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Sheep and Goats



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Joint Seminar of the
Sub-Network on Production Systems
& Sub-Network on Nutrition

Innovation for Sustainability in Sheep and Goats

Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, 3-5 October 2017



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT – CALL FOR PROPOSALS

<http://networks.iamz.ciheam.org/sgvitoria2017>





Background and Objectives of the Seminar

Sheep and goat sectors are facing an uncertain future due to a general lack of competitiveness stemming from poor technical and economic results, but also due to severe social and environmental challenges.

In order to overcome this situation, innovative solutions are needed at different levels (animal, flock, livestock population, farm, territory, value chain, etc.) to make the sheep and goat industries more sustainable and profitable when faced with emerging environmental, climatic, socio-economic, demographic, policy and market challenges. These innovations may improve production techniques, labour organisation, equipment and infrastructures, as well as collective programmes for selection or health campaigns. They can also strengthen social forms of organisation such as product quality schemes or the management of communal areas. Innovative feeding strategies coupled with precision flock management practices that target the reduction of production gaps and adjust to the environmental challenges, hold promise to tackle the above mentioned objectives.

The Animal Production Department of Neiker-Tecnalia (the Basque Institute for Agricultural Research and Development), the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza – CIHEAM, and the H2020 Project iSAGE - Innovation for Sustainable Sheep and Goat Production in Europe - organise this joint Seminar of the FAO-CIHEAM Sub-Networks on Production Systems and Nutrition on Sheep and Goats in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, from 3rd to 5th of October 2017.

The objective of the Seminar is to encourage the participation and interaction among scientists and technicians working in the sheep and goat industry with a view to introduce the conceptual framework of innovation development and adoption, as well as to analyse the innovations needed to adapt sheep and goat production systems and industry to the new demands of society. Success stories of innovations already adopted in the sheep and goat industry will be presented, and the topic of precision farming in the sheep and goat sector will be introduced and discussed, not only as a vector of innovation but also as an opportunity for the sustainability of the sector.





Organisation

The Seminar is organised by the Animal Production Department of Neiker-Tecnalia (The Basque Institute of Agricultural Research and Development), the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza – CIHEAM, and the H2020 Project iSAGE - Innovation for Sustainable Sheep and Goat Production in Europe, with the collaboration of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The Seminar will last two days, providing a forum for scientific and technical exchange and a one-day field trip. The scientific and technical exchanges will be structured in four sessions, with keynote guest speakers. The Seminar will also be open to free contributions that could be presented orally or as posters depending on the recommendations of the Scientific Committee.

The venue of the Seminar will be:

**Europa Congress Palace- Palacio de Congresos Europa
Avda de Gasteiz, 85, 01009 Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain**

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Preliminary programme

2nd October

18:00-20:00 Registration

20:00-21:30 Welcome cocktail

3rd October

08:30 - 9:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:30 Opening ceremony

09:30 – 09:45 Presentation of the agenda and objectives of the seminar

09:45 – 13:00 Session 1. **Innovation's conceptual and practical framework. Application to the agro-food sector**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:30 Session 2. **Innovations to adapt sheep and goat feeding and production systems and industry to the new societal demands** (product quality, nutritional properties, marketing strategies, environment, animal welfare, ethics, etc.)

18:00-20:00 Guided tour of the city

4th October

09:00 – 12:45 Session 3. **Precision farming and other technical innovations for increasing efficiency in sheep and goats**

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:30 Session 4. **Success stories of innovations in the sheep and goat industry, with special focus on increasing consumption and adding value to products**

17:30 **Conclusions and close of the Seminar**

20:30 Conference Dinner

5th October

All day Field trip to dairy sheep farms and grazing areas in the Basque Country





Languages

The working languages of the seminar will be English and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Registration and call for proposals

Please fill in the preliminary registration form available online at:

<http://networks.iamz.ciheam.org/sgvitoria2017>

Before **31 July 2017** registration fees for the two days of the seminar and the technical visit will be 250 euro, after which fees will be 300 euro. Fees include attendance to the seminar, refreshments and lunches, and a copy of the Proceedings. The mode of payment will be indicated in the Second Announcement.

Free contributions are welcome for all sessions, either as theatre presentations or posters. Participants who wish to present a free communication should submit their summary (maximum 250 words), indicating their preferred session, through the online submission form available at <http://networks.iamz.ciheam.org/sgvitoria2017> before **15 January 2017**.

The deadline for submission of the full text of communications accepted by the scientific committee is **30 April 2017**. All accepted papers will be reviewed and published in the Seminar Proceedings.

Scholarships

The organisers will award a limited number of scholarships that may cover registration fees, accommodation and travel. Applications, together with the corresponding CV, should be submitted by **15 January 2017** through the online submission form available at <http://networks.iamz.ciheam.org/sgvitoria2017>. Preference will be given to participants from Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries of CIHEAM, whose paper has been accepted by the Scientific Committee.





Proceedings

The Seminar Proceedings, including the text of keynote lectures, theatre presentations and posters accepted by the scientific committee will be published, if accepted, in the CIHEAM journal *Options Méditerranéennes*. Texts are to be written in English or French. Manuscript guidelines will be provided to authors after acceptance of the contributions.

Accommodation

Participants will be accommodated at hotels in Vitoria-Gasteiz. A list of possible accommodations will be included in the second announcement.

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