

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON YAK
September 20-25, 2004, Chengdu, Sichuan, P.R. China

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Fourth International Congress on Yak will be held in September 20-25, 2004 in Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan Province in western China. The Congress's aim is to provide an environment for delegates from yak-raising and non-yak-raising countries to discuss sustainable yak production, exchange scientific information, deepen mutual friendship and strengthen cooperation. We sincerely hope that you would attend and make the Congress a success whether or not a paper is submitted.

Hosts

Sichuan Provincial Bureau of Animal Husbandry and Foodstuff
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FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO RAP)
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Livestock Department of Ganzi Prefecture of Sichuan Province
Livestock Department of Aba Prefecture of Sichuan Province
Livestock Department of Liangshan Prefecture of Sichuan Province

Sessions

- A. Production System
- B. Genetics and Breeding
- C. Nutrition and Feeds
- D. Reproduction and Physiology
- F. Diseases and Health Service
- G. Products, Processing and Marketing

Special Sessions

A. Sustainable Fodder Production in Yak-raising Areas (Hosted by ICIMOD)

B. Understanding and Utilization Yak Genetic Diversity (Hosted by ILRI)

Language

English will be the official language of the Congress and a simultaneous translation between Chinese and English will be provided.

Registration

Deadline for registration: 1 August 2004. All payments shall be made on-site.

Delegate: 310 US\$ (before 1st July 2004), 350 US\$ (after 1st July 2004).

Student: 200 US\$.

Accompanying person: 200 US\$ (before 1st July 2004), 230 US\$ (After 1st July 2004).

Papers

Papers submitted to the Congress should accord to the following demands: invited papers should be no more than eight pages and research papers should be no more than three pages in length. All papers should be typed on an A4 paper with a margin of 1 inch for each side. Papers should be in line with the following order: title, author's name, institute or organization, summary within 250 words, keywords less than 8 words, introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, closing remark, acknowledgment and references according to the sample attached. The title of the paper should be succinct but informative. Each table or figure in the paper should be numbered, has a brief title and be mentioned in the text. Full paper should be edited using "Times New Roman 11" model. Any paper that is not in line with above format will be impossible to be accepted for publication in the proceedings of the Congress. You are encouraged to submit your papers by email attachment, however, it is expected that one hardcopy of the papers together with disk (CD) should be sent Dr. Han Jianlin by 1st July 2004.

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