



Semaine européenne des races locales des massifs

Dans les Pyrénées cette année !

« PASTORALISME & RACES LOCALES »

The goal of the triple performance:  
Economic, environmental and societal

17th and 18th, September, 2018, Oloron-Sainte-Marie (Pyrénées,  
France)

## Program

Sunday 16th September:

Participation to the Aramits Shepherds' Fete : day of exchanges  
with the shepherds.

- 10.30: costumed parade on the streets of the village with a procession led by shepherds, and their sheep, herds of cows, dancers in traditional costumes and vintage tractors and farm equipment. Aperitif hosted by folk groups, etc.
- 11 00: welcome of the participants of the European week on local Mountain breeds
- 11.30: meal under marquee
- 2 15 p.m.: opening ceremony for the 38th shepherd's dog contest
- 6.00 p.m : Awards ceremony for the 38th Shepherd's dog contest

To learn more about Shepherds' Fete :

<http://www.aramitsfetedesbergers.fr>

Other proposal : Les Pyrénéennes

Parc des expositions du Comminges Route de la Croix de Cassagne 31800 Villeneuve de Rivière

9 H 00 / 17 H 00 breed Competition - TOP 100 GASCON (Pôle Viande)



## Monday 17th September : Opening of SERAM 2 in Oloron Sainte Marie

- **Morning: Opening plenary session of the conference**
  - o 9h: *Welcoming of participants*
  - o 10h: *Session "Pastoralism and local breeds: an inseparable link"*

The objective of this session is:

- To present a broad panorama of the different forms of pastoralism in Europe (and more widely in the world) and current evolution trends,
- Identify, through specific examples, the importance of support and selection policies for local breeds in maintaining pastoral systems and related practices.



### Presentations:

- **The challenges for pastoralism: the example of France** (AgroPastoM project, Sarah Fichot, ACAP, France)
- **The challenges for local breeds: the example of Spain** (Manuel Luque Cuesta, FEAGAS, Spain)
- **Pastoralism and Local Breeds : for a cross analysis of the challenges** (Didier Buffière, French Association of Pastoralism, Corinne Eychenne, University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, Nathalie Couix and Anne Lauvie, National Institute of Agronomic Research)
- **The point of view of FAO** (VelascoGil Gregorio Pastoral Knowledge Hub Animal Production Branch)

### 1 pm: Meals on site or as take away according to the chosen visit



- **Afternoon:**
  - **2 00 pm Visits of pastoral sites in the Béarn and the Basque Country to illustrate the following themes (1 visit to choose from the 3 proposed ones)**
  - **Visit A: Sheep dairy pastoralism and pastoral planning policy:**
    - The stakes of the sheep-milk sector in the Pyrénées Atlantiques
    - Production of lambs under SIQO in the Pyrenees
    - The pastoral development policy of the Béarnaise Valleys and the revival of cheese production
    - The case of the summer pastures and Dairy Pastoral Groups of Pierre Saint Martin in the municipality of Arette (**Barétous valley**)
  - **Visit B: The importance of cattle transhumance in the Pyrenees:**
    - The transhumance of the “Blondes d'Aquitaine” cattle on the summits of Port d'Aste managed by the Pastoral Group of Aste Béon (**Ossau Valley**)
    - Visit of a “Gasconne” cattle farm to the Benou plateau (**Ossau valley**)
  - **Visit C: Organization and pastoral management method for land use management and natural and cultural heritage:**
    - The “Pays de Soule Union Committee” (manager of commonly owned land lands in the valley) and the “cayolar souletin” (Pastoral hut in common ownership by the farmers), the base of traditional pastoral organization of the Soule valley.
    - The adaptation of modern pastoralism tools for the Soule traditional organization : Pastoral Groupings and their organization (Selection, guarding and milk production)
- - **9.00 pm : Pastoral evening and gala dinner with local products showcased by the country's chefs**

**Optional :**

○ **Polyphonic concerts and musical entertainment around the Pyrenean pastoral traditions**

○ **Screening of the film "Ta que canta era montanha" (to sing the mountain) 9 pm  
Cinema The Luxor**

The valleys of the Pyrenees wonder about their future. Their depopulation worries the Patrimonial Institution of Haut-Béarn which revives the debate by proposing a film and a debate on "how will our valleys be in 2030", valleys where the maintenance of pastoral activity is one of the challenges.



