

# 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNOUNCEMENT

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## THE KENYA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (KARI)



*In partnership with*

## THE KENYA CAMEL ASSOCIATION (KCA)

*Is Organising*

## THE INTERNATIONAL CAMEL SYMPOSIUM

**“Linking Camel Science and Development for Sustainable Livelihoods”**

From 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010 in GARISSA / KENYA



## INTRODUCTION

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Two thirds of the world camel population are concentrated in the countries of the Greater Horn of Africa, namely in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Sudan. The livelihood of pastoralist communities living in this vast semiarid region depends to a wide extent on their camels.

The **2010 INTERNATIONAL CAMEL SYMPOSIUM** will be held in Garissa, the capital of Kenya's North-Eastern Province. This event is organised by the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) under its KENYA ARID AND SEMIARID LANDS RESEARCH PROGRAMME (KASAL), funded by the European Union and by the Government of Kenya. The symposium is held in close partnership with the Kenya Camel Association (KCA), the organisation representing camel pastoralists in Kenya.

This symposium aims to not only address a scientific audience, but to bring together for the first time camel pastoralists, camel researchers and development actors. The programme will be divided into three days for presentation of scientific and development papers organised by KARI (June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2010) and two days reserved for pastoralist issues organised by KCA (June 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2010). Papers will be presented in English, which is the official language of the symposium. For the benefit of pastoralists there will be simultaneous translation of oral presentations into Swahili. It is hoped that the mutual exchange of information during this combined event will help researchers and development workers to better understand the problems and needs of camel keepers while at the same time enhancing the transfer and application of scientific knowledge to camel pastoralists.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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The requests for consideration shall be submitted electronically by email to the Kenya camel symposium secretariat. Authors may submit papers and posters on research, case studies and development experiences within the realms of the symposium theme. Selected papers and posters will be published in a special issue of the East African Agricultural and Forestry Journal (EAAFJ). Following are the **conference sub-themes** and authors should indicate preferred sub-themes:

1. **Socioeconomics of camel keeping** (Value addition, marketing & Food security)
2. **Camel production & management** (Health, nutrition, breeding,)
3. **Camels & the environment** (Ecology, climate change & alternative uses )

## GENERAL PRESENTATION

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The manuscript shall be in English, typed double spaced, Times New Roman, font size 12 with margins at least 3.5cm at top, bottom and sides. The manuscript will be typed in the conventional format including title, abstract and key words, introduction, material and methods, results, discussion, acknowledgements and references. The results and discussion may also be combined. Figures, tables and plates should be presented separately.

## **Title page**

The title page shall include the title of the article, the surname and initials of the forenames and institutional affiliation. The email address of all the authors should be provided and that of the corresponding author be marked by asterisk.

**The abstract** should be 150-250 words and concise. It should contain no paragraphs, footnote, cross-references to figures and tables or undefined abbreviations

Key words should be up to five and must be taken from the title abstract or text. They should be written in lowercase letters, separated by commas and presented in alphabetical order.

## **Introduction**

Introduction should be brief but contain sufficient information reviewing important areas of the study.

## **Materials and Methods**

This section should contain sufficient detail to enable replication of the procedures. Previously established procedures should only be referenced rather than described in the article.

## **Results**

The results should be appropriately detailed. Tables and figures should be used only when they add value to the narrative.

## **Discussion, conclusion and implications**

Should discuss the results and adequately cover related published information.

## **Acknowledgement**

Authors should ensure that all other individuals or organisations which contributed financial, technical or editorial support are appropriately acknowledged.

## **References**

In the text references should only contain the surname and the year of publication of the refereed articles. When more than two authors are involved the first author followed by *et.al* should be used. In the listing they should be arranged in alphabetical order at the end of the article and be detailed as follows

*Articles*

Kuria, S.G., Gachuiiri, C.K., Wanyoike, M.M. and Wahome, R.G. 2004. Effect of mineral supplementation on milk yield and calf growth of camels in Marsabit district of Kenya. *J. Camel Pract. Res.*, 11(2): 87-96.

#### *Books*

Hulsebusch, C. G. and Kaufmann, B. A. 2002. Camel breeds and breeding in North Kenya. Kenya Agricultural Research Institute: Nairobi, Kenya. pp 150.

#### *Chapter in book*

Wango, J., Farah, Z. 2004. Methods for quality control. In: Milk and meat from the camel. Z. Farah and A. Fisher (Eds). Vdf Hochschulverlag AG publ., Zurich (Switzerland) pp 51-65

#### *Tables, figures, illustrations*

All figures and tables should be numbered in Arabic numerals and should be referred to in the text as such e.g. Figure 1 or Table 4. The title of each table should be written above the corresponding table. Photographs should be presented in the electronic form of JPEG.

### **Posters**

Posters should fit into posterboard measuring 1682\*2378mm. The poster should be:

- Simple, informative, visually appealing and attractive
- Easy to read and understand with relevant legend
- Contain text and illustrative material harmoniously combined to produce effective presentation
- Tell the complete story

### **Submission of manuscripts**

The abstracts should be received not later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Authors will be notified of acceptance by 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2010 and full papers must be received by the secretariat not later than 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

### **CAMEL FAIR**

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A parallel camel products and technology fair will run from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Pastoralists, private companies and other stakeholders interested to exhibit or demonstrate camel products and technologies should send their requests to the secretariat indicating the formats as: stand tents, room tables, special requirements for practical demonstrations, traditional shows or camel rides.

## **SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FEE**

East Africa & IGAD countries	KES 2,000
International	US \$ 100
KCA paid up members	KES 1,000
Students	KES 1,000

*Lunches, refreshments and conference materials will be provided.*

A pre-symposium tour is planned for 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Participants are kindly requested to indicate their interest to participate in the tour. Costs of the tour will be posted on the symposium website soon.

Submission of manuscripts and enquiries should be addressed to:

**THE KENYA CAMEL SYMPOSIUM SECRETARIAT**

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