



Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the International Goat Association (IGA), I would like to share details of the upcoming 13th International Conference on Goats in September 2020 in Hungary.

Please forward to any interested parties. Details are below. Here are links to the IGA website and to the conference <https://www.iga-goatworld.com/> and <https://www.icg2020.org/>.

And on behalf of the Goat Agribusiness Project (GAP), I am sharing the 3rd edition of the Goat Production Handbook. Apologies if you have already received this.

If you need more information about the IGA Conference or GAP, feel free to contact me.

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of International Goat Association and the Hungarian Sheep and Goat Dairying Public Utility Association, we are delighted to invite you to the

13rd International Conference on Goats (ICG 2020) to be held from 14 to 17 September 2020, in Eger, Hungary.

The aim of the conference is to link research and production by sharing information, experience, and best practices. Scientists, researchers, advisors, technologists, farmers, producers, processors, vets and all industry suppliers are warmly welcome to the four-day event.

Venue

The picturesque town of Eger is located in the Western gate of the scenic Bükk Mountains. This thousand-year-old Episcopal seat, today an archiepiscopal centre, is one of the

most beautiful baroque towns in the country. Its inhabitants are proud of its illustrious historical past and the valuable heritage of monuments and buildings.

Main topics

- Improving genetic merit for enhanced efficiency and preserve the goat biodiversity
- Current and emerging health issues for goat production
- Goat production systems of the future
- Optimization of feeding and nutrition
- Environment, climate change and goats
- Recent research and current advances in goat products
- Market and societal avenues
- Global Eradication Program for Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR):
- socio-economic context for planning

These topics will be discussed within the scientific sessions and symposia.

The program will be enriched by round-tables and workshops.

Call for Papers

Abstract submission

Interested applicants are invited to submit an abstract for oral presentation or poster via the online registration and abstract submission system no later than 1 April 2020.

For more details, visit <http://www.icg2020.org/call-for-papers/>

Invited speakers

We are pleased to announce that speakers with international reputation have already confirmed their participation in the conference.

More details: <http://www.icg2020.org/invited-speakers/>

Registration and accommodation

Please, register using the online registration system. You find the link and information about fees, payment method and cancellation policy here: <http://www.icg2020.org/registration/>

Events

We are pleased to announce some special events as part of the conference:

- International goat milk products and cheese exhibition
- Book presentations: “Goat Science”, “Goats (Capra)” and “The role of meat in human consumption”

Special Event

The Organising Committee of the Conference is going to announce an international goat milk products contest. The event will be held on 14th September 2020 as a part of the Conference. The call will be published by 15th January 2020. It will specify the lists of establishments authorised to export food of animal origin to the European Union and other food safety regulations.

Conference Tours

We have put together a selection of tours: technical tours, pre and post conference tours. We not only want to introduce the goat breeds and goat products of Hungary, but we also offer a taste of Eger and other regions of our beautiful country - scenery, adventure, hospitality and more.

All tour information is available on the home-page of the conference; tours can be purchased as part of your overall conference registration: <http://www.icg2020.org/conference-tours/>

Social program

An interesting and colourful range of social program will offer opportunities for delegates to meet friends as well as enjoy Hungarian cultural heritage.

Don't forget to register for the four evening events: Welcome Cocktail, Get-Together Party-BBQ, Wine tasting with dinner and Gala Dinner. A wonderful program is offered for accompanying persons. More details: <http://www.icg2020.org/accompanying-persons/>

Exhibition and sponsorship opportunities

ICG 2020 conference offers companies and organizations many convenient and effective ways to get any special product and/or service noticed by the attendees. The kit for exhibitors and sponsors will be published soon.

Please feel free to circulate this document among your colleagues and all those

who can be interested in the event.

Looking forward to meeting you in Eger, Hungary!

Best regards,

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Chair of ICG 2020

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