FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT FOR

4th Conference of ISOCARD

“SILK ROAD CAMEL CONFERENCE”

June 2-6, Almaty, Kazakhstan

The International Society of Camelid Research and Development (ISOCARD) is a non-political, non-religious and non profit federation of camelid scientist or similar scientific and professional associations. ISOCARD was funded at Al-Ain (Arab Emirates) on April 2006 at the time of the first ISOCARD conference. The objectives of this association are:

- To give international scientific status for camelid sciences.
- To promote the camelid science and practice.
- To promote the contributions of camelid scientists to the development of camelid farming
- To promote scientific publications in camelid fields.
- To set high standards in camelid education and training.
- To promote standards of health and welfare in camelids.
- To organise International camelid Conference every 3 years.
- To encourage the exchange of information on camelid interest between the members and different networks and involved organisations.
- To establish and maintain relations with other organisations whose interests are related to the objectives of the society.

ISOCARD conferences were held in 2006 at Al-Ain, UAE, in 2009 at Djerba, Tunisia, in 2012 at Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. The 4th ISOCARD conference will be in Kazakhstan. Central Asia is to widen the base of ISOCARD and to facilitate the encounter between two scientific communities, that working on dromedary and that working on Bactrian. Kazakhstan is the only country in the region where the Bactrian population is strongly increasing and where dromedary is cohabiting with Bactrian camel.

The 4th Conference of ISOCARD Silk Road Camels will include following sections:

- The biology of camelids: new questions, advanced answers
- The productions and products of camelids for the well-being of humanity: the state of the art
- Camelids and health: emerging diseases and permanent problems to be solved
- The camelids and their environment: Impact of the climatic changes
- The camelids between tradition and modernity: the challenges for a sustainable development
- Camelid economy: from local to international market

The IMPORTANT dates are
- start of acceptance abstracts 2014 July 1
- dead line for submission of abstract 2014 December 1
- dead line for submission of full papers 2015 February 1

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