

September 26, 2007

Dear Senepol Breeders & Friends,

The SCBA Board of Directors had its last meeting Sept. 21 & 22 in Atlanta, Ga. Atlanta seems to be as central a point as we can find for members flying in from different areas and members driving for up to 8 hours for 1 ½ days of meetings. But that's what it takes to run an international breed organization with Senepol breeders located in many different countries and parts of the United States.

Of course we had many issues to discuss and a major event – the Senepol Symposium scheduled for Nov. 16 & 17 in Panama. You can see their ad in the next issue of Senepol World. The Panamanian Senepol Association has planned many important issues for discussion with well known "presenters". Be sure to contact the Panamanian SCBA to register for this event at 507-775-2512; 6613-5664 or 6612-2876.

**Please make your reservations for the hotels at the following contact numbers:**

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

##### ***Coronado Golf & Beach Resort***

Telephone: (507) 264 3164

Web: <http://www.coronadoresort.com>

E-mail: [reserva@coronadoresort.com](mailto:reserva@coronadoresort.com)

##### ***Marriott Courtyard***

Panama City, Panama

Telephone: (507) 301-0101 or (888) 236-2427 in the US and Canada

Web: <http://www.marriott.com>

#### **Itinerary**

##### **Wednesday, November 14th**

Members of Asenepol will be at the airport receiving the participants and speakers throughout the day. Hotel in Panama City is the Courtyard by Marriot.

##### **Thursday, November 15th**

A day of tourism in the Panama City area:

In the morning shop at nearby mall.

1:00 pm Panama Canal Tour.

3:00 pm Bus ride to Coronado Golf & Beach Resort  
(1:00 hour)

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Symposium registration

8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Reception cocktail

##### **Friday, November 16th**

8:30 am Symposium Inauguration by the  
Minister of Agriculture Development

9:00 am – 11:00 am Conferences

11:00 – 11:15 am Coffee break

11:15 am – 1:00 pm Conferences

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Conferences

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm Coffee break  
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm Conferences  
7:30 pm – 11:00 pm Dinner and folkloric music at the beach house

**Saturday, November 17th**

10:00 am – 12:30 pm Senepol show at the Equestrian Club  
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch  
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Senepol show and sale • Rest of afternoon free

**Sunday, November 18th**

Return to Panamá City, and back home

We look forward to seeing some of their excellent Senepol cattle and I hope for a chance for SCBA to host a Senepol Forum for the Senepol breeders to discuss Whole Herd Reporting (WHR), DNA for tenderness and feed efficiency, EPD's with accuracies, and ways SCBA may improve services to the Senepol breeders.

We discussed ways to improve the Senepol World magazine and obtain more advertisers. We have changed the printer company to reduce cost but we are still looking at other options. SCBA's Office Manager, Lisa Vorce and Marian Mercer, our Senepol World Typesetter, have done a great job putting together the last two issues and we look forward to their continual good work. Our up coming issue is scheduled to be complete October 1<sup>st</sup> and will be mailed out shortly there after. The next issue, with the Sire Summary, will be available at the Senepol Symposium.

On Friday afternoon, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, the SCBA Board met for 3 hours with Mr. Reid Wilson, President of Majan IT and developer of the SCBA's cattle registry data management software, and Dr. J. Keith Bertrand, Ph.D. of the University of Georgia whose department at the University has provided EPD's for at least 10 breeds of cattle for many years, including the SCBA. Because of the excellent data program Mr. Reid Wilson has developed for SCBA, to be in synch with the Univ. of Georgia's program, SCBA was able to receive the cattle evaluations for EPD's in two days. This is remarkable considering some breed organizations take upwards of two months to edit out any errors in data management.

For a little history, there are only three Universities providing EPD's in the United States for cattle breed associations and for the past few years they have indicated to the associations their intention is to terminate that service, but provide the program at a price, to any organization willing to take on the responsibility of providing accurate EPD's to breed associations. At this meeting Dr. Bertrand informed SCBA that after 2008 the Univ. of Georgia would no longer calculate the EPD's for any breed association, but is negotiating with companies to purchase their program and continue to provide the EPD service to cattle breed associations. SCBA is now in the progress of contacting these companies to negotiate cost and procedure of calculating EPD's for SCBA. Anyone with ideas or suggestions, please contact me, another board member or the SCBA office. We have a challenge ahead of us but an opportunity for positive progress.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Senepol Symposium in the beautiful country of Panama November 16 & 17, 2007.

Regards,  
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