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Call for Abstract

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**The ARID LAND INSTITUTE (IRA) & INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CAMELID
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (ISOCARD)**

Organize

The Second Conference of the International Society of Camelid Research and Development

Djerba, Tunisia: 11th-14th March, 2009

In cooperation with

Ministry of Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources:

- Office of Livestock and Pasture (OEP)
- Institution for Agricultural Research and Higher Education (IRESA)
- National Coordination Committee for Camel Research and development



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Introduction

The **Arid Land Institute** in Médenine, Tunisia and ISOCARD, in cooperation with the Office of Livestock and Pasture (**OEP**), the Institution for Agricultural Research and Higher Education (**IRESA**) and the National Coordination Committee for Camel Research and development will organize the **Second Conference of the International Society of Camelid Research and Development**.

The aims of the meeting are:

- i) To promote research quality in camelids
- ii) To promote scientific publications
- iii) To encourage the exchange of information related to camelid between ISOCARD members and organizations whose interests are related to camelid.
- iv) To elect members to serve on the Executive Council of ISOCARD for the next three year term.

Date and Venue

The Second Conference of the International Society of Camelid Research and Development will take place from 11th to 14th March 2009 at **Hotel Yadis Djerba** (Route Touristique, B.P.84, 4116 Midoun Djerba, www.maritim.com).

Local Organizing Committee

Pr. Houcine KHATTALI	IRA (President)
Touhami KHORCHANI	IRA (Coordinator)
Mohamed BEN HAMMOUDA	IRESA
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Habib YAHYAOUI	IRA
Mekki MOSLAH	IRA
Jilani ZEMZEMI	IRA
Mohamed Ali BEN ABED	IRA
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Mohamed Salah CHERNI	OEP
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Mohamed Ben Belgacem LITIFI	IRA
Mehdi LOUHICHI	IRA
Mohamed LATRACH	IRA
Adel KRAEIM	IRA
Ahmed BARMAT	IRA
Naceur JARRAY	IRA
Mouldi ABDENNEBI	IRA

Language

English will be the official language of the conference. A simultaneous translation is expected with AUF support for French speaking scientists participating in the conference.

Program of events

The scientific program will begin by a **training sessions for young scientists and researchers who are interested in publishing their research at reputable international journals**. Sessions will include topics dealing with New and Old World Camelids:

- i. Nutrition
- ii. Genetics
- iii. Reproduction
- iv. Infectious Diseases
- v. Medicine
- vi. Surgery & Anatomy
- vii. Farm Management/Systems & Development Aspects
- viii. Products
- ix. Physiology, Pharmacology & Biochemistry

A preliminary schedule is proposed:

1. Wednesday 11th March: afternoon training session for young or inexperienced researchers in grant writing, research methods and presentation skills.
2. Thursday 12th March: opening ceremony followed by keynote addresses and presentation of oral research abstracts and poster sessions.
3. Friday 13th March: Presentation of oral research abstracts and poster sessions.
4. Saturday 14th March: round table discussions for collaborative research: 4 topics
 - Immunology
 - Genetics
 - Infectious disease diagnosis and control
 - Promoting the camel as a model species for sustainable development in arid climates.

Scientific Committee

Ali Al-QARAWI	(U. Al-Qassim, Buraydah, Kingdom Arabian Saudi)
Abdelhai GUEROUALI	(A.C.S.A.D., Syria)
Ahmed TIBARY	(W.S.U., United States of America)
Bernard FAYE	(CIRAD-ES, France)
Cristian BONACIC	(F.A.I.F., Santiago, Chile)
Claire WHITEHEAD	(R.V.C., United Kingdom)
David ANDERSON	(O.S.U., United States of America)
Faouzi SAKLI	(ISET, Ksar Hlal, Tunisia)
Ghaleb ALHADRAMI	(U.A.E.U. United Arab Emirates)
Gaukhar KONUSPAYEVA	(K.U. Al Farabi, Kazakhstan)
Julian SKIDMORE	(C.R.C. United Arab Emirates)
Mnaouer DJEMALI	(I.N.A.T., Tunisia)
Mehdi ELHARRAK	(Biopharma, Rabat, Morocco)
Mohamed BEN GOUMI	(I.A.V. Hassen II, Maroc)
Mohamed HAMMADI	(I.R.A., Tunisia, scientific coordinator)
Mukhtar ABUSAMRA	(P.I.C. Kingdom Arabian Saudi)
Souilem OUAJDI	(E.N.M.V., Tunisia)
T.K.GAHLLOT	(C.R.C., India)

