



Third Communication

October, 2007



9th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GOATS

"Sustainable Goat Production: Challenges and Opportunities of Small and Large Enterprises"

In support of the 9th International Conference on Goats, of the **International Goat Association (IGA)**, the Mexican Association for Goat Production (**Asociación Mexicana de Producción Caprina; AMPCA**) will collaborate and hold its annual meeting at the *Mision Juriquilla Hotel*, in Queretaro, Mexico, from August 31 to September 5, 2008.

In the **second communication** we announced the instructions for preparation and submission of manuscripts and posters. Author instructions are available at our new web site www.igamexico.com.

Types of contribution

1. Review Articles (Plenary sessions)
2. Short Communication
3. Abstracts for oral and poster presentations

Review Articles from keynote speakers (plenary sessions) and invited speakers (individual sessions) should cover subjects falling within the scope of the conference which are of active current interest. All reviews will be subject to the same peer review process as applies for original papers. They should not occupy more than 12 Journal pages.

Invited speakers for plenary sessions will present review articles of the following topics:

- Sustainable Goat Production
- Food Safety, Production and Product Quality Assurance
- Future of Organic Goat Products
- Recent Advancement in Biotechnology in goats
- Branding and Marketing of Goat Products
- Goat Production and Environment Conservation

Short Communications are concise but complete descriptions of a limited investigation, which will not be included in a later paper. A peer review panel from the Scientific Committee will revise and select those short Communications, with a standard abstract, suitable for further publication as such. They should not occupy more than 3 conference pages (approximately 6

manuscript pages) including figures, tables and references. Short communications will be presented orally.

Abstracts for poster presentations, are those not suitable for publication as short communications. These will also be included in the proceedings of the conference.

Submission of abstracts and papers

The scientific committee that gathered in Zacatecas, México, October 4, 2007, agreed on the following aspects with regard to abstracts and papers to be published in the conference proceedings and peer review journals:

- 1) The proceedings of the conference will only contain the abstracts of the conference.
- 2) Up to twelve abstracts of each section will be selected by the corresponding scientific committee of each section and will be invited to present a research paper or short communication to be published in a special issue of the journal, *Tropical and Subtropical Agroecosystems*.
- 3) The six plenary papers and the twenty invited papers (two for each of the sections) will be included in a special issue of the *Small Ruminant Research Journal*.
- 4) The *Scientific Committee* reserves the right to edit or shorten submitted articles, short communications, and abstracts from poster presentations.

Authors should send queries concerning the submission process to tacosta@tunku.uady.mx. Authors can check the status of their manuscript within the review procedure using our new web site: www.igamexico.com or contact the following *Scientific Committee* members:

Felipe Torres-Acosta
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Authors submitting hard copy papers will be asked to resubmit to the following address:

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Deadlines

The deadlines for presentation of abstracts and papers are as follows:

Deadline	Date
Abstract submission (350 words). From these, some authors will be asked to submit a short paper (three pages).	February 15, 2008
Submission of papers from keynote speakers (plenary sessions) and invited speakers (individual sessions), and three-page papers.	March 30, 2008
Notification of acceptance of abstracts for poster presentations.	April 30, 2008
Notification of acceptance of short papers selected for oral presentations, and papers from key-note and invited speakers.	May 30, 2008
Conference proceedings ready for publication.	June 30, 2008

Reception of abstract began **September 1, 2007**. Researchers, professors, students, and goat consultants and producers should send their abstracts for oral and poster presentations before the **January 31, 2008**, to the chairman of the scientific Committee, Dr. Felipe Torres-Acosta to tacosta@tunku.uady.mx

Authors should indicate for which of the following sections of the journal they would like their abstract to be considered:

- ❖ Physiology and Behavior
- ❖ Breeding and Reproduction
- ❖ Biotechnology and Genetics
- ❖ Nutrition and Feeding
- ❖ Animal Health
- ❖ Management and Production Systems
- ❖ Environment and Sustainability
- ❖ Goat products: Marketing, Economics and Food Safety
- ❖ Technology Transfer and Producer Organization
- ❖ Social Development and Contribution of Women to Goat Production

Registration fees

Registration fees for participation in the Conference are as follows:

Registration	Prepayment Fee	Payment Fee
Región A	US \$450	US \$500
Región B	US \$200	US \$250
Students	US \$125	US \$150
Producers	US \$200	US \$250
Companion	US \$125	US \$150

Registration fee for Region B considers an index of less than .500, based Human Development Index of the United Nations (Member Zone; <http://www.iga.goatworld.org/>).

Web news:

- ❖ The abstract upload module is fully available.
- ❖ The programme of the conference is now available in the web site.
- ❖ The payment module will be available.
- ❖ The registration module is available for any queries.

For more information, please visit our web site: www.igamexico.com or contact the following organization committee members:

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