



Trip Report

Project: Developing Institutions and Capacity for Sheep and Fiber Marketing in Central Asia
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Traveler (s): Bob Stobart Randy Boone_____

Location (s): Kazakstan_____ **Dates of Travel:** April 6-17-27 2004

Purpose of Trip: Cashmere Goat Production and Marketing workshop.

Project meeting in Almaty with host country plus US personnel

Obtain data/materials relative Spatial Database and Analysis

Brief Summary:

Attended and assisted with a two-day training workshop on cashmere in the Zhane Kurgan desert region. A project meeting was held at the Mynbaevo Institute, Almaty. Three team members from the US, one from UK and nine members representing Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan attended plus interpreters.

Itinerary:

- April 6 Randy Boone left Fort Collins in-route to Almaty
- April 7 Randy arrived Almaty at 11:30pm. Bob Stobart left Laramie in-route to Almaty
- April 8 Randy obtained OVIR registration and met with project personnel to discuss travel plans that evening. Bob Stobart arrived in Almaty at 11:30pm.
- April 9 Bob Stobart obtained OVIR registration. Met with team members present, organized Saturdays travel.
- April 10 Checked out of hotel, and met team members in flat of Carol Kerven. Serik gave us a tour of a local farmer who fed cattle, sheep, goats and horses. Purchased train tickets to Shymkent, left Almaty on train at 6pm. (NOTE: Until my departure from Almaty, Randy Boone and I had the same itinerary)
- April 11 (Easter Sunday)
Arrived Shymkent at 8:30am, met taxi's and drove to Turkestan City where we met Carol Kerven's driver and another taxi to Zhane Kurgan, arrived there at 4:30pm. Met with Carol and Aidos to discuss presentation and workshop.
- April 12 Reviewed Hillary Redden presentation to farmers, suggested changes etc. to make it more understandable to farmers. Traveled to workshop location for workshop.



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- April 13 Training workshop. After workshop, visit to Kruash Village with project members, discussed with Farmer and family about livestock management, particularly role Karakul sheep play in this region.
- April 14 Taxi's to Shymkent, purchased train tickets and departed for Almaty.
- April 15 Arrived Almaty. Met with Liba Brent and Murat Otyنشiev, wool marketing and wool testing facilities. Toured wool testing lab at University. Met Prof Amir Karakulov, Tajikistan partner, discussed project.
- April 16 Traveled to Mynbaevo Institute for Project Meeting. (see attached minutes)
- April 17 Left Almaty for return trip to US.
- April 18 to 27 Randy Boone stayed in Almaty, obtaining data and services for the spatial database and analysis in support of activity 1.



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