

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON YAK
September 20-26, 2004, Chengdu, Sichuan, P. R. China

Final Announcement

The **Fourth International Congress on Yak** will be held in **September 20-26, 2004** in Chengdu, China. The aim of this congress is to provide a nice academic atmosphere to all participants and representatives coming from yak-keeping countries, non-yak-keeping countries and international organizations to present their research findings on the yak, to discuss sustainable development of yak husbandry and to promote communication, friendship and cooperation. Here, we sincerely wish that you will be able to be present at the congress.

Hosts

Southwest University for Nationalities
Sichuan Provincial Bureau of Animal Husbandry and Foodstuff

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College of Life Science and Technology, Southwest University for Nationalities
Sichuan Provincial General Station of Breeding & Improvement for Animal & Poultry

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International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
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The Yak Industry Group of Western China
Sichuan Province Yak Original Farm
Sichuan Province Grass Research Institute
Ganzi Prefectural Bureau of Animal Husbandry
Aba Prefectural Bureau of Animal Husbandry
Liangshan Prefectural Bureau of Animal Husbandry

Theme of the Congress

Sustainable development of yak husbandry

Organizing Committee of the Congress

Honorable Chairmen

Mr. Chen Wenguang (Vice-Governor of Sichuan Provincial Government)
Prof. Wu Changxin (Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences; Chairman of Chinese Association of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine; Professor of China Agricultural University)
Prof. Cheng Yuping (President of Southwest University for Nationalities)

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Prof. Li Changping (Vice-Director of Sichuan Provincial Bureau of Animal Husbandry and Foodstuff)
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- Prof. Diao Yunhua (Director of Sichuan Provincial General Station of Breeding & Improvement for Livestock & Poultry)
Prof. Chen Zhihua (Dean of College of Life Science and Technology, Southwest University for Nationalities)
Mr. Dong Zhou (Chief Executive Officer of the Yak Industry Group of Western China)
Prof. Ze Ba (Director of Sichuan Provincial Institute of Grassland Research)
Dr. Chen Taiyong (Director of Heifer Project International - China)

Scientific Committee of the Congress

Honorable Chairmen

- Prof. Zhang Rongchang (Director of International Yak Information Center, Gansu Agricultural University)
Prof. Lu Zhonglin (Executive Chairman of China Yak Breed Association; Lanzhou Institute of Animal Science and Veterinary Pharmaceuticals, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences)
Prof. Dr. Gerald Wiener (Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh and Roslin Institute, United Kingdom)

Chairmen

- Prof. Zhong Jincheng (College of Life Science and Technology, Southwest University for Nationalities)
Prof. Dr. Han Jianlin (Scientist of International Livestock Research Institute; Executive Secretary of International Yak Information Center and China Yak Breed Association; Professor of Gansu Agricultural University)

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- Prof. Dr. Luo Xiaolin (Qinghai Provincial Academy of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine)
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Dr. Hans Wagner (Senior Regional Animal Production Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO RAP))
Prof. Dr. Horst Geilhausen (President of the Yak and Camel Foundation in Germany)
Dr. Mohan Bhattacharya (Director of the National Research Center on Yak, Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh - 790101, India)

Program of the Congress

Date	08:30-10:00	10:20-12:00	14:00-16:00	16:20-18:00	19:00-21:00
Sunday Sept. 19		Registration			Meeting of the Scientific Committee
Monday Sept. 20	Opening Ceremony	Plenary Session	Scientific Session	Scientific Session	Welcome banquet
Tuesday Sept. 21	Scientific Session	Scientific Session	Scientific Session	Scientific Session	Poster Session
Wednesday Sept. 22	Scientific Session	Scientific Session	Scientific Session	Closing Ceremony	Art Performance
Thursday Sept. 23	Field visit to Maiwa yak area of Sichuan with a departure at 07:30 am from Chengdu				
Friday Sept. 24	Field visit to yak production area and yak product processing enterprises and a special workshop on Yak Milk Production and Marketing in Hongyuan				
Saturday Sept. 25	Field visit to yak product processing enterprises and Jiuzhaigou Forest Park				
Sunday Sept. 26	Back to Chengdu from the Jiuzhaigou Forest Park				

Note: The Yak Industry Group of Western China will arrange the activities and provide funding to cover the expenses of the four-day field visits for every participants (the expenses cover transport, accommodation shared by two persons, meals; You are expected only to pay 30 US\$/per person for the entrance fee to the Jiuzhaigou Forest Park. In case you would like to stay in a single room, you are expected to pay for the additional charge. Please send us an email to indicate if you will be able to join the field visits and if you like to stay in a single room.). The Organizing Committee of the Fourth International Congress on Yak expresses its grateful acknowledgements to the Group.