## Tuesday 18th September :

- **Morning: 9 00 am : Thematic workshops (1 workshop of your choice among the 4 proposed)**

- *Workshop 1: Rusticity, transhumance and genetics of local breeds*

More and more research programs aim to integrate the characteristics of rusticity and adaptation into the local breeds selection schemes. Whether in dairy or meat systems, the objective is to develop more autonomous production methods, linked to their environment and more resilient in the context of sustainable farming systems.

The workshop will illustrate with examples how these orientations translate:

- **As part of the selection programs:**

- **Characteristics of adaptation to outdoor sheep farming in Scotland, Ireland and Norway** (Claire Morgan- Davies, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), Scotland,, United Kingdom)
- **The genetic selection of local Cypriot breeds in the context of global warming in Mediterranean conditions: the example of the sheep / fodder / soil triptych for sustainable production of Halloumi cheese in small ruminant milk.** (European Agricygen Project: Georgia Hadjipavlou, ARI Nicosia Institute, Cyprus, INRA / IDELE, France)
- **Local breeds competing with development models based on productive breeds in highly intensified systems: the plan to revitalize the Latxa ewe in Navarre to ensure the sustainability of the sector** (Maite Lasarte, Association ASLANA, Spain).
- **An example of bovine genetic selection in Italy** [in progress] (Alessandro Bagnato, University of Milan, Italy)

- **In the context of research projects:**

- **iSAGE project (2016-2020): "Innovation for sustainable Sheep and Goat Production in Europe"**. This European project focuses on the sustainability of sheep (goat and milk) and goat farming in 6 EU countries, Greece, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, Finland and France, plus Turkey. (Dominique Hazard, INRA, France).
- **SMARTER Project (2018-2023): "Small Ruminants Breeding for Efficiency and Resilience"**. This new European project aims to work on the evaluation and selection of sheep and goat breeds on robustness and resilience. Based on a broad and diversified partnership, it brings together 26 partners in 13 countries in Europe (10 countries) and in the world (America, Asia, Oceania), and concerns 46 sheep and goat breeds.



- *Workshop 2: Pastoralism and modernity: the challenges for the renewal of generations of pastoral farmers*

Local breed selection programs and pastoral improvement policies over the last 20 years have led to significant changes in pastoral practices and mountain living conditions. The testimonies will illustrate that, far from the traditional and sometimes old-fashioned “cants”, the pastoral systems are modern and innovative systems, both in terms of the techniques employed as on the level of the social and economic organization:

- **Testimonials on the technical innovations component:**

- **The modernization of the conditions for milking and cheese production in alpine and summer pastures:** the comparative cases of the Northern Alps, Pyrénées Atlantiques and Romania (François Thabuis President of the Alpage Group CA 74 and Olivier Maurin Breeding Society Dairy Sheep Breeds of the Pyrenees)

- **The Adaptation of the Selection to constraints related to Pastoralism and Transhumance (ASPT)** in the case of the Pyrenean bovine breed Gasconne (Gascon Group, Idele, Auriva Breeding, France)



- **Behavioral Characterization and Localization of Sheep and Goats using Embedded Technologies and aid in herd management and valorization of pastoral areas (CASDAR CLOCHETE Project):** Idele, France)

- **Testimonials on the social innovations component:**

- **Learning the job of shepherds: experiences, know-how and adapted pedagogy** (to be confirmed)
  - *The Merle School of Shepherds* (Salon de Provence, France)
  - *School of Shepherds of Asturias* (Spain)
- **Pastoral systems as a non-framework installation course:**
  - *Installation and apprenticeship of breeders in Mediterranean pastoral territory* (J.F. Battle (Idele), Guinamard C. (Idele), Moulin Charles-Henri (Montpellier SupAgro), Nozières-Petit Marie-Odile (INRA))
  - *The installation routes of the shepherds employed in the Béarn Valley* (Departmental Center Ovine 64, Farm House 64, Patrimonial Institution of Haut Béarn, Association of Breeders and Transhumant of the 3 Valleys Béarnaises)



- *Workshop 3: Valorization of transhumance products and local breeds*

Most official signs of quality and origin (SIQO) related to pastoral systems mention the importance of local breeds and related practices as important elements of their specifications. However, some SIQO also currently have specifications directly related to the use of pastoral areas such as summer pastures or alpine pastures.

The objective of this workshop will be to identify and describe the specifications of this type, to illustrate their basis in relation to the quality and origin of the products.

