



FOSTERING COLLABORATION WITH GEORGIAN COLLEAGUES

Within the frames of the “Animal Health Management in Armenia and Georgia, phase 2” project, financed by the Austrian Development Agency, CARD Foundation hosted a delegation from Georgia. Farmers and veterinarians visited Armenia to participate at the theoretical and practical trainings in the field of veterinary services and artificial insemination of pigs.

Mr. Revaz Lapachi from “Nutrimax” company, Georgia delivered a lecture on nutrition and hygiene of pigs, introduced training programs and methods of increasing pig breeding efficiency.



CARD experts presented the pig artificial insemination technology. Participants had an opportunity to see the semen refrigeration, storage and transportation system. The ultrasound tester was introduced when examination of pigs was organized at the farms. Actual was the lecture on African swine fever and its devastating impacts, causing major economic losses, threatening food security and limiting pig production. Artificial insemination of cattle was also touched upon along with the focus on the eradication of outdated and inefficient animal breeding methods. To apply the theory into the practice and be part of the animal insemination process the participants visited Ddmashen community of Gegharkunik region. They also made a tour through the Pig Genetic Center functioning in Nor Gyugh community of Kotayq province, which is one of a kind in the region. They had a unique chance to participate in the process of semen collection and storage.

Delegation members highlighted the effectiveness of such seminars and practical trainings in the development of the modern livestock sector.

DELAVAL HELPS TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE

Worldwide leader in milking equipment and solutions for dairy farmers DeLaval company provides integrated solutions designed to improve dairy producers' production, animal welfare and overall quality of life. The Northeastern regional director Mr. Stanislav Ostanin and the Caucasus regional director Mr. Oleg Pavlov recently visited Armenia and Georgia.



The aim of the visit was to familiarize with the local market specifics and existing problems and explore opportunities for making the DeLaval brand more accessible in the region. Stanislav Ostanin highlighted the importance of such visits that foster cooperation through understanding the operation mechanisms of the partner organizations, at the same time revealing the gaps that can be filled to make the cooperation more efficient. Very important part of the mission was the visit to farmers to see the problems they face and offer solutions for improving milk quality and increasing cow milk production.

DeLaval representatives also visited "EcoFarm" large cattle-breeding farm and "Borisovka" cheese production plant, equipped with DeLaval technology, to see the equipment in operation and understand the feedback of the users. We are sure that similar visits will gradually lead to the technological development of small and medium-sized farms.