Call for Papers, Abstract submission, Publication

The organizers invite scientists working on camelid to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentation on the above-mentioned fields. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Authors will be informed by **15th December 2008** whether the abstract is accepted for oral or poster presentation. The full text is requested before **1st March, 2009** to be published in the Journal of Camelid Sciences.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1st November 2008. Abstracts should be sent by e-mail to Mohamed HAMMADI (mohamed.ammadi@ira.rnrt.tn) in word document format. In the subject of the message, please, type 2nd Conference of ISOCARD and the name of presenting author. One CC is recommended to be send to Touhami KHORCHANI (khorchani.touhami@ira.rnrt.tn).

Guidelines for abstract submission

Font type: Times New Roman. **Title:** The title should be in bold, font size 12, centered, with no full stop at the end. **Authors:** Presenting author's name should be underlined. Author names should be in regular font, as surname following the first name initial separated by comma. Author names should be separated by a semicolon. Where authors are from a number of different institutions, the appropriate institution number from the affiliation list should be given as a superscript number immediately after each author's name. **Affiliations** should be in regular font, centered and should include department, institute and country. Each institute should appear in the order used against the author names and show the appropriate superscript number. **Formatting/Main text:** Maximum length of the text is 2600 characters. Please use regular font setting and single line spacing. The text should be justified, without hyphenating words at line breaks. Make sure that formulas and special characters appear correctly.

Registration

Please, complete registration form and send it to:

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Registration before the end of January, 2009 is required for participants having an accepted abstract.

Registration fees

	Amount (Euros)
ISOCARD member	120
Non-ISOCARD member	150
Student/Resident/intern	60

The fee includes attendance of the meeting, conference bags, coffee breaks, lunches of 12 and 13th march 2009 and the Gala dinner.

The registration fee for the Second Conference of the International Society of Camelid

Research and Development should be made by **bank transfer before 28th February, 2009**.
For wire transfer, please, use the following bank details:

Bank references: ISOCARD
RIB: 30004 00091 00000149575 44
IBAN FR76 3000 4000 9100 0001 4957 544
BIC: BNPAFRPPETI

Local participants could pay the registration fee to:
Ittijari Bank Agence Médenine
Bank Account Number: TN59 0490 0014 4047 0017 2479
Tel.: 00 216 75 640 007/887

Important notes:

- Please, **make sure** that commissions and bank charges both of the ordering customer's and the beneficiary's bank are at your account;
- Please, indicate **your name** and that of the meeting "**2nd Conference of ISOCARD 2009**" on the bank transfer form.

Accommodation

Accommodation is very reasonable in **5 stars Hotel Yadis Djerba (Conference Hotel)**.

	Amount (Euros) per person per night
Single room	37.5
Double room	27.5
Lunch/Dinner	13

For accommodation, we suggest you book your hotel through consult the website of **Hotel Yadis Djerba** (www.yadis.com).

If you have a tight budget, we can be of assistance, for limit participants, during the conference in 2 stars hotels in Houmt Souk city (about 20 km far from the Conference Yadis Hotel). This is a simple accommodation with single or double beds, ***with only breakfast***. In this type of hotels (Hajj Hotel, Machrek Hotel) accommodation is:

		Amount (Euros per night)
Hajj Hotel (2*)	Single room	14/person
	Double room	19/2 persons
Machrek Hotel (2*)	Single room	16/person
	Double room	24/2 persons

Transport will be provided by the organizers two times a day (morning and evening).
If you have any questions, please, feel free to get in touch with us. We are really looking forward to welcoming you in Djerba at the Second Conference of the ISOCARD 2009.

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Travel Arrangements

Visas are required for many nations. Organizers will summarize requirements by country to be provided on the website of the conference with further instructions. Any letters required for obtaining a visa will be provided by local organizers.

Social program

The local organizers propose an optional social program for accompanying persons during the two days conference and for participants at the end of the conference (see [social program file](#)). All interested participants could directly contact the travel agency *Iris tours* (e-mail: iristours.djerba@planet.tn; Web: www.tunisia-incentives.com) for reservation and please inform the organizers.