**Presentations :**

- **Pastoral practices associated with the rustic local goat breed (the Has goat) and creation of an IGP "goat meat from the Has" in Albania** (BiodivBalkans project: Alice Garnier, CIHEAM, France - Albania).
- **incorporate the local breeds in a triptych that includes valorization of the products and uses of the environment.**
  - *The cases of Corsica and the Pyrénées-Atlantiques* (Morgane Millet, INRA, France).
  - *The summer pastures cheese brand in the AOP Ossau Iraty* (Association des Eleveurs et Transhumant des 3 Vallées Béarnaises).
  - The case of Beaufort d'Alpage (To be confirmed)
- **The development of Merino Wool technical hiking clothes** (Patrick Fabre, The House of transhumance, OS ROSE, France)
- **Conservation and valorization of small breeds: two distinct stages of safeguarding programs or two complementary aspects?**
  - The testimony of the Pyrenees goat association (Fanny Thuault, Association Goats from Pyrénées, France)



- *Workshop 4: Heritage and Environmental Dimension of Pastoral Production Practices*

According to ICOMOS (International Council of Monuments and Sites):

- Agro-pastoral landscapes are landscapes for which "the interaction between man and his environment is much more significant than for others"
- agropastoral cultural landscapes should be considered as "heritage units and not as an addition of values, emphasizing the inseparable relationship between activity, resources and biodiversity"

From real examples chosen from the diversity of European pastoral systems, the objective of this workshop will be:

- To illustrate this inseparable link through the analysis of representative cases
- To deduce the most relevant support levers to support a sustainable pastoralism

**Presentations:**

- **The example of the partnership between the breeding organization for the Aubrac breed and the Aubrac Regional Nature Park** (Pierre Arsac, Aubrac OS, André Valadier Aubrac PNR, France)
- **Pastoralism as a means of fighting fire risk: Develop a sustainable management model that will reduce the risk of fire** (Interreg Sudoe Open2preserve-France / Spain / Portugal Program)
- **Ecosystem services of livestock systems in the Italian Alps: A new way of recognising the role of mountain farming** (Luca Maria Battaglini, Turin University).
- **UNESCO World Heritage Pastoralism:**
  - ***The Causes and the Cevennes, cultural landscape of agropastoralism*** (Morgane Costes Marres and Amandine Priac - Interdepartmental Agreement Causes Cevennes, France)
  - ***The pastoral aspect of the classification of the site Pyrénées Mont-Perdu*** (Didier Buffières CRPGE Hautes Pyrénées France)
  - ***The request for classification of the Transhumance to the intangible heritage of UNESCO*** (Nicola Di Niro Local Leader Action Group A.Svi.R. Moligal Italy)
- **Pastoral practices and biodiversity:**
  - The impact of pastoral practices on biodiversity (Luis Vilar and Federico Fillat ex Pyrenees Institute of Ecology of Jaca- Spain)
  - The establishment of reciprocal relationships between humans and wolves as a means of keeping wolves away from livestock. (to be confirmed) (Michel Meuret - INRA, Nicolas Lescureux - Cnrs et Laurent Garde - Cerpam / Reseau COADAPHT)
- **1 pm: Meals taken on the spot**



- **Afternoon: closing plenary session of the Symposium**

- o Summary of visits and workshops

- o Perspective and proposals by the Professional Managers

- o Closing speech:

- The Members of the European Parliament' point of view (Michel Dantin and Eric Andrieu)
    - Expected participation of the Ministry of Agriculture ([to be confirmed])



- o **Pass over for SERAM 3**



## REGISTRATION

Symposium — Workshops — Visits — Gala dinner

### Online registration:

<http://limesurvey2014.idele.fr/index.php/416183/lang-fr>

The **registration deadline** is **31/08/2018** (subject to availability).

If you register before **31/07/2018**, a 10% discount will be applied.

The final registration will be validated upon receipt of payment (by bank transfer or check payable to CORAM). Invoice on request.

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## OPTIONS and PRICES

<b>Option 1</b>	Participation in the conference (without meals)	<b>50 €</b>
<b>Option 2</b>	Participation in the conference + 1 lunch (lundi 17)	<b>65 €</b>
<b>Option 3</b>	Participation in the conference + 1 lunch (tuesday 18)	<b>65 €</b>
<b>Option 4</b>	Participation in the conference + 2 lunches (monday 17 + tuesday 18)	<b>80 €</b>
<b>Option 5</b>	Gala dinner and pastoral evening (monday 17)	<b>25 €</b>
<b>Option 6</b>	Participation in the conference + 2 lunches + Gala dinner and pastoral evening	<b>100 €</b>



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## Partnership



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