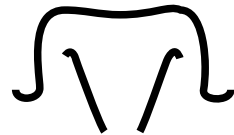


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PREFACE

In spite of being a traditional country known for cattle it was hard to imagine that one day we would be the centre of the world of Buffalo meat and that we would attract world attention only because of 100,000 heads in a world of almost 200 million people.

In effect, during ten days the eyes of the world will be basically concentrated in the compendium of this work, which investigators, teachers and producers from more than 30 different countries have produced, and I am sure they will know how to take advantage of this.

I have no doubt they will be surprised to know the depth of the research, many hours on the land and in laboratories have been put into these pages which will be an extremely important instrument for all those interested in the specie. All in all, these pages show the direction that the raising of buffaloes has in the entire world. Coming from Argentina, to say beef, and say "Argentine Beef" is like saying excellence, we also celebrate the recent announcement that the European Common Market will give this country 200 Tons of Buffalo meat under the Hilton quota, - meaning, tax free and with a preferential price,-this news is stressed enormously in the 9th World Congress where together it will make its historic mark of Buffalo in Argentina. Of this, I am convinced.

Thanks to all who have, with their effort, collaborated for this "Proceeding" to reach us. Not being able to conclude without thanking my colleagues from the "Scientific Organization Committee", the provincial governments of Corrientes and Formosa and very specially the breeders, since without these donations we would never have had the necessary "seed money" to start up what is today the 9th World Congress of Buffaloes-Argentina 2010-Bicentury of the Independence of the Argentine Republic.

Many thanks,

Eng. Federico Romero
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