in Nepal. Goat, the “poor man’s cow” contributes about 20.4% to the total meat production in the country and ranks second after buffalo (54.3%). Goat is also considered as living bank account, as they can be converted into cash when needed by the farmers. Thus, this species has made a great contribution to sustaining the livelihoods of rural smallholders in the developing world.

In this context, AFU/Faculty of Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Fisheries is organizing an Asian Regional Conference on Goats (ARCG 2019). The conference is tentatively scheduled for 20-23 October 2019, and is organized in association with the International Goat Association; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Department of Livestock Services; Nepal Agricultural Research Council; and Heifer International Nepal. The conference’s main aim is to gather researchers, academicians and development entities to exchange knowledge and technologies generated in the field of goat research and development across the globe.

## Proposed thematic areas

- Goat as a source of food and economic security in the developing world
- Goat production policies, socio-economics, and value chain development
- Goat husbandry management
- Goat feeding and nutrition management
- Phenomics, genomics and biotechnology for enhanced goat production
- Health management and disease control
- Advancement in goat product processing

## Important dates:

Call for Abstract	December 15, 2018	Re-submission of full papers	September 30, 2019
Deadline for Abstract Submission	June 01, 2019	Early registration deadline	September 30, 2019
Notification of acceptance and call for full papers	July 01, 2019	On-spot registration	October 20, 2019
Deadline for submission of full papers	August 15, 2019	Conference dates	October 20-23, 2019
Review/feedback on full papers	September 01, 2019	Post conference tour	October 23, 2019

## Conference registration

We encourage the delegates to register for the event online. Please visit the conference website [www.afu.edu.np/arcg2019](http://www.afu.edu.np/arcg2019) for more details. Pay the registration fee through online bank transfer to the following account. The transaction details should be uploaded through online during registration.

**A/C Number:** 0080721970019  
**A/C Holders' Name:** Conference Account FAVF  
**Name of Bank:** Himalayan Bank Limited  
**Branch:** Chitwan Branch  
**Swift Code:** HIMANPKA



## Registration fees

Participants' category	Early registration	On-spot registration
National Delegates representing INGOs/NGOs:	NRs 10,000	10,500
National Delegates representing GOs:	NRs 6,000	6,500
Association and Individual Delegates:	NRs 5,000	5,500
Student Delegates:	NRs 4,000	4,500
Participants from SAARC Nations:	USD 200*	210*
Foreign Delegates:	USD 400*	410*

(\*includes shuttle service to conference center, 4 lunches and a gala dinner)

## Conference Committees

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The S & R C Committee of IGA assists in overall planning, implementing and organizing the regional meetings. Additionally, this Committee is responsible for working with the ICG and RCG host country Scientific Committee to recruit invited speakers, finalize the scientific program schedule, review and select oral abstract presentations, and review and select poster award nominations.