The schedule of the four-day field visits

Thursday Sept. 23: Departure from Chengdu at 07:30 am to Hongyuan county in Sichuan, where the Maiwa yak are found. Overnight in Hongyuan hotel. The altitude in Hongyuan county averages 3500 m and the temperature 5 to 20 degrees.

Friday Sept. 24: Visits to yak production area and yak product processing enterprises; a special workshop on **Yak Milk Production and Marketing** will be taken place in Hongyuan. Overnight in Hongyuan hotel.

Saturday Sept. 25: Visits to yak product processing enterprise and Jiuzhaigou Forest Park. Overnight in Jiuzhaigou hotel.

Sunday Sept. 26: Visit Jiuzhaigou Forest Park and return to Chengdu.

Jiuzhaigou Forest Park

Jiuzhaigou is a deep valley of stunning natural beauty, approximately 620 sq km in area, about 400 km in the north from Chengdu. The altitude in Jiuzhaigou Valley averages 3000 m and temperature 10 to 20 degrees. It is a national park and has also been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. The name Jiuzhaigou refers to the nine Tibetan villages which are situated in the valley. The valley has a variety of natural scenery - lakes, waterfalls, snowy mountains and lush green forests. There are also more than 100 lakes of various sizes and shapes which sparkle with iridescent colors.



Venue of the Congress

Wenhan Hotel of the Southwest University for Nationalities, Nan Si Duan, Yi Huan Lu, Chengdu, Sichuan.

Accommodation

There is a special offer from the Wenhan Hotel (three stars) of the Southwest University for Nationalities to all participants to the yak congress at a cost of about 30 US\$ per night per room with a private bathroom. If you would like to stay in this hotel, please kindly let us know your travel schedule as soon as possible so that we can make a reservation on your behalf. Obviously there are many other better hotels in Chengdu (up to six stars), if you want to get more information, please do not hesitate to contact us. You are expected to pay your accommodation while you are in Chengdu.

Travel to Chengdu

Chengdu is the capital city of Sichuan province and well connected with many large cities in China and in south and southeastern Asia. There is at least one flight per hour daily from Beijing, Shanghai or Guangzhou to Chengdu. Airport pick-up and send-off will be arranged if we could receive your detailed travel schedule earlier. Otherwise it is not difficult to find the hotel or the University by Taxi.

Clothing

The weather in late September in Chengdu is nice and the temperature ranges between 20 to 30 degrees; however, it is necessary to have warm clothes for the field visits because the temperature may be as low as 10 degrees occasionally.

Currency

Chinese RMB Yuan is the only currency in China. It is very easy to change cash, traveler's check or credit card in banks or hotels in Chengdu (approximately 1 US\$ = 8.2 Yuan).

Registration, Passports and Visas

Delegate: \$310 US

Student: \$200 US

Accompanying person: \$200 US

All payments shall be made on-site while you are in Chengdu.

Note: The fees entitle you to all congress sessions, proceedings and handouts, meals during the meeting and field visits, welcome banquet, transport and accommodation during the field visits. Accompanying persons' program includes short tours in Chengdu for the first three days and the four-day field visits.

There is no deadline for registration, however, to assist you to apply for a visa to travel to China, please send us a copy of your valid passport by email (preferably the scanned version!) or by fax no later than 15th August so that we can arrange and send you an official invitation letter.

Post-Congress Tours

Those who want to travel in Sichuan after the congress can choose: a) Leshan Mountain and Emeishan Mountain at estimated cost of 500 Yuan/person for three days (entitles transport, guide, all tickets to the parks, meals and accommodation shared by two persons); b) Dujiangyan - Qinchengshan Mountain at estimated cost of 200 Yuan/person for one day; c) Short tour in Chengdu at estimated cost of 200 Yuan/person for one day.

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 Symposium

- A. Sustainable Management of Rangelands for Yak Keeping (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.

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, have a brief title and be mentioned in the text. Full papers should be edited using "Times New Roman 11" model. Any paper that is not in line with above format cannot 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 20th July 2004.

Contact

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