

# Livestock Matter(s)

*ILRI News Round-up*



The September-October issue of 'Livestock Matter(s)' presents a round-up of livestock development news from ILRI and its partners.

## Corporate news

### ILRI turns 40: Nairobi headquarters marks the anniversary



On 1 October 2014, ILRI hosted a high-profile conference in Nairobi on livestock-based options for sustainable development. In 2014, ILRI is marking 40 years of international livestock research. Participants at the Nairobi conference included global, regional and local actors in sustainable livestock development, including farmers, the public and private sectors and research and development agencies.

### Delia Grace receives Trevor Blackburn Award

In September Delia Grace was awarded the British Veterinary Association's (BVA) Trevor Blackburn Award in recognition of her multiple outstanding contributions to animal health, animal welfare and food safety in Africa and Asia.

### Livestock options to meet development goals: ILRI side event at Tropentag

On 18 September 2014, ILRI hosted a side event at the Tropentag 2014 Conference as part of a series of events marking 40 years of international livestock research.

## Project news

### Uganda smallholder pigs project launches household nutrition and dietary surveys

The Smallholder Pig Value Chain Development project conducted consumer nutrition and dietary surveys from September to November.

### ILRI researchers test communication approaches for informed consent processes

While piloting field tools in Morogoro, Tanzania, ILRI researchers tested three alternative tools to use as part of the informed consent process.

### CTA-ILRI African dairy value chain seminar

The Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA) and ILRI organized an African dairy value chain seminar in September 2014 in Nairobi, Kenya.

### Cattle fattening in Gamogofa benefits from improved market linkages

Livestock commodity platform meetings organized by the Livestock and Irrigation Value Chains for Ethiopian Smallholders (LIVES) project identified the cattle marketing system as the number one challenge in Gamogofa zone.

## ILRI in the media

### Disease-resistant Napier grass for East Africa

A collaboration between ILRI, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) and the national research institutes of Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda is researching on a disease resistant Napier grass variety.

### Livestock insurance protects cattle-herders in Africa from drought

Over the past several years, ILRI, in collaboration with Cornell University and technical partners, has pursued a research program aimed at designing, developing and implementing insurance products to protect livestock keepers from drought-related asset losses.

## FAO joins AU-IBAR and ILRI on regional strategy to control of African swine fever.

AU-IBAR, FAO and ILRI have been collaborating since March 2013 to implement a regional strategy to control ASF in infected countries and to prevent its spread to non-infected countries.

## ILRI research project to address milk poisoning in Kenya

ILRI has commissioned a research project that will ascertain the levels of aflatoxins in the milk consumed in Kenya.

## ILRI in CGIAR

### Livestock and Fish program publishes monitoring, evaluation and learning framework

The CGIAR research program on Livestock and Fish has just published its Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework.

### Update on Livestock and Fish smallholder pigs value chain in Vietnam

On 25 and 26 September, ILRI staff and national partners met to review and plan activities to transform the smallholder pig value chain in Vietnam.

### Integrating gender equality concerns into the Livestock and Fish program

A team from the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) has been commissioned to support the program integrate gender in its technical flagships and value chains.

## ILRI under the lens



This month we feature photos of ILRI staff after attending the conference at the ILRI@40 conference in Nairobi, 1 Oct 2014

## Staff updates

In September and October we welcomed the following staff:

- Bridget Otieno, Finance
- Nicholas Mwenda, ICT customer services officer
- John Nyingi, Finance
- Edwin Kimani Kang'ethe, project officer – Nutrition
- Evalyne Njiiru, EOHS officer
- Victor Gatimu, facilities technician
- Victoria Kyallo, project manager, Animal Biosciences
- Mark Kapchanga Kwemai, communication specialist, ReSAKKS
- Asaah Ndambi, livestock scientist, LSE
- Raphael Mrode, quantitative geneticist
- Bizuhan Alemayehu, Office Assistant/Filing Clerk, Finance
- Sewasew Tefera, Junior Accountant
- Tilaye Girma, Security Group Leader
- Demeke Wolde, Transport Coordinator
- Fikadu Tessema, Assistant Site Coordinator, Africa RISING
- Shimelis Mengistu, Assistant Site Coordinator, Africa RISING
- Getachew Bisrat, Assistant Site Coordinator, Africa RISING
- Endeshaw Tadesse, Assistant Site Coordinator, Africa RISING
- Masresha Taye, Research Officer, LSE

We said goodbye to

- Lucy Wangari Macharia, compensation and benefits manager
- Cecilia Njeri Rumberia, laboratory technician
- Peter Koinange Kagiri, head mechanic
- Wilson Mwangi Kimani, research technician, BecA-ILRI Hub
- Kenneth Oluoch Ouma, conferencing assistant
- Tatjana Sitt, post-doctoral scientist
- Bryn Elizabeth Davies, IBLI
- Grum Gebreyesus, Research Assistant

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