

Letter of the Editor

From November 18th to 22th, 2013 the 23rd Meeting of the Latin American Association of Animal Production, the 4th International Congress of Tropical Animal Production, the 4th International Congress of Animal Improvement, the 6th International Symposium of Agro-ecological Cattle Rearing and 2nd Symposium of the Latin American Sheep and Goat Producers Federation (FOCAL) were held in Havana, Cuba, all gathered by one theme: for a sustainable cattle rearing and in harmony with the environment.

A total of 670 participants from prestigious scientific and teaching institutions, organisms, enterprises, associations and national and foreign primary producers assisted to this event. We were honored with the presence of 368 colleagues from 19 countries (Germany, Angola, Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, France, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela), as well as 302 Cuban delegates. One thousand forty four works were presented by means of lectures, round tables, oral and posters, 27 books and other materials of interest for the participants.

The Editorial Board of the Cuban Journal of Agricultural Science decided to provide the readers with a selection of the lectures taught by important personalities of the event, as well as the report and the presentation of the forthcoming edition of the event to be hold in Havana, Cuba, on November 2015. Therefore, this special issue of the publication was prepared with the papers as such sent by the authors, so only writing corrections were conducted. The main objective is to spread the valuable information contained instead of leave them only in the memories of the event.

It is our best wish that the information provided is useful and we expect your valuable opinions on this respect.

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