

Foreword

Welcome to our 2004 Reproduction in Small Ruminants Symposium. It has been a tremendous journey to organise this meeting without the financial and organisational support that characterised previous editions of this ICAR satellite meeting. Nevertheless, when it was decided that the ICAR venue was to be brought to South America for the first time in over 50 years, we felt it was important to hold a small ruminant satellite symposium in the region, where sheep and goats represent such an important part of livestock production.

We have selected a team of regional and international experts to cover traditional and novel aspects of reproduction science and technology applied to small ruminants, which should grant an enriching technical exchange. In addition, we expect the proceedings of the symposium to become a reference book in sheep and goat reproduction, as a result of the significant contribution and expertise of all participants.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our sponsors for their financial support, as well as the session chairs and members of the scientific committee for their help in reviewing manuscripts and abstracts contained in this book, and all the people who made this event possible.